



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

Monday, November 25, 2024, 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
Erin Moore, Acting Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
Jeremy Becker, General Manager of Community and Emergency Services
Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives
Shane Timmermans, Manager of Operations
Alyssa Keller, Manager of Environmental Services
Mike Rolph, Director of Building and Planning Services/Chief Building Official
Kate Farwell, Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector
Mannat Kaur, Financial Analyst
Amanda Johnston, Manager of Community Services
Alex Wolfe, 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 Council

An updated Budget Impacts and Priorities sheet was circulated to Council and will be uploaded to the Municipal website.

Motion: 494-2024

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council approves the Agenda as amended.

Disposition: Carried (7-0)

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Budget Impacts, Priorities Follow-up from November 12, 2024 Budget Meeting

Staff reviewed the updated Budget Impacts and Priorities sheet noting information received following the November 12th Budget Meeting.

5. Referred Resolutions for Discussion

5.1 Gravel for Rural Roads (Referral Resolution 460-2024)

Motion: 495-2024

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council receives the Staff Memo - Gravel for Rural Roads; and

That Capital Project 2025-TS-11 – Roller Attachment be included in the proposed 2025 Budget.

Disposition: Carried (7-0)

5.2 OPP Stabilization Fund (Referral Resolution 458/459-2024)

Motion: 458-2024

Moved: T. Oke

Seconded: M. Vaughan

That \$100,000 from the OPP stabilization reserve be applied towards the OPP Budget line for the 2025 Budget.

Disposition: Carried (7-0)

6. Next Steps

Council asked that staff consider solutions to preserve the existing bump out and flowerbeds with the pedestrian crosswalk, if possible.

Council discussed additional projects in the 10 year forecast including culvert/bridge repairs, sidewalks, and road repaving as well as different options for allocating additional funds to capital replacement reserves for asset management.

Motion: 496-2024

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: A. Neeb

That the B-Line (Repairs to Structure #1096) in the amount of \$305,800 from the tax levy, be included in the 2025 Budget.

Disposition: Carried (4-3)

Motion: 497-2024

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: J. Dietrich

That South Huron Council approve the 2025 draft operating and draft capital budget reflecting a 3.57% tax rate increase for Ward 1 & 3 (representing approximately \$63.70 in municipal taxes for the average residential assessment in South Huron) and a 4.24% tax rate increase for Ward 2 (representing approximately \$86.87 in municipal taxes for the average residential assessment in South Huron) as presented and amended by resolution(s) for adoption by Council at the December 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Disposition: Carried (7-0)

7. Adjournment

Motion: 498-2024

Moved: J. Dietrich

Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council hereby adjourns at 5:00 p.m.

Disposition: Carried (7-0)

George Finch, Chair

Alex Wolfe, Clerk