



**Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron**  
**Minutes for the Budget Meeting**

**Monday, November 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Hybrid Meeting - South Huron Council Chambers**  
**Live Video Feed - <https://www.southhuron.ca/en/government/agendas-and-minutes.aspx>**

Members Present: George Finch, Mayor  
Jim Dietrich, Deputy Mayor  
Marissa Vaughan, Councillor - Ward 1  
Milt Dietrich - Councillor - Ward 1  
Aaron Neeb, Councillor - Ward 2  
Wendy McLeod-Haggitt, Councillor - Ward 2  
Ted Oke - Councillor - Ward 3

Staff Present: Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk  
Don Giberson, General Manager of Infrastructure and Development  
Jeremy Becker, General Manager of Community and Emergency Services  
Julia Warwick, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives  
Alyssa Keller, Manager of Environmental Services  
Shane Timmermans, Manager of Operations  
Mike Rolph, Director of Building and Planning Services/Chief Building Official  
Kate Farwell, Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector  
Alex Wolfe, Acting Clerk

1. Meeting Called To Order  
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:** 468-2023

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** J. Dietrich

**That South Huron Council approves the Agenda as presented.**

**Disposition: Carried (7-0)**

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

3.1 A. Neeb - South Huron Arts Centre (Referral Resolution #346-2023)

I, Aaron Neeb, hereby declare a potential (deemed/direct/indirect) declaration of interest in accordance with section 5 of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act to Council Agenda Item No.: 4.4.1, Item: South Huron Arts Centre. The nature of my interest is as follows: I am the chair of a partner organization to the South Huron Arts Centre.

4. Reports

4.1 Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Chief Administrative Officer and Julia Warwick, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer - Budget Impacts, Priorities and Follow-up from October 23, 2023

CAO Msuya-Collison provided an overview of the breakdown of wages and benefits and provided Council with the cost-of-living adjustment (cola) approved by Council over the last five years.

General Manager Becker provided an overview of changes in recreation programming and noted the fee generation review study in progress.

Director Warwick provided an update to the budget impacts and priorities statement from the last budget meeting. Council discussed reserve funds (OPP stabilization and working fund reserve) to offset the tax levy and discussed a review of the reserve fund policy.

4.2 Don Giberson, General Manager of Infrastructure and Development - Pickup Truck Replacement Strategy

General Manager Giberson provided a high-level overview of the Pickup Truck Replacement Strategy. Council discussed the need for a fleet strategy for municipal vehicles.

**Motion:** 469-2023

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** M. Vaughan

**That South Huron Council receive the report from Don Giberson, General Manager of Infrastructure and Development re: Pickup Truck Replacement Strategy.**

**Disposition: Carried (7-0)**

#### 4.3 Review of Capital Projects by Department

##### 4.3.1 Building Services

##### 4.3.2 Emergency Services

Council discussed the portable radio replacement and 1995 Dashwood Tanker Replacement. General Manager Becker noted new radios would be compatible with the current ones the fire department uses. He noted that the replacement for the Tanker would be a Pumper-Tanker so would have a dual purpose going forward. Council discussed the use of reserve funds.

**Motion:** 470-2023

**Moved:** M. Vaughan

**Seconded:** T. Oke

**That South Huron Council direct staff to bring back a information on scenarios for what could be considered for \$200,000 to be used from the investment income, \$300,000 from the working fund reserve and \$50,000-\$100,000 from the OPP reserve.**

**Disposition: Carried (7-0)**

##### 4.3.2.1 Addition Item: Dashwood Fire Station Replacement - per Council Resolution 448-2023

Council discussed the need for a new fire station and further information needed to determine location. Staff noted the funds being budgeted are to earmark the use.

##### 4.3.3 Cemetery

Staff noted the Columbarium is scheduled for 2026, and advised it may be brought back to Council for 2025 budget discussions depending on remaining niche availability.

#### 4.3.4 Recreation Services

Council discussed the Port Blake Revitalization in detail and the need for the SHRC Kitchen Exhaust Improvements and SHRC Arena Dehumidifier.

4.3.4.1 Additional Item: Replacement of Lower Steel SHRC - per Council Resolution 448-2023

4.3.4.2 Additional Item: Painting of Upper Steel SHRC - per Council Resolution 448-2023

#### 4.3.5 Transportation Services

Staff provided Council with an update on the proposed Dashwood Main Street Sidewalk Replacement project which is joint with Huron County. Council discussed using funds from reserves to offset the tax levy for truck replacement.

**Motion:** 471-2023

**Moved:** M. Vaughan

**Seconded:** T. Oke

**That the 2010 GMC Pickup Truck #117 Replacement be paid from the Transportation Capital reserve for the 2024 Budget.**

**Disposition: Carried (5-2)**

Staff provided details on the use of the mini excavator and ice breaker.

**Motion:** 472-2023

**Moved:** T. Oke

**Seconded:** M. Vaughan

**That South Huron Council set a Special Budget Meeting for Monday, December 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Disposition: Carried (7-0)**

4.3.5.1 Additional Item: Corbett Line - per Council Resolution 448-2023

4.3.6 Transportation, Water, Sewer Combined

Council discussed the Main Street North project and connecting link grant funding.

5. Adjournment

**Motion:** 473-2023

**Moved:** J. Dietrich

**Seconded:** A. Neeb

**That South Huron Council hereby adjourns at 6:59 p.m., to meet again on December 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.**

**Disposition: Carried (7-0)**

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George Finch, Chair

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Alex Wolfe, Acting Clerk