



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron

Minutes for the Budget Meeting

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - Olde Town Hall**

Members Present: George Finch, Mayor
Jim Dietrich, Deputy Mayor
Dianne Faubert, Councillor - Ward 1
Marissa Vaughan, Councillor - Ward 1
Aaron Neeb, Councillor - Ward 2
Barb Willard, Councillor - Ward 2
Ted Oke, Councillor - Ward 3

Staff Present: Alex Wolfe, Acting Clerk/Recording Secretary
Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk (via phone)
Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services
Maggie McBride, Financial Services Officer
Don Giberson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure
Jeremy Becker, Emergency Services Manager/Fire Chief
Megan Goss, Acting Manager of Public Works
Shane Timmermans, Transportation Foreman

Clerk Msuya-Collison delegated powers and duties to Administrative Assistant Alex Wolfe during her absence from the September 25 2019 Budget meeting.

1. Meeting Called To Order

Mayor Finch called the Budget Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Amendments to the Agenda, as Distributed and Approved by Council

Motion: 468-2019

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council approves the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Asset Management - Budget 2020 - Presentation M. McBride, Financial Services Officer

M. McBride, Financial Services Officer presented an Asset Management overview including South Huron's accomplishments for 2019, goals for 2020 and an update on legislation. Officer McBride advised that the Asset Management working group consists of the CAO D. Best, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer S. Becker, Director of Infrastructure & Development D. Giberson, herself, and on occasion assistance from the Manager of Public Works and Manager of Environmental Services.

Officer McBride noted that South Huron obtained consulting services from Hemson free of charge through the AMP it Up 2.0 provided by the Municipal Finance Officers Association to assist with preparing the asset management action plan, which is being used by the Asset Management working group to develop the 2020 and future work plans. This program will allow for additional support to help staff throughout 2020 for implementation of the asset management action plan.

Motion: 469-2019

Moved: D. Faubert

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council receives the report from M. McBride, Financial Services Officer re Asset Management - Budget 2020.

Disposition: Carried

4.2 2020 Budget Basics - Presentation S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer reviewed the budget process and presented an overview of budget basics. It was noted that

2020 is a reassessment year for MPAC, market increase is phased in equally over 4 years. She advised there will be something forthcoming during Budget deliberations relating to Information Technology Initiatives to assist with Cyber Security.

Director Becker provided Council with an overview of budget pressures and tax increase considerations, which were discussed by Council along with the capital replacement reserve. Council adjusted the tax rate increase and dedicated capital levy consideration as a starting point for budget deliberations.

Motion: 470-2019

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council directs staff to provide preliminary framework for a 2% tax rate increase and 0.5% dedicated capital levy

Disposition: Carried

Motion: 471-2019

Moved: B. Willard

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Council receives the report from S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer re 2020 Budget Basics.

Disposition: Carried

4.3 2020 Pre-Budget Survey Results - Presentation S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer discussed the pre-budget survey and noted that the information in the report is exactly what was submitted through the new online engagement platform.

Motion: 472-2019

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council receives the report from S. Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer re 2020 Pre-Budget Survey Results.

Disposition: Carried

5. Adjournment

Motion: 473-2019

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Council hereby adjourns at 6:47 p.m.

Disposition: Carried

George Finch, Mayor

Alex Wolfe, Acting Clerk