



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

The Special Budget Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex was held on Wednesday February 24, 2021 by way of Hybrid Meeting (both with and without physical presence) through the Council Chambers, Shared Services Centre, 229 Parkhill Main Street, Parkhill.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ropp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present and the meeting was livestreamed to the North Middlesex You Tube Channel.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Brian Ropp
Deputy Mayor Adrian Cornelissen
Councillor Ward One – Doreen McLinchey
Councillor Ward Two – Joan Nichol
Councillor Ward Three – Gord Moir
Councillor Ward Four – John Keogh
Councillor Ward Five – Andrew Hemming
CAO Jonathon Graham
Clerk Jackie Tiedeman
Treasurer, Tracy Johnson
Manager of Economic Development and Community Services, Mike Barnier
Infrastructure Supervisor, Jonathan Lampman
Facilities Manager, Branden Drew
Public Works Manager, Brad Davies
Fire Chief, Greg Vandenheuvel

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared

4. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT OPERATION BUDGETS FOR 2021

Treasurer, Tracy Johnson, reminded Council that the 2021 Capital Budget was presented and approved by Council on December 6, 2020.

She then proceeded with the presentation of the 2021 Operations Budget. This included an overview of the budget process which takes into account the Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan, Economic Development Plan, Community Input where applicable and Health and Safety – input from the Senior Management and Operation staff and is then presented to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee met for two separate meeting for a thorough review of the draft budget and then subsequently recommended it to be presented to Council for consideration.

The priority of this budget was control on spending. Staff were aware of the impact of COVID and what it has on our budget and our need to conserve the programs, services and infrastructure of North Middlesex for its residents. Staff understands the financial pressures many tax payers are facing especially due to the pandemic and we have tried to find an appropriate balance.

The **4.5%** decrease, represented by a **.0004%** decrease in the tax rate maintains the current level of services, as well as, allows for transfers to reserves for future capital investments.

The full presentation and budget is available on the municipal website at www.northmiddlesex.on.ca

The following is a breakdown of each departments operating budget:

Administration and Finance

(includes Council, Administration and Finance, Elections, Service Ontario and Cemetery)

2021 Revenue \$ 388,495

2021 Expenses \$2,317,834

Protective Services

(includes Fire, Fence viewing, Animal Control, By-law Enforcement, Health & Safety, Policing, ABCA, Mosquito Control, Crossing Guard)

2021 Revenue: \$22,100

2021 Expenses: \$2,494,986

Operations, Municipal Drains and Waste Disposal

(includes Building, Planning, Drainage, Waste & Recycling, Gravel, Equipment, Winter Maintenance, Streetlights)

2021 Revenue: \$294,020

2021 Expenses: \$3,864,661

Community Services

(includes Facility rentals, YMCA, Facilities Maintenance etc)

2021 Revenue: \$339,200

2021 Expenses: \$1,345,314

Economic Development & Planning

2021 Revenue: \$43,750

2021 Expenses: \$146,550

Water & Wastewater

2021 Revenue: \$5,221,668

2021 Expenses: \$4,309,293

An overview of each departments expenditures (which includes previously approved Capital Projects) and revenue sources were provided.

2021 Reserve Transfers

Working Capital \$992,370

Vehicle & Equipment \$622,795

Facility \$300,000

Election \$5,000

Human Resources \$10,000

Water \$447,298

Wastewater \$465,077

Emergency \$25,000

2021 Gross Total Expenditures \$10,169,344 ** when preparing the minutes it was verified through the Treasurer that this amount was different than presented on the power point presentation but does not impact the proposed tax rate as approved.

2021 Revenue Sources: \$2,078,565

Reserves \$5,044,730
Development \$41,400
Federal Gas \$1,000,000
Future Debt \$3,250,000
Tax Supported \$992,370

After some discussion and clarification, the following motion was then considered:

MOTION # 052/2021

MOIR/MCLINCHEY: That Council approve the 2021 Tax Levy of \$8,090,779** and set the general residential tax rate for 2021 at 0.00792602, which is a decrease of 0.0004 from 2020;

That Council approves the water and wastewater budgets as presented;

Given that staff has not receive the County tax class rations yet, the residential rate could change if the tax class ratios set by the County are adjusted. If this is the case staff will bring an updated report back to Council

MOTION #053/2021

KEOGH/CORNELISSEN: That the March 10,2021 Tentative Budget Meeting be removed from the Schedule of Council Meetings.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #054/2021

MCLINCHEY/HEMMING: That the meeting adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK