

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
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Members Present: Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Lisa Hern (via Zoom)
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Members Absent: Councillor: Sherry Burke

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer:	Brooke Lambert
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk:	Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk:	Catherine Conrad
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Director of Finance:	Jerry Idialu
Deputy Treasurer:	Laura Rooney
Deputy Treasurer:	Mary Jo Marshall
Human Resources Manager:	Amy Tollefson
Manager Community & Economic Development:	Dale Small
Manager of Transportation Services:	Dale Clark
Senior Project Manager:	Tammy Stevenson
Recreation Services Manager:	Tom Bowden
Director of Fire Services:	Chris Harrow

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2023-447

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the November 29, 2023 Special Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

O'CANADA

PRESENTATIONS

1. Report TR 2023-012, 2024 Operating and Capital Budget
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Capital Justification Budget Sheets

The Director of Finance prepared the revised 2024 Draft Budget Overview, prepared by staff, and recapped:

- Budget Process
- Budget Guidelines
- Budget Impact Items
- Growth vs. Reassessment

2024 Operating Budget review included:

- Operating Budget Summary Analysis by Segment for General Government, Protection Services, Transportation Services, Health Services, Recreation and Cultural Services, Planning and Development, and Environmental Services.
- Total levy requirement
- Tax levy transfers
- Draft Budget Modeling – 2024 Tax Implication – Base Case
- Reserves/Reserve Funds – Net Transfers (Preliminary)
- 2024 Tax Implication – Base Case

2024 Capital Budget review included:

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Report on Debt and Asset Consumption
- Infrastructure Gap – Asset Management Plan
- Capital Program – 10 Year Capital Forecast
- Draft Capital Program – 2024
- Reserves/Reserve Funds – Q3 2024 Balances

The Operating Budget 2024 assumes the status quo for service level, meaning the township will continue to provide the same level of service it budgeted the previous year (2023) unless otherwise proposed and documented.

Corporate wide cost pressures include:

- Wages/Salary: budgeted increases (varies by department)
- Health Benefits: Increase of 9.2% (Mosey & Mosey Guidance)
- Municipal Insurance renewal – 9% increase (Coburn Guidance)
- Utilities: Hydro increase of 2% (WNP Guidance)

Initial Capital listing compiled for 2024 contained projects totaling \$28,432,185; however, initial deliberations had identified ~\$5.2M in projects that could be deferred.

RESOLUTION: 2023-448

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2023-012, pertaining to the 2024 operating and capital budget for information.

AND THAT Council approves the draft budget as presented with a levy increase of 4.94%.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2023-449

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 111-23 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Special Meeting held on November 29, 2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

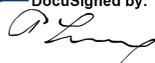
RESOLUTION: 2023-450

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Special Council meeting of November 29, 2023 be adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

CARRIED

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