

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Special Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2024

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## **Special Council Meeting Minutes - April 9, 2024**

7:00 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound

### **Members Present**

Mayor McGarvey, Councillor Ashford, Councillor Beleskey, Councillor Borneman, Councillor Keith, Councillor McCann, Councillor McDonald

### **Staff Present:**

CAO Clayton Harris, Clerk Rebecca Johnson, Director of Public Works Mike Kearns, Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips, Director of Development & Protective Services Dave Thompson, Manager of Information & Technology Cal Belchamber, Manager of Revenue & Taxation Rob Beaumont, Stockey Centre General Manager Nicole Mullen, Manager of Planning Jeremy Rand, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Allison Kreuger, Chief Building Official Mark Vandermeer, Manager of Operations Vinni Bonazza

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## **1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest**

- 1.1 Land Acknowledgement**
- 1.2 Presentations/Announcements - N/A**
- 1.3 Additions to Agenda - N/A**
- 1.4 Prioritization of Agenda - N/A**
- 1.5 Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Beleskey                      Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That the Special Council agenda for April 9, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

- 1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof - N/A**
  - 1.6.1 Councillor McDonald - PI on Chamber request for funding**

## **2. Resolutions and Direction To Staff**

### **2.1 2024 Operating Budget**

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO; Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance;

Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works,

Dave Thompson, Director of Development & Protective Services

CAO Clayton Harris introduced the budget thanking staff for considering corporate priorities and noting that the increase is lower than the rate of inflation.

Director of Finance Stephanie Phillips gave a 2024 Budget Overview from a prepared power point presentation covering the following:

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- Impact to the Taxpayer
- Historical Tax Rate Increases
- 2024 Capital Budget Recap
- Draft Operating Budget
- Summary of Net Levy Changes by Division
- Items for Council Consideration

The Town requires \$426,930 in additional funds in 2024

Additional funds required (net of growth)

- Town Operating Budget            1.5% (\$198,009)
- Capital Levy                            1.8% (\$228,921)

Total Tax Supported Budget Expenditures - \$18,341,698

The Impact to the Taxpayer is an increase of \$50.05 per year or \$4.17 per month for every \$100,000 assessment.

2024 Capital Budget Recap:

Projects Carried Forward from 2023		\$16.8 M
New Projects for 2024	(2)	\$ 7.3 M
Total Capital Works In 2024	(1)	\$24.0 M

(1) Includes approximately \$5.6M in Grant Funding, \$7.2M debenture and \$10.5M funded from Reserve/Reserve Fund

(2) \$756,970 funded from Property Taxation

Operating Budget Impacts:

- \$82k external levies, boards, district services; Includes the Parry Sound Library, DSSAB, Land Ambulance and OPP
- \$116k Town Operating Budget Increase (Net of Growth)

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- Investment earnings \$393k but \$314k more of that interest is being transferred to reserves/Net \$79k
- User fees and Other Revenues \$596k
- Admin fee Recoveries \$16k
- Reduced funding from reserves required (247k) and an increased contribution of 25k to pool reserve.
- Growth of \$483k or 3.8% (more than 3x growth in 2023)
- \$58k in insurance premium increases
- \$100k Interest for short term construction financing cash flow West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre
- \$82k External Boards, levies, district services
- Other Expenditures including Material, Energy, Contracted Services, and Labour Costs \$861k

Total Operating Increase (Net of Growth) \$198k

Ms. Phillips reviewed a summary of changes to net levy by department divisions.

Council discussed the cost of running concessions at the Bobby Orr Community Centre with the following Direction proposed:

**Moved by Councillor Beleskey**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That staff bring forward to Council a business plan to consider running concessions at the Bobby Orr Community Centre by staff, or by a community group as a fundraising initiative.

**Carried**

Councillor Borneman, with support from other members of Council, asked that staff monitor more closely the hanging basket survival rate, particularly with respect to location, to discuss with the DBA their opinion about the hanging baskets, and consider

whether it may be more appropriate to focus on street level plantings which are also attractive and hardier.

Council considered requests for consideration from Council and/or Public and accepted the recommendations made in the draft budget on pages 45-47, with the exception of the following:

**1. Library Funding Direction**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That the funding for the Library be reduced by \$10,000 in 2024 to \$28,907, by spreading the \$15,000 a year ask for books over 3 years with \$5,000 in 2024, and \$5,000 in each of 2025 and 2026.

**Carried**

**3. Chamber of Commerce Funding Direction**

**Moved by Councillor Keith;**

**no seconder**

That the funding to the Chamber of Commerce be rounded off to \$2,000.

No vote

**4. PSHS Nutrition Program Funding Direction**

**Moved by Councillor McCann**

**Seconded by Councillor Beleskey**

That the Town donate \$500 to the PSHS Nutrition Program

**Defeated**

In response to a request from Councillor Borneman as to whether other municipalities were contributing, and expressing the opinion that the Town should donate an amount similar to other municipalities, Councillor McDonald obtained information and noted that

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Seguin and McKellar Townships have donated \$500 towards the PSHS Nutrition Program.

**Moved by Councillor Borneman                      Seconded by Councillor Ashford**

That the Town donate \$500 to PSHS Nutrition Program, being an amount similar to what the municipalities of McKellar and Seguin have donated.

**Carried**

**6. Georgian Nordic Outdoor Activity Centre (GNOAC) Funding Direction**

**Moved by Councillor Ashford                      Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That the Town provide funding of \$6,000 to the GNOAC.

**Carried**

**7. Northern Med./Doctor Recruitment Funding Direction**

**Moved by Councillor Beleskey                      Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That the Town increase the funding to the Northern Med./Doctor Recruitment by \$2,000 for a total of \$7,000.

**Carried**

**10. Support for Local Bowlers to Nationals Funding Direction**

**Moved by Councillor McCann                      Seconded by Councillor Beleskey**

That the funding be increased by \$200, to a total of \$1,200 so that each bowler gets \$400.

**Carried**

### **11. Public Washroom Hours Funding Direction**

**Moved by Councillor Keith**

**Seconded By Councillor McCann**

That all Public washrooms be open until 8:00 PM, 7 days a week for the months of June, July, and August; and until 8:00 PM on weekends (Fri-Sat) and long weekends (Fri-Sun) from May long weekend to Thanksgiving, and until 9:00 PM on Cruiser nights.

And that the budget for washrooms be increased from \$27,500 to \$37,500.

**Carried**

### **Resolution 2024 - 052**

**Moved by Councillor Ashford**

**Seconded by Councillor Keith**

That the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets be approved; and

That the Budget By-law be brought forward to a future Council meeting for ratification.

**Carried**

## **3. Adjournment**

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey

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Clerk Rebecca Johnson