

Township of Chatsworth

Virtual and In-Person Council Budget Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 13, 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
Fire Chief Mike Givens

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

Mayor Mackey asked members of Council if they had any declarations.

4. 2021 Budget Review

Treasurer Karmen Krueger advised of some changes to the budget since the January 6th meeting including an additional revenue of \$38,000.00 in COVID relief funding.

An adjustment was made to animal control – reducing the contracted services amount by \$15,000.00 to reflect that due to COVID, door to door dog tag canvassing would not occur in 2021. Council advised that they wished to have this in the 2022 budget.

The capital budget for Holland Shop was reduced to \$135,000.00

Further to the changes in the Economic Development budget, whereby Council indicated that the project could go ahead on the provision that a RED grant was received, it was decided that \$20,000.00 would come from working capital reserves rather than taxation.

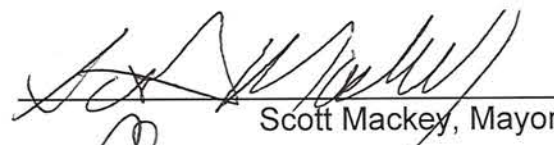
The Treasurer has provided a preliminary calculation on the tax levy, to be approximately 4.7% over 2020, which equates to a blended rate of approximately 3.6%. The education rate has not been provided as of this meeting, and therefore the blended rate is stated as approximate.

Council thanked staff for their work on the budget, and indicated that the 3.6% is where we need to be to address our infrastructure funding.

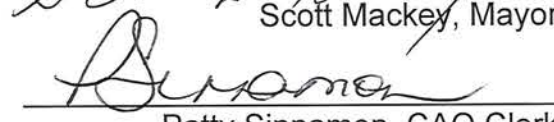
The public meeting will occur on January 20th as part of the regular Council meeting.

5. Adjournment

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



Scott Mackey, Mayor



Patty Sinnamon, CAO Clerk