

Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron

Minutes for the Budget Meeting

Monday, November 22, 2021, 4:00 p.m. Hybrid Meeting - South Huron Council Chambers

- Members Present: George Finch, Chair Jim Dietrich, Member Dianne Faubert, Member Marissa Vaughan, Member Aaron Neeb, Member Barb Willard, Member Ted Oke, Member
- Staff Present: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk Sandy Becker, Director Financial Services Don Giberson, Director Infrastructure and Development Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire and Community Services Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives Julia Roberts, Deputy Treasurer Shane Timmermans, Manager of Transportation Services Shawn Young, Environmental Services Manager Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services
- 1. <u>Meeting Called To Order</u>

Chair Finch called the Budget Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

Motion: COW#052-2021

Moved: D. Faubert Seconded: B. Willard

That South Huron Committee of the Whole approves the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3.1 A. Neeb - 2022 Draft Budget Book

I, Aaron Neeb, hereby declare a pecuniary interest to Committee agenda item no. 4.1 (p.69), Item title: Waterloo Street Reconstruction, the general nature thereof being: I have close relatives that live on Waterloo Street.

4. Reports

4.1 2022 Draft Budget Book

A. Neeb declared a conflict on this item. (I, Aaron Neeb, hereby declare a pecuniary interest to Committee agenda item no. 4.1 (p.69), Item title: Waterloo Street Reconstruction, the general nature thereof being: I have close relatives that live on Waterloo Street.)

Director Becker noted that since the previous meeting that staff have submitted change requests which are shown under section 4.2 of the agenda.

The Committee started their review on page 60. Director Giberson led the discussion on the capital budget projects and clarified that the Blackbush Line project is located just between Crediton Road and Dashwood Road. He described how the replacement of loader #97 is an innovative way to optimize the fleet and resolve current challenges with the street sweeper. The Committee noted there was no trade in allowance for the sweeper and Director Giberson noted that currently funds realized from sale of surplus items offset future equipment in replacement reserves. Manager Timmermans provided further operational details of the loader. Director Giberson noted that last year the sweeper was contracted but that it was challenging locating a rental.

The Committee discussed carbon foot print and emissions of replacement of rolling stock and noted awareness of environmental implications and municipal strategies for the future. The Committee discussed timing of replacement for rolling stock and asked for clarification of "useful life". Director S. Becker noted that useful life was determined by PSAB best practices established at the time and could change as more information is updated with the Asset Management Plan. The Committee discussed maintenance, refurbishing, producers and anticipated timing for receipt of any equipment.

4:49 p.m. Member Neeb left the meeting.

The Committee discussed the Waterloo Street reconstruction combined project in detail including sidewalks, accessibility, proposed layers of asphalt, water/sewer allocations and challenges for the project. Director Giberson noted that there will be public consultation.

5:24 p.m. Member Neeb returned to the meeting.

The Committee continued at page 72 and Director Giberson noted requirements from Hydro One for Street Light upgrades. Member Faubert asked about streetlight for Shipka and Director Giberson advised he would follow up on costs.

The Committee discussed the water meter replacement and Director Giberson noted that funds had never been taken out of reserves for this project.

The Committee discussed the Highway 21 and Huron Street watermain replacements and Director Giberson provided an overview of both projects.

Director Giberson provided an overview of the William Street forcemain replacement. The Committee discussed connecting link funding for future projects and noted that state of infrastructure plan will assist in determining where investment is needed.

Director Giberson provided an overview of the security fence request. He provided an overview of the approval for future planning of the landfill site and noted challenges with Conservation Authority with respect to the contaminant attenuation zone (caz) buffer area, to monitor the ground water. The Committee discussed access to the landfill and made a suggestion for a future Committee of the Whole meeting to be set to discuss operations, safeguards, Mid Huron agreement and implications.

6:49 p.m. The Committee noted the time.

Motion: COW#053-2021

Moved: T. Oke Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Committee of the Whole proceed past curfew.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

6:49 p.m. Chair Finch called a recess.

6:59 p.m. Committee resumed.

The Committee reviewed the draft budget book for questions of clarity. They asked managers whether any light vehicles are really needed at this time as they had been put on hold, and none were brought forward. The Committee discussed recreation services projects.

Motion: COW#054-2021

Moved: T. Oke Seconded: J. Dietrich

That South Huron Committee of the Whole recommend that Stephen Arena -Dasher Board and Stephen Arena - Ice Surface Glass projects be moved from 2024 to 2023 in the capital project forecast.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

The Committee asked about Main Street in Dashwood project and Director Giberson noted that engineering is included in forecasted costs for 2023. The Committee asked about improvements at 83 and 4 intersection and Director Giberson noted that no date has been set.

The Committee discussed the sand filters at the sewage lagoon have been pushed off and Director Giberson noted that is because there is now more flexibility with the upgraded ECA.

The Committee discussed the Oakwood links pumping station and Director Giberson noted that the information presented in the budget book is based on information at the time.

Motion: COW#055-2021

Moved: B. Willard Seconded: M. Vaughan

That the South Huron Committee of the Whole receives the report from Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services re 2022 Proposed Budget.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

- 4.2 Change Requests
 - 4.2.1 Jeremy Becker Fire Services Operating Change Request -Dispatch Services

Director J. Becker provided the committee of an overview of the current contract and future requirements and noted that there will be a lump sum in 2024 for infrastructure.

Motion: COW#056-2021

Moved: T. Oke Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Committee of the Whole receives the Fire Services - Operating Change Request for Dispatch Services; and

That this expense be included in the proposed 2022 Budget.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

4.2.2 Don Giberson - Transportation Services - Capital Budget Request - 2022 TS-09 Rogerville Road (Structure #3009)

Motion: COW#057-2021

Moved: T. Oke Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Committee of the Whole receives the Transportation Services - Capital Budget Request - 2022 TS-09 Rogerville Road (Structure #3009) and;

That this project be included in the proposed 2022 Capital Budget.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

The Committee asked for total increase as of now and Director S. Becker noted total tax rate increase as of now is .36% rural and .15% urban. Item 4.3 "2022

Additional Priorities for discussion" is to be carried over to the next budget meeting.

5. <u>Adjournment</u>

Motion: COW#058-2021

Moved: J. Dietrich Seconded: D. Faubert

That South Huron Committee of the Whole hereby adjourns at 7:59 p.m., to meet again on November 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried (7 to 0)

George Finch, Chair

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk