

Township of Chatsworth

Virtual and In-Person Council Budget Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 6, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor - Scott Mackey
Deputy Mayor - Brian Gamble
Councillor - Shawn Greig
Councillor - Diana Rae
Councillor - Elizabeth Thompson

Staff Present:

CAO Clerk, Patty Sinnamon
Treasurer, Karmen Krueger
Operations Manager – Jamie Morgan – Virtual

1. Call to Order

Mayor Mackey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m..

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

2021 Budget Review

Treasurer Karmen Krueger recapped the changes made to the capital budget and changes that staff have made to the operating budget since our December 14th meeting. Some of the changes included the removal of capital expenditures for the Desboro Arena, but keeping the \$100,000.00 estimated for the flooring, HVAC, electrical.

In reviewing the operating budget, it was requested that a meeting be requested with the Joint Landfill committee. The CAO is to contact the CAO at Grey Highlands.

Council felt that some of the 2020 surplus transferred to working capital could be used to offset the proposed rate increase (\$105,000.00)

The Treasurer reviewed other operating changes including:

- Utilizing sidewalk reserves that were unused from 2020
- 2021 Wage Adjustments and Employer Costs
- Increase to Debt Repayment
- Inflationary costs (2%)
- Increase in Recycling/curbside pickup costs
- Reduction in Drainage Engineering costs
- Small reductions in Grants to Others and SMART mobility


In reviewing the Economic Development Budget, Council indicated that we would only do the Village signs if we get a grant to help offset the cost. Staff will be applying for a Rural Economic Development Grant.

The Treasurer indicated that the Township has not yet been informed of the Education Rate, but with the current changes to the proposed budget, we may be looking at a 4.3% blended rate (with County and Education factored in).

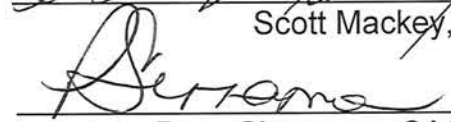
Council would like another meeting to discuss the budget, and therefore we will postpone the public meeting to January 20th. The next budget meeting will be on July 13th at 5:00 p.m.. Members of Council and staff will meet in the Council Chambers with physical distancing, and zoom capability for the public.

5. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



Scott Mackey, Mayor



Patty Sinnamon, CAO Clerk