

VILLAGE OF POINT EDWARD

MINUTES

CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING

**March 28, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

Present:

Mayor Kirkland, Deputy Mayor MacKenzie , Councillor Robson, Councillor Romlewski, Treasurer T. Thibeault, Operations P. Churchill, CAO J. Burns, Fire Chief D. MacKenzie, Senior Staff Accountant M. West, Auditor J. Dunlop, Administrative Assistant J. Capes

Regrets:

Councillor Hand

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

- None

Arena/Community Hall

Chairperson Bev Hand, Operations Manager Paul Churchill

- The Arena Committee recommendations were brought forward to the budget meeting for Council's consideration
- Recommended to stay the same for now.

Fire Department

Chairperson Janice Robson, Fire Chief Doug MacKenzie

- The Fire Committee recommendations were brought forward to the budget meeting for Council's consideration.
- There was discussion regarding the possibility of requesting 4 more scuba packs for the 2014 budget.
- Discussion took place to put the generator back in the 2013 budget.

Library

Fire Chief Doug MacKenzie, Deputy Fire Chief Rick MacGregor

- D. MacKenzie advised that the Library is caught up to date right now for requests.

Police/Point Edward Police Services Board

Chairperson K. Geary

- The Police Committee recommendations were brought forward to the budget meeting for Council's consideration.
- L. MacKenzie questioned if two bikes were necessary. D. Kirkland indicated that it was a good idea to get police out in the public.
- J. Romlewski questioned as to why there is only 1 quote for each item requested. T. Thibeault advised that there are more quotes obtained, but that only the lowest quote is submitted for the budget.

Public Works, Garbage Collection, Streetlights
Chairperson L. MacKenzie, Operations Manager P. Churchill

- The Public Works Committee recommendations were brought forward to the budget meeting for Council's consideration.
- Discussion took place for road repairs for Church St., Simpson St., and Kendall St. Recommended to leave roads as is for now, and that P. Churchill obtain pricing for mill & pave and curb replacements.

Parks
Chairperson MacKenzie, Operations Manager P. Churchill

- Discussion took place regarding the relocating of the back stop from the waterfront park. P. Churchill advised removing it from the budget for this year.

Resolution #1

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie
Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the line item, Relocate backstop from Waterfront Park to MacRae, be removed from the budget for this year.

CARRIED

- D. MacKenzie advised that the quote pricing for the fencing behind the fire hall may have changed as it was only good for a short period of time.

Municipal Office
Chairperson John Romlewski, Treasurer Teena Thibeault, C.A.O. Jim Burns

- J. Romlewski inquired about the replacement brick price in this year's budget. J. Burns advised it will remain the same.

Donations

- Discussion took place regarding the donations for the 2013 budget.

Resolution #2

Moved by Councillor Robson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the allocation amount for donations remain at \$75,000.00 and THAT the Physician's recruitment line item be changed from \$10,000.00 to \$0.00, THAT St. Joseph's Hospice line item be changed from \$0.00 to \$10,000.00 for a period of two years, and THAT the Canada Day line item be changed from \$0.00 to \$5,000.00, with the remaining funds to be allocated to unallocated donations.

CARRIED

OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Water/WWTP
Chairperson Bev Hand, Operations Manager P. Churchill

- There was discussion regarding storm cleaning and maintenance repairs line items. Jim B. to ask Jim S. about these items.

Resolution#3

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Robson

THAT the Equipment Maintenance – Repairs line item be changed from \$3,000.00 to \$2,000.00, and THAT the Storm Cleaning line item be changed from \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00.

CARRIED

Public Works

Chairperson Larry MacKenzie, Operations Manager Paul Churchill

- There was discussion regarding the road sweeper line item.
- Recommended to stay the same for now.
- Dick inquired as to whether we need a new dump truck or if repairs will be adequate.
- Paul will get a report together for vehicle equipment work needs.

Council

Chairperson John Romlewski, Treasurer Teena Thibeault, C.A.O. Jim Burns

- There was discussion regarding per diems.

Resolution # 4

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Robson

THAT the per diems be increased from \$100 to \$150 for a full day and \$50 to \$75 for a half day.

CARRIED

- Discussion took place regarding benefits. Jim B. to get a quote from an actuary for an actuarial calculation regarding benefits.
- Dick inquired about new storage place on Front Street if they are being taxed at the full rate now.
- Jim B. to look into this with MPAC

Arena/Community Hall

Operations Manager Paul Churchill

- Policy needs to be reviewed at the next committee meeting regarding rental of Arena for non-sporting events.
- Larry recommended raising the ice rentals for next year
- Discussion took place that recovery costs for incurred expenses is possible.
- A recommendation was made to review the possibility of establishing a by-law to recover costs incurred by the municipality while providing services.

Bluewater Power Dividends

- Jim B. to check with Janice from Bluewater Power for dividends.

Resolution #5

Moved by Councillor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Romlewski

THAT the Capital Surplus of \$15,333 be transferred into the Emergency Fund Reserve.

CARRIED

Resolution #6

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the Village of Point Edward raises \$1,901,071.00 dollars through the tax levy for the 2013 taxes.

CARRIED

Comments from Auditor Jim Dunlop

- Jim commented on the good job of the budget for this year.
- Jim D. reviewed the draft financial reports

Resolution #7

Moved by Councillor Romlewski

Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

THAT the 2013 Operating Budget be approved, as presented, with a 2.17% increase to the tax rate, and THAT the 2013 Capital Budget be approved as amended.

CARRIED

- Discussion took place regarding Police, Parks, and Public Works sick leave. To be discussed at next finance meeting.
- Teena advised that transit study reserve won't have anything left after this year, and that if the Village is to continue providing this service it will have to come from the Operating budget for next year.

Resolution #8

Moved by Deputy Mayor MacKenzie

Seconded by Councillor Robson

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m. until the April 23, 2013 call of the Chair or at such time as a Special Committee meeting is held to discuss legal matters, property matters or personnel matters.

CARRIED

Chairperson John Romlewski

C.A.O. / Clerk Jim Burns