

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
APRIL 8, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was held in the Municipal Office Council Chambers, Kenilworth.

Members Present:

Mayor: Andy Lennox
Councillors Sherry Burke
Mark Goetz
Steve McCabe
Dan Yake

Staff Present:

CAO/Deputy Clerk: Michael Givens
Clerk: Karren Wallace
Treasurer: Paul Dowber
Business/Economic Manager: Dale Small
Tourism, Marketing, Promotion Manager: April Marshall
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Director of Public Works: Matthew Aston
Director Recreation, Parks and Facilities: Barry Lavers

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

SINGING OF O' CANADA

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2015-126

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Agenda for the April 8, 2015 Special Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

The Treasurer presented an overview of the 2015 consolidated budget. The Administration and Finance Chair Burke thanked staff for their work on the budget and thanked the public for their interest. She noted that for this budget, at the request of Council staff developed justification sheets which assisted Council in prioritizing capital projects. She then opened the floor to questions.

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COUNCIL

- Mayor Lennox provided details on the \$50,000 expenditure for the renovations to the Mount Forest fire station advising some of the renovations are to accessibility requirements.
- Mayor Lennox asked staff to advise the public know what the acronym SCADA stands for. The Director of Public works advised it stands for supervisory control and data acquisition noting it is related to the water operations-it acquires data and monitors the system.
- Councillor McCabe questioned if the justification sheets could be posted on-line in 2016. The Treasurer advised staff would look into the process.

PUBLIC

- Q: What type of investments can municipalities make?
A: Municipalities are restricted through legislation and regulations as to what types of investments they can make. The Township has a council approved Investment Policy.
- Q: Interest rates related to the Annual Repayment Limit ARL is 5%-could Wellington North not get a better rate through the County?
A: The ARL is set by the province and the 5% rate and repayment period of 20 years is used for example purposes only. If the municipality took out a longer repayment period and a lower rate, the ARL would change.
- Q: Can any loans be paid off early or refinanced at a better rate?
A: It is determined at the time debentures come due whether to refinance or pay off the loan and renewals for existing debt is staggered.
- Q: Do you have a breakdown on \$11,000.00 increase in utilities for recreation between hydro and other utility charges?
A: No, the increase reflects all utility costs.
- Q: Have you consulted with Wellington North Power (WNP) on the Miller/John/North Water Street project?
A: Yes, Township staff have met with WNP staff to review and discuss capital projects of interest to both entities.
- Q: Will you be opening Wells Street in Arthur to accommodate growth?
A: The biggest priority in Arthur right now is capacity in the sewage treatment plant, not growth related projects.

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- Q: Why are write offs so high?
A: In municipal finance, revenues are shown in the negative in reality those numbers are increased revenues as a result of supplementary assessments.

RESOLUTION 2015-127

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approves the 2015 consolidated budget;

AND FURTHER THAT that a by-law adopting the 2015 consolidated budget be presented for the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION 2015-128

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 029-15 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 April 8, 2015 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

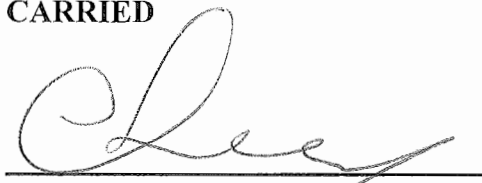
RESOLUTION 2015-129

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Special Council meeting of April 8, 2015 be adjourned at 8.00 p.m.

CARRIED



ANDREW LENNOX, MAYOR



KARREN WALLACE, CLERK