

The Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph

Budget Meeting

Council Minutes

Present: Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson, Deputy Mayor D. Manders, Councillor D. Regan, Councillor P. Mastorakos and Councillor A. Westman.

Also Present: R. Reymer- CAO/Clerk, D. Kester-Public Works Manager, P. Smith-Facilities Manager, T. Loyens-Deputy Treasurer, T. Merner-Deputy Clerk and L. deBoer-Economic Development Officer

Call To Order

Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Township Office and noted that this special meeting was to undertake review of the 2019 municipal budget.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & Nature Thereof

None.

2019 Draft Budget

R. Reymer advised that 2018 Actual Budget amounts are not complete due to the vacancy of the Treasurer position and then began to review the line items of the 2019 budget. The following comments were made:

- R. Reymer advised that the 1.5 million spent developing the Industrial Park does not appear on the balance sheet as we are hoping to recover the costs from the sale of the lots. Discussion was had regarding costs involved and how we want to proceed. C. Scrimgeour advised we have the option to borrow through Infrastructure Ontario or we can borrow from ourselves through reserve funds;
- R. Reymer advised the daycare was a stand alone project, between grant money, internal loan and revenue, it funds itself. He further noted we didn't borrow money however an Infrastructure Ontario loan is being looked at to replenish reserves we borrowed from;
- OCIF Top-up funding was discussed and if successful that it be applied towards the Nagle Drive waterline project;
- OMPF funding may change this year, ¼ of last years' amount has been received to date;
- Scout Guide Hall furnace needs to be replaced, can no longer order parts for current one;
- Public Works building is designated as back-up emergency operations site, therefore requires internet. Fibre Optics installation proposed at a cost of \$8,900.00. Some discussion was had regarding alternative sites that already have internet, however they are not large enough or equipped with generators;
- Senior Centre has \$75,000 carried forward from last year for renovations. P. Smith advised flooring will be the largest expense and they are hoping to start that this year;

- Relocation of the tennis courts, skatepark and playground equipment is necessary in preparation for Phase 2 renovation of Community Centre. \$55,000 projected for Tennis Courts, would serve as a double duty court for road hockey possibly. Estimated costs and possible locations were also discussed for Skatepark and Playground equipment;
- Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson advised she would like to see enhancements to Market Street park to try and promote a gathering place for events such as Christmas tree lighting, outdoor ice rink, summer movie nights, concerts etc.;
- Granton skatepark was discussed and P. Smith confirmed no other capital costs are needed. T. Loyens advised Granton Park Committee still has some funds to come up with to meet the \$30,000 goal;
- Traffic Lights budget will carry forward, \$150,000 Township costs, \$100,000 developer costs;
- Town entrance signs are in process, \$25,000 budgeted for that, aiming to keep signs under that amount;
- Coursey Line paving from McGillivray to Mooresville is projected for this year at a cost of \$720,000;
- two blocks remaining for completion of Whalen Line project, however South Huron has not budgeted their portion this year therefore will carry forward to 2020;
- St. James Drive paving is projected for this year at a cost of \$60,000;
- D. Kester advised there is \$10,000 budgeted (not shown on budget list) for Christmas lights and this is the 3rd of a 6-year plan at replacing all lights;
- D. Kester advised that tenders for projects should be going out now in order to receive competitive pricing;
- L. deBoer presented a report regarding Baconfest 2019. Her report advised of changes being proposed which includes the Township taking over the concert event which has previously been organized by Hogtown Cycles. Additional costs of \$60,000 was recommended towards the Baconfest budget. Questions and concerns were raised by council regarding the risk involved, staff required and the possibility of partnering with the Lions club for the evening concert event. Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson advised council to forward their list of questions by email to L. deBoer for further discussion at the next meeting.

1/ Adjournment

Moved by D. Manders

Seconded by D. Regan

Resolved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

CARRIED


MAYOR


CLERK