

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON  
BUDGET MEETING**



**Date:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016  
**Time:** 7:05 p.m.  
**Location:** HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reeve Neil Vincent  
Deputy Reeve James Campbell  
Councillor Ray Hallahan  
Councillor Yolanda Ritsema-Teeninga  
Councillor Trevor Seip  
Councillor Brock Vodden  
Councillor Bill Knott

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sharon Chambers, CAO  
Kathy Adams, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk  
Donna White, Director of Finance  
Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities  
David Sparling, Director of Fire and Emergency Services  
Kelly Church, Director of Public Works  
Richard Al, Manager of Employee and Business Services

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Pike  
Bernie Bailey

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**1. Call to Order**

Reeve Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda**

**M205/16**

**MOVED BY:** B. Vodden

**SECONDED BY:** J. Campbell

*THAT The Council of the Township of North Huron; accepts the Agenda for the March 29th, 2016 Budget meeting; as printed.*

**CARRIED**

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None noted.

#### 4. Introduction

Donna White, Director of Finance presented the highlights of draft #2 of the budget, noting that it reflected a 3.91% increase in the taxation amount. Input is required from Council for any further adjustments.

April 11, 2016 was proposed as the date for the next budget meeting.

#### 5. Discussion

##### 5.1 Blyth Well - Tender Award Recommendation

**M206/16**

**MOVED BY:** B. Vodden

**SECONDED BY:** T. Seip

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the recommendation of R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited that the tender for Blyth Well Supply Upgrades be awarded to Xterra Construction Inc. at a cost of \$612,353.35 including HST.*

*AND FURTHER THAT the project be given pre-budget approval to proceed with funds to be included in the 2016 Budget.*

**CARRIED**

##### 5.2 Donation Request Listing

###### 5.2.1 Blyth BIA - Marketing Coordinator Request for funding

A request for \$5,000 was received from the Blyth BIA. Council asked staff to request details on goals achieved by the Marketing Coordinator last year.

Council also discussed donation requests from other agencies including the Wingham & District Hospital, Building Bridges to Our Future, and the Wingham Golf and Curling Club for their chiller replacement.

Council added the following donations to the budget:

- Wingham & District Hospital \$455,000 total  
At \$65,000 in each of the next 7 years
- Building Bridges to Our Future \$15,000 total  
At \$7,500 in each of the next 2 years
- Wingham Golf and Curling Club \$1,000 in the 2016 budget
- Rural Talks to Rural Conference  
\$1,000 in the 2016 budget, reduced from \$5,000
- Blyth BIA Marketing Coordinator \$5,000 in the 2016 budget

These changes resulted in a 5.04% increase in the taxation amount.

5.3 Reserve Listing

Donna White, Director of Finance reviewed the Reserve listing.

**M207/16**

**MOVED BY:** T. Seip

**SECONDED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby adopt the 2015 Reserves, Reserve Funds and Deferred Revenue Listing as presented by the Director of Finance.*

**CARRIED**

5.4 OCIF Funding - Formula Based Component

**M208/16**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby submits the Patrick Street Reconstruction Project under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) - Formula Component Program;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the project be included in the 2016 Budget;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the project be given pre-budget approval to proceed with the tender process.*

**CARRIED**

5.5 Memorial Hall Update

**6. Public Participation - Question and Answer**

A member of the public gallery requested clarification regarding the transfer of four pick-up trucks from the water department to other departments.

A member of the public gallery applauded Council and staff on their efforts in the budget process and commented on the difficult decisions that needed to be made. Feedback was provided on current tax levels and concerns with the proposed increase. Attracting residents to the area is essential going forward.

**7. Confirmatory By-Law**

7.1 By-law No. 36-2016; Being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron.

**M209/16**

**MOVED BY:** B. Vodden

**SECONDED BY:** B. Knott

*THAT By-law 36-2016; being a by-law to confirm general previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron; be introduced, read a first and second time.*

**CARRIED**

**M210/16**

**MOVED BY:** J. Campbell

**SECONDED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

*THAT By-law No. 36-2016; being a by-law to confirm general previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron, be read a third and final time, signed by the Reeve and the Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.*

**CARRIED**

**8. Next Meeting**

Target date for the passing of the 2016 Budget is April 18th, 2016.

Next Budget meeting scheduled for April 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

**9. Adjournment**

**M211/16**

**MOVED BY:** T. Seip

**SECONDED BY:** Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

*THAT there being no further business before the Township of North Huron Council, the Budget Meeting be hereby Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.*

**CARRIED**

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Neil Vincent, Reeve

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Kathy Adams, Clerk