



MINUTES

DATE: January 2, 2020

REGULAR MEETING: 9:00 A.M.

The January 2, 2020 Budget Council Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Aberfoyle.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Seeley
Councillor Jessica Goyda
Councillor Sara Bailey
Councillor Matthew Bulmer
Councillor John Sepulis

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Glenn Schwendinger, CAO/Clerk
2. Mike Fowler, Supervisor of Public Works and Parks
3. Courtenay Hoytfox, Development and Legislative Coordinator

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Presentation by Art Zymerman, Puslinch Lake Conservation Authority, with respect to a grant request.

Resolution No. 2020-001:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Council receives the presentation by Art Zymerman, Puslinch Lake Conservation Authority, with respect to a grant request.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS:

1. Finance Department

1. Report FIN-2020-004 regarding the 2020 Grant Application Program

Resolution No. 2020-002:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

THAT Report FIN-2020-004 regarding the 2020 Grant Application Program be received; and

That Council approves the grant allocations amounting to \$12 539.79 as outlined below:

Organization	2020 Approved Grant Allocation
Aberfoyle Agricultural Society	3000
Aberfoyle Farmers' Market	3000
Friends of Mill Creek – Grand River	1250
Optimist Club of Puslinch	2231.83
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre	2000.00
Wellington County Plowmen's Association	180.00

Whistle Stop Cooperative Preschool	877.96
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Whistle Stop Cooperative Preschool

- That staff provide correspondence to Whistle Stop Cooperative Preschool that the funds granted of \$877.96 not be utilized for bartending costs and that future applications be submitted by the deadline.

Puslinch Lake Conservation Authority

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer to report back on the impact of the grant funding request of \$25 000 once further information is available regarding the County of Wellington's Tax Rate.

Optimist Club

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer to report back on the details surrounding the Optimist Club's grant request for facility rental fees.

CARRIED

2. Report FIN-2020-005 regarding the 2020 Capital and Operating Budget Update

Resolution No. 2020-003:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

THAT Report FIN-2020-005 regarding the 2020 Capital and Operating Budget Update be received.

CARRIED

Council directed staff as follows:

Gravel Roads

- That a discretionary reserve be established for the improvement of gravel roads and that an amount of \$114 300 be allocated in 2020.
- That the gravel roads improvement discretionary reserve can be used for paving and or maintenance of gravel roads.

Sidewalks

- Township staff is currently in discussions with the Upper Grand District School Board on potential funding contributions.
- Council is in favour of incorporating a Township funded portion of \$60 000 of the total estimated cost of \$100 000 for the construction of a new sidewalk on Old Brock Road, contingent on the Upper Grand District School Board contributing the remaining \$40 000.

Cambridge Fire Services Contract – Phasing

- Council is in support of phasing 50% of the Cambridge Fire Services Contract Cost to the General Tax Levy over 4 years
- Council supports phasing \$13 780 in the 2020 Budget.

Aggregate Levy

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer to report back on the Aggregate Levy received in 2019.

Building Surplus Reserve

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer to report back on the impact of the Building Department budget to the Building Surplus Reserve.

Asset Management Discretionary Reserve

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer to report back on the additional contribution to the Asset Management Discretionary Reserve to minimize any necessary borrowing.

Electronic Public Engagement

- Contact has been initiated and Glenn Schwendinger CAO/Clerk will provide more information when available.

Natural Gas

- Contact has been initiated and Glenn Schwendinger CAO/Clerk will provide more information when available.

Property Tax Phase In

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer to provide an update on where we are on the property tax assessment cycle (phase in).

Heritage Student Grant Funding

- Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer to report back on the funding for the Heritage Summer Student.

Railway Assessment

- Glenn to update AMO request on this issue.

3. Report FIN-2020-006 regarding the 2019 Completed Capital Projects.

Resolution No. 2020-004:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report FIN-2020-006 regarding the 2019 Completed Capital Projects be received.

CARRIED

4. Report FIN-2020-007 regarding the Balances in Discretionary and Restricted Reserves

Resolution No. 2020-005:

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Report FIN-2020-007 regarding the Balances in Discretionary and Restricted Reserves be received.

CARRIED

Council directed staff as follows:

- That Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer report back on the surplus amount and whether the same amount is assumed for 2020 and beyond.
- That Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer report on the Cash in Lieu of Parkland contributions
- That Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer report back on the Parks and Recreation Development Charges
- That Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer report back on the Community Benefits Charge Reserve

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

(a) By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch

Resolution No. 2020-006:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
January 2, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

That the following By-law be taken as read three times and finally passed in open Council:

By-Law BL-2020-004 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on the 2 day of January 2020

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution No. 2020-007:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council hereby adjourns at 10:32 a.m.

CARRIED

James Seeley, Mayor

Glenn Schwendinger CAO/Clerk