

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen was held on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council Chambers, Mayor Ron Gerow in the Chair.

All members of Council were present.

Staff present: CAO Linda Reed, Treasurer Val Nesbitt, and Clerk Glenn Girven.

Mayor Gerow called the meeting to order and reminded Council of the requirement to disclose any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof if the occasion arises.

Deputy Mayor Sharpe declared a conflict of interest on the Cemetery Board portion of the Budget, and correspondence #282-11 regarding the Cemetery Board. He requested that the Cemetery Board Budget be called for approval as a separate item.

Sixteen members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes:

R-810-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 7, 2011; and the Regular Council meeting of December 12, 2011; be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Mayor Gerow advised that the amendment of the agenda moving Staff Reports ahead of Delegations did not eliminate the ability of the public to provide comment on the 2012 Budget. It did allow the public to hear the results of the work completed by each individual Member of Council during the last four weeks. The public would be allowed to speak to the results of that work at the conclusion of the Staff Reports.

Staff Reports:

- 1a Report from the Treasurer – 2012 draft budget – municipal purposes, water & sewer.
- 1b Report from the Clerk – Transmitting correspondence received during the 2012 draft budget process.

R-811-11 Moved by Mayor Gerow
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe

THAT we consider Motions that would reduce the 2012 Budget tax levy requirement increase to approximately the rate of inflation which is currently about 3%.

Carried

R-812-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That the financing of the water improvements in the Mathison Road Construction project be changed from tax supported to water supported funding.

Carried

R-813-11 Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

THAT the Waste Budget be amended to reduce the tax supported financing of the Kosh Waste Management Budget by \$ 17,500; increasing the Jack Lake Waste Management by \$2,500 and transferring \$10,000 to Reserve for Crowe Valley Conservation Authority resulting in a net tax levy requirement reduction of \$5,000; and

THAT Staff provide a Report on actions that may be taken to improve the effectiveness of the waste management activities at Kosh Lake and Jack Lake sites as well as any draw required from the Reserve to cover costs of any changes.

Carried

R-814-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe

THAT the tax levy requirement be reduced by \$6,167 by decreasing the Arenas and Parks Budget.

Carried

R-815-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the tax levy requirement be reduced by \$6,485 by decreasing Fire Department expenditures.

Carried

R-816-11 Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe

THAT the tax levy requirement be reduced by \$7,195 by increasing the Building and Plumbing Permit Fees.

Carried

R-817-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

THAT the tax levy requirement be reduced by \$22,743 by decreasing the Roads overtime budget.

Carried

R-818-11 Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

THAT the Arena and Parks Budget Capital Acquisition for the riding mower be frozen pending a Report describing the need, benefit and cost of the unit.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Sharpe requested a recorded vote on the motion to reduce the Works Capital Budget.

R-819-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

THAT the tax levy requirement be reduced by \$ 30,000 by decreasing the Works Capital Budget. The specific reduction to be from tax funds "released" when the funding was changed for the water component of the Mathison project.

Aye Mayor Gerow
Councillor Ellis
Councillor Martin
Councillor Pomeroy
Naye Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Carried

R-820-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That due to the shortfall in the capital roads budget, that staff are asked to develop a long term plan for the capital needs of the public works department; as well as to complete the Roads Needs Study; both in 2012.

Carried

R-821-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the Police Budget be increased by \$24,661 with on offsetting increase in the OMPF amount of \$24,661.

Carried

R-822-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

THAT the Treasurer be authorized to amend the Police Budget to draw on Police Reserves up to \$23,596 if required.

Carried

R-823-11 Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe

THAT a Report be brought to a future meeting of Council outlining a Policy for Conferences for Council that is consistent with the restrictions on spending introduced in this Budget.

Carried

R-824-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the Tax Levy Requirement be reduced by \$20,000 by decreasing the Transfer to Reserve for Equipment.

Carried

R-825-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That the CAO and Clerk be requested to provide a response to each of the individuals who sent an email regarding the draft 2012 budget;

And that the Transmitting Correspondence report be received.

Carried

Cemetery Board Budget 2012

Deputy Mayor Sharpe declared a conflict on the Cemetery Board Budget for 2012 and left the Council Chambers.

R-826-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
Seconded by Councillor Martin

THAT the 2012 Budget for the Cemetery Board be approved.

Carried

Deputy Mayor Sharpe returned to the Council Chambers.

Municipal Budget 2012 – Balance of the Operating, Capital and Transfers

R-827-11 Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

That the 2012 Budget for the balance of the Operating, Capital and Transfers be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Report from the Treasurer – 2012 Draft Water & Sewer Budgets.

R-828-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the 2012 water and sewer budget be reduced by \$15,000.00 and that the decrease be made primarily from the wage component of the water budget.

Carried

R-829-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the water and sewer rates be reviewed in 2012, including the metering system and its rates for commercial users, for a report back to Council.

Carried

Water & Sewer Budget 2012

R-830-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That the 2012 Water and Sewer Budget be approved as amended.

Carried

Mayor Gerow asked the Treasurer to make the necessary changes to the draft rate by-laws to reflect the changes to the 2012 budget resulting from this meeting's resolutions and approval. The Treasurer left the Council Chambers at this time.

Mayor Gerow invited members of the audience to stay until the by-law portion of the budget for the rate by-laws.

3. Report from the Clerk – Havelock & District ATV Club had asked the Township to proceed with a request to the County of Peterborough to authorize the club's list of county road links in HBM.

R-831-11 Moved by Councillor Martin

Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That the correspondence from the Havelock & District ATV Club be received; and that the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen request that the County of Peterborough authorize the Havelock and District ATV Clubs list of road links on County Roads within the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen.

Carried

Delegations:

Peter White thanked Council and staff for their hard work to reduce an already lean budget. He also said that lake front owners get a lot more for their tax dollars than they think. He thought that the municipality should provide information sources to help educate the public, and that the HBMLA was willing to help. They were looking for feedback from Council on how they can play a more productive role in the development of the budget. He said that they were very happy that the increase was in line with the inflation rate.

Glen Hunt thanked Council for their effort to reduce the budget. He said that Council may have missed the opportunity to have some discretionary spending. They could have had a 3.5% increase instead of a 3% increase, to provide funds for some of the things needed in the community.

Evan Myers thanked members of Council for setting an example.

The CAO provided a report illustrating the assessment and tax changes for 2012 reflecting the change in taxes from a 5.75% levy increase to a 3% levy increase.

Correspondence:

Deputy Mayor Sharpe declared a conflict of interest on correspondence 282-11 as his father works for the cemetery board. He left the Council Chambers prior to any discussion.

#282-11 **Fran and Cody Wheeler** thanked the Cemetery Board for having all the work done at the Rockdale Cemetery.

R-832-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the correspondence from Fran and Cody Wheeler be received.
Carried

#285-11 **Town of Penetanguishene** – resolution on the rising cost of Policing.

R-833-11 Moved by Councillor Pomeroy

Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That Council supports the resolution of the Town of Penetanguishene on the rising cost of Policing.

Carried

#283-11 County of Peterborough – County Council has declared Wednesday December 21st as “Dress Down” Day where Council members and staff are given the opportunity to wear casual dress to the Council meeting, with the cost to participate \$5.00/person with proceeds going to the United Way. They challenge other municipalities to arrange a similar United Way fundraising event.

#284-11 AMO Watch File – December 8, 2011 edition.

#286-11 Town of East Gwillimbury – asks the Province, through the Ministry of the Environment, to establish guidelines, regulations and a Provincially regulated approval process to govern the quality of fill imported to a receiving site other than for the purpose of Brownfield redevelopment.

R-834-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the balance of the correspondence be received for information and be filed.

Carried

Committee Reports:

Deputy Mayor Sharpe had nothing to report under Committee Reports.

Councillor Ellis said that he had attended his first Conservation Authority meeting for information purposes. Under Source Water, he reported that the business case had been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment.

Councillor Martin reported that he had made the motion to conduct the review of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority at the last meeting. It was a recorded vote that passed seven votes to three. The CAOs from the other member municipalities will be invited to participate within the tight time line of the review.

Councillor Pomeroy had nothing to report under Committee Reports.

Mayor Gerow said that the Police Service Boards had met earlier in the day. the reports for the last three months showed reduced overtime worked and quiet activity. The next meeting is in February.

R-835-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

That the committee reports be received.
Carried

Notice of Motion: written

There were no written notice of motions from this meeting.

Notice of Motion: oral

There were no oral notice of motions from this meeting.

Other Business:

Treasurer Val Nesbitt returned to the meeting to report on the changes to the budget resulting from the earlier resolutions. She provided a 2012 Budget Summary by department. She had also made the changes to the draft rate by-laws to reflect the changes in the budget as approved at tonight's meeting.

By-Laws:

Tax Rates

R-836-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That the by-law to adopt estimates for 2012, to establish and adopt tax rates for municipal purposes, to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2012, and to establish due dates for the final levy of non capped classes, be read a first, second and third time and be passed in open Council this 19th day of December, 2011, and be given By-law No. 2011-114.

Carried

Water and Sewer Rates

R-837-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the by-law to adopt the rates for supplying water and sewer service for 2012, be read a first, second and third time and be passed in open Council this 19th day of December, 2011, and be given By-law No. 2011-115.

Carried

Closed Session:

Deputy Mayor Sharpe said that he had a property and personal matter to add to the Closed Session Agenda.

R-838-11 Moved by Deputy Mayor Sharpe
 Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That this meeting move into closed session at 9:20 p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act for matters regarding the security of the property of the municipality; personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal employees; and a proposed acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

Carried

R-839-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
 Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the meeting rise from the closed session, 10:30 p.m. and the open session resume.

Carried

Sewage Pump

R-840-11 Moved by Councillor Martin
 Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That Council authorize staff to draw \$11,101.56 plus HST from reserves to fund the sewage pump replacement and repair at the Ottawa Street Sewage Pumping Station.

Carried

Confirmation By-Law:

R-841-11 Moved by Councillor Ellis
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sharpe

That the by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen held on December 19, 2011 be read a first, second and third time and be finally passed in open council this 19th day of December, and be numbered By-Law No. 2011- 116.

Carried

