

MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON
BUDGET MEETING



Date: Monday, April 11, 2016
Time: 7:00 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: Denny Scott, Citizen
Joe Hallahan, Rick Elliott, Greg Sarachman, Bernie Bailey,
Doug Kuyvenhoven, Tharon Riley, John Brown, Ann Hogg,
Doug Howatt, Sherry Howatt, David Hedley, Gloria Hedley,
Bill Taylor, Doreen Taylor

1. Call to Order

Reeve Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

M234/16

MOVED BY: J. Campbell

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron; accepts the Agenda for the April 11, 2016 Budget Meeting; as printed.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

- 3.1 Councillor Seip declared a pecuniary interest on discussions regarding the subject of Wingham and District Hospital donation as a past member of the Listowel-Wingham Hospitals Alliance board.

4. Introduction

Director of Finance, Donna White delivered a presentation on the budget process, noting that the latest revision of the Budget was at a 5.04% increase but staff has made further adjustments to bring the increase down to 4.86%.

Highlights of the presentation included

- Council's direction to reduce spending on advertising
- Overall spending increase of \$220,205 at 4.86%
- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding has decreased
- Ontario Provincial Policing costs have risen
- Capital projects were detailed
- A description of current services offered by the municipality was presented
- Dollar amount examples of proposed tax increase were given for sample properties in each of the three wards
- An overview of the asset management process and requirements was presented

5. Discussion

Councillor Hallahan commented that no capital was allocated to East Wawanosh roads.

CAO Sharon Chambers, addressed infrastructure funding and asset management.

A member of the public gallery questioned the quality of roads in the East Wawanosh ward, noting that there has not been a change in the quantity of roads or number of pieces of equipment available.

Councillor Knott suggested investigating changes to the levels of service provided by the Public Works department and removing services as a cost saving measure.

Councillor Seip stated that a roads needs study is required before making any decisions on capital spending for roads.

CAO Sharon Chambers stated that as the shared services project progresses, all Public Works operations will be open for discussion, finding efficiencies will be a key function of the new Director of Public Works.

The next Budget Meeting will be April 18th, 2016 at 6:00 pm prior to Regular Council meeting.

5.1 Donations

Details of historical donation amounts and new donation requests for 2016 was presented and discussed.

Discussion took place regarding the Rural Talks to Rural (R2R) event sponsorship amount, the Wingham Hospital donation request and the Building Bridges to our Future donation request.

Council authorized donation of the following amounts:

Elementary School Fair	\$300
Blyth Festival Tourist Booth	\$1,000
Blyth Festival Youth Outreach Program	\$1,500
Blyth Horticulture	\$0
Wingham Horticulture	\$750
Wingham Firefighter's Association	\$550 (waiting for request)
Huron County Farm & Home Safety Association	\$0
Huron Plowmen's Association	\$125
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$100
Children's Aid (Big Brothers/Big Sisters Jumpstart)	\$500
United Way	\$500
North Huron Community Food Bank	\$500
Building Bridges to Our Future	\$0
Wingham Golf & Curling Club	\$0
Clinton Public Hospital	\$0
St. John Ambulance	\$0
Inspiring Women in Huron	To be considered in 2017 budget
Rural Talks to Rural (14/19)	\$1,000
Goderich Legion Memorial	\$0
Blyth BIA Marketing Coordinator	\$0

5.1.1 Wingham BIA Letter

5.1.2 Blyth BIA Letter

5.1.3 Royal Canadian Legion - Goderich

6. Public Participation - Question and Answer

A member of the public gallery presented the position of the Wingham BIA regarding all proposed donations, noting that North Huron does not have surplus fund to donate.

A member of the public gallery spoke regarding the quality of roads in the East Wawanosh ward.

A member of the public gallery spoke in opposition of the proposed donations.

A member of the public gallery spoke on behalf of the Wingham Hospital Foundation regarding the proposed hospital donation.

7. Closed Session and Reporting Out

M235/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceeds at 9:40 pm to an In Camera Session (Closed to the Public) to discuss the following:

- *A proposed or pending acquisition or disposal of land by the Corporation.*

CARRIED

M236/16

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby proceed to the Budget meeting at 10:55 pm.

CARRIED

8. Confirmatory By-Law

- 8.1 By-law No. 41-2016; being a By-law of the Township of North Huron to confirm general previous actions of the Council of the Township of North Huron.

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MOVED BY: B. Knott

SECONDED BY: B. Vodden

THAT By-law 41-2016; 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

M238/16

MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: Y. Ritsema-Teeninga

THAT By-law 41-2016; 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 Clerk and be engrossed in the By-law book.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

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MOVED BY: B. Vodden

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 11:02 pm.

CARRIED

Neil Vincent, Reeve

Kathy Adams, Clerk