



**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FRONTENAC
Special Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes**



Date: February 16, 2023

Meeting # 12

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Council Chamber/Virtual

Present: Mayor Ron Vandewal, Charlene Godfrey, Ray Leonard, Doug Morey, Steve Pegrum, Norm Roberts, Randy Ruttan (Attended Virtually), Ron Sleeth, Scott Trueman

Staff: Louise Fragnito - Chief Administrative Officer, Shelley Stedall - Director of Corporate Services & Treasurer, Darcy Knott - Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Kyle Bolton - Director of Public Services, Brad Wright - Director of Development Services, Troy Dunlop - Manager of Technical Services & Infrastructure, James Thompson - Clerk

1 Call to Order and Roll Call

a) Resolution

Moved by Councillor Roberts
Seconded by Councillor Leonard

That the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 16, 2023 be called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Carried

b) Mr. Thompson conducted the Roll Call.

2 Declaration of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

a) There were none.

3 Approval of Agenda

a) Resolution

Moved by Councillor Trueman
Seconded by Councillor Godfrey
That the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried

4 Scheduled Closed Session

a) Not applicable.

5 Public Meeting

a) There were none.

6 Delegations

a) There were none.

7 Reports Requiring Direction

a) **2023 Budget Deliberations**

- b) Ms. Stedall provided the Committee of the Whole with an overview of the 2023 Budget Day PowerPoint presentation. Staff responded to questions posed by members of Council throughout the presentation

Ms. Stedall conducted a detailed summary of the Township of South Frontenac 2023 Draft Budget. Staff provided a response to questions posed by members of Council throughout the presentation.

Mayor Vandewal noted that the proposed budget represents a 2.62 percent increase. He provided members of Council with an opportunity to suggest revisions to the proposed budget. He stated that typically in the past Council sought to approve a budget increase of two percent or less and indicated that currently the Township is functioning in unique economic conditions.

Councillor Morey mentioned that two years ago Council approved a budget increase of 1.5 percent and indicated that he does not believe that the proposed increase is out of line given the economic situation. He stated that he is comfortable with the proposed 2.62 percent budget increase. He commented that staff have done an excellent job with respect to preparation of the budget. He elaborated that staff addressed with strong data all questions raised by members of Council.

Deputy Mayor Sleeth stated that all departments have done an excellent job and commended the professionalism of staff. He indicated that he is supportive of the proposed budget.

In response to questions from members of Council, Mr. Bolton confirmed that staff would provide a report to Council regarding sidewalk design considerations.

Mayor Vandewal referenced the budget survey results and indicated that almost eighty percent of respondents indicated that they were pleased with the governance of the Township. He stated that staff are on top of their respective departments and have prepared detailed plans and supporting data. He indicated that staff doing everything asked of them by Council. He stated that he is supportive of the proposed budget.

Councillor Leonard spoke to the professionalism of staff. He commented that the proposed budget increase is reasonable compared to the increases projected by some municipalities. He thanked staff for their work with respect to the preparation of the budget.

In response to a question from Councillor Morey, Ms. Fragnito explained that staff will report back to Council in May, 2023 regarding the climate strategy and possible short term rental regulation.

Ms. Stedall provided additional information regarding the next steps of the budget process.

8 Reports for Information

- a) There were none

9 Rise & Report from Committees of Council

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- a) Not applicable.

- 10 Information Items
- 11 Notice of Motions
 - a) There were none.

- 12 Announcements/Statements by Councillors
 - a) There were none.

- 13 Question of Clarity (from the public on outcome of agenda items)
 - a) There were none.

- 14 Closed Session (if requested)
 - a) Not applicable.

- 15 Adjournment
 - a) Resolution

Moved by Councillor Ruttan

Seconded by Councillor Pegrum

That the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 16, 2023 be adjourned at
12:06 p.m.

Carried