



Special Council Minutes

[12:00 p.m.] - Friday, February 16, 2024
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Gerry Lichty, Councillor Wayne Good, Councillor Stephanie Regent, Councillor Roy Huetl, Councillor Vernon Hermer, Deputy Mayor John Inglis, and Councillor Fred Fowler

Also Present: Corey Klatt, Chief Administrative Officer, Dipl. M.A., Kelly Watkins, Treasurer, Dipl. M.A., M.M., Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager, Dipl.M.A. Dipl.M.M., Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, P. Eng., Eric Korhonen, Director of Emergency Management / Fire Chief, and Brooke Ross, Manager of Community Development, Dipl.M.A. and Sandra Lessard, Deputy Treasurer

1. Call to Order and Purpose of Meeting

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2024 Draft Budget.

2. Approval of Agenda

a) *February 16, 2024*

59-24 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Stephanie Regent

Be It Resolved That Council approves the Agenda dated February 16, 2024, as amended.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) *February 6, 2024*

60-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council approved the Minutes from the Special Meeting dated February 6, 2024.

Carried

5. Business Arising Out of Minutes

a) ***Council Discussion: Draft 2024 Budget***

61-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council receives the 2024 Draft Budget for consideration.
Carried

b) ***Public Works Manager: Capital Plan***

62-24 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Stephanie Regent

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information an email from the Public Works Manager regarding the capital plan submitted for hard surfaces roads included Buckshot Lake Road, Sand Lake Road and Lookout Road; and proposing additional projects to Harlowe Road and Snider Road.

Carried

6. Consideration of Draft 2024 Budget

a) ***Manager of Community Development: Increase to One (1) CLSP Staff Hours***

63-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council approves the Seasonal CLSP Staff Position increase in hours from 32 to 40 hours weekly for the months of June, July, August and September; **And That** this position shall continue to be funded by the Crown Land Stewardship Program's operating budget on an annual basis.

Carried

b) ***Manager of Community Development: Community Improvement Plan (CIP) - 2023 Annual Report***

64-24 Moved by Councillor Stephanie Regent, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council approves including \$13,380.69 in additional CIP funding in the 2024 Budget in 2024 topping up the unallocated funding to \$15,000.

For:	Mayor Gerry Lichty, Councillor Wayne Good, Councillor Stephanie Regent, Councillor Roy Huetl, Councillor Vernon Hermer, Deputy Mayor John Inglis, and Councillor Fred Fowler
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Carried 7-0 on a recorded vote

c) ***Manager of Community Development: Proposed Modernization to Community***

Halls Booking System

65-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council approves the Manager of Community Development purchasing software for Community Hall Bookings at a cost of approximately \$5,000 coming from the Special Parks Reserve Fund;

And That the MCD will report back to Council with recommended updates to By-law #53-22 Community Halls Rental By-law.

Carried

- d) **Manager of Economic Development: Economic Development Officer (EDO) – Temporary Position**

66-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council approves the hiring of the EDO position on a permanent full-time Basis for 37.5 hours per week, effective July 14, 2024 (current contract expiration date) and the EDO shall continue to report to the Manager of Community Development.

For:	Councillor Stephanie Regent and Deputy Mayor John Inglis
Against:	Mayor Gerry Lichty, Councillor Wayne Good, Councillor Roy Huetl, Councillor Vernon Hermer, and Councillor Fred Fowler

DEFEATED 2-5 on a recorded vote

- e) **Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief: Firefighter Group Benefits**

67-24 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council approves providing North Frontenac eligible Firefighters Group Benefits starting 2024 at an estimated cost of approximately \$24,000;

And That Council instructs the Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief to draft a policy defining the implementation and parameters of Firefighter Group Benefits for the CAO's consideration.

For:	Councillor Stephanie Regent and Deputy Mayor John Inglis
Against:	Mayor Gerry Lichty, Councillor Wayne Good, Councillor Roy Huetl, Councillor Vernon Hermer, and Councillor Fred Fowler

DEFEATED 2-5 on a recorded vote

Discussion of Benefits for Fire Fighters

68-24 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council requests the Joint Fire Committee for the Kaladar Barrie Fire Department discuss the potential for adding benefits for Fire Fighters;

And That the decision of the Committee be provided to each Council.

Carried

- f) ***Public Works Manager: Purchase of Diagnostic Software for Heavy-Duty Equipment Analysis***

69-24 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council approves the PWM purchasing the Heavy-Duty Scanner at a cost of approximately \$9,100 and the annual subscription for software and repair updates for \$2,500.

Carried

- g) ***Treasurer: Consideration of 2024 Draft Budget***

70-24 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council approves in principle the 2024 Draft Budget with the following amendments:

- Reduce Council Conferences by \$15,000;
- Reduce Administration Conferences by \$1000;
- Increase Kaladar Barrie Fire Department Budget by \$36,453;
- Increase Roads Capital TCA to the Reserve Fund by \$35,788;
- Reduce Economic Development Conferences by \$2250; and
- Reduce Economic Development - Other Materials by \$150

Carried

7. Confirmatory By-law

- a) ***Confirming By-law #2024-16***

71-24 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That By-law #2024-16, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Special Meeting held February 16, 2024 be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

Carried

8. Adjournment

- a) ***Adjournment of Meeting***

72-24 Moved by Deputy Mayor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council adjourns the Meeting at 2:40 p.m. until February 23, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk