

Meeting No. 10

Date: March 23rd, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sydenham

**Present: Mayor, Gary Davison
Councillors, Larry York
David Hahn
Jim Hicks
Allan McPhail
Del Stowe
Bill Robinson
Ron Vandewal
John Fillion**

**Staff: Wayne Orr, Clerk-Administrator; Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager;
Alan Revill, Chief Building Official; Lindsay Mills, Planning Coordinator;
Deb Bracken, Treasurer; Rick Chesebrough, Fire Chief**

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Delegations - nil

4. Business Items

Wayne Orr reviewed with Council the preliminary budget pressures for 2010 which lead to the 4.12% increase.

Discussion took place in clarifying for Council the impact of the shift in sanitation charges with a fixed collection costs and disposal on assessment versus the alternatives. The purpose of this discussion was to reaffirm with Council that the direction being pursued by staff with the \$85.00 fixed collection charge and disposal on assessment was the intent of Council.

There were opposing views to this which generated significant debate. Requests for the minutes and resolutions from September 2009 were made to be brought to the next meeting.

Changes to the budget as prepared by staff were reviewed with Council including funding from the Federal Gas Tax money from the County, the grant from the County as a result of the uploading of the ODSP. Staff suggested to Council that a combination of a Recreation Coordinator and a Facilities Coordinator equivalent to one full time position was an alternative for consideration. With regard to recreation programs, it was noted that there is an incremental cost as the operating charges for the arena have been received and are now budgeted for (an additional \$5590.00). The net results of these changes were to reduce the demand for withdrawal of reserves from the Roads Department by \$303,173.00.

Council then proceeded to discuss the items suggested. In clarifying Council provided the following directions:

- Support for a Recreation Coordinator at three days per week at approximately \$35,000.00
- Support for the second Building Inspector and a sense that this position could be used and charged back for any facilities coordination necessary.

- **Direction that on the Waste budget that the \$100,000.00 could be taken from Reserves to offset the \$100,000.00 expense, this would in affect reduce that budget by \$100,000.00**
- **Council supported Mark Segsworth's suggestion that the winter maintenance budget could be reduced by \$100,000.00.**
- **Council directed that the net increase of 1.84% should be brought to 1.98% increase and that the difference be applied to reducing the Public Works Road Reserve.**

There was a request to bring back the exact count of residents both residential and seasonal as well as the minutes and resolutions from the September meeting.

5. Adjournment

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.