



**Haldimand**  
County

**THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**Date:** March 5, 2020  
**Time:** 9:30 A.M.  
**Location:** Council Chambers

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

- K. Hewitt, Mayor
- S. Patterson, Councillor
- J. Metcalfe, Councillor
- D. Lawrence, Councillor
- T. Dalimonte, Councillor
- R. Shirton, Councillor
- B. Corbett, Councillor

**STAFF PRESENT**

- C. Manley, Chief Administrative Officer
- C. Case, General Manager, Corporate & Social Services
- M. Evers, General Manager, Community & Development Services
- T. Haedrich, General Manager, Engineering & Capital Works
- M. Merritt, General Manager, Financial & Data Services
- P. Mete, General Manager, Public Works Operations
- M. Jamieson, Director, Human Resources
  
- C. Corlis, Treasurer
- P. Diette, CEO, Haldimand County Library
- M. Fagan, Manager, Fleet Operations
- K. Franklin, Manager, Engineering Services
- L. Friesen, Manager, Legal & Support Services
- J. Gallagher, Manager, Emergency Services/Fire Chief
- J. Jacob, Administrator, Grandview Lodge
- W. Koziello, Manager, Information Systems
- K. Mowatt, Supervisor, Facility Operations, Grandview Lodge
- J. Oakes, Manager, Environmental Operations
- W. Oakes, Manager, Roads Operations
- D. Pressey, Manager, Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries & Forestry Operations
- L. Romanuk, Manager, Economic Development & Tourism
- J. Shaw, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hewitt called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

The Mayor and all Members of Council were in attendance.

## **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1 Opening Remarks - C. Manley, Chief Administration Officer**

C. Manley introduced the 2020 Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast. He noted that the budget factors in changes at the provincial level regarding Health & Social Services and Paramedic Services. Several projects have been pushed out in order to build flexibility into the budget.

### **2 Presentation - Overview of the Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast 2020 - 2029 - C. Corlis, Treasurer**

C. Corlis provided an overview of the Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast, noting the principles used to maintain sustainability and flexibility in the budget while mitigating vulnerability. It was added that \$19.6 million is currently contributed toward the County's Capital Program. The budget reflects a commitment to increased infrastructure investment to ensure safe, reliable services in order to develop and grow the County as well as maintain the County's credit rating based on financial parameters while ensuring financial flexibility.

### **3 Presentation of Capital Budgets - Applicable General Manager**

#### **3.1 Project Briefs for Consideration**

- Low Speed Electric Vehicles (County Wide – Page 13 (tabled))
- Concession Street Sidewalk (Ward 6) - Page 34
- Smithville Road Sidewalk Extension (Ward 6) – Page 34
- Tuscarora Street Sidewalk Extension (Ward 4) – Page 34
- Additional Caledonia Grand River Crossing (Ward 3) – Page 39
- Electronic Speed Warning Signs (County Wide) - Page 68

### **4 Recommendation Approval**

### **Recommendation 1**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT the 2020 Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast 2020-2029 be amended as follows:

- Page #13, Fleet and Equipment Pool

- In the year 2020, add Low Speed Electric Vehicles with a gross expenditure of \$45,000 and the related funding \$15,000 each from Ward 1, 2 and 5 Community Vibrancy Fund;
- AND THAT a cost of \$1,000 be added to equip the vehicle for building inspection purposes and the related funding from the Building Permit Cost Stabilization Reserve Fund.

**CARRIED**

### **Recommendation 2**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor Shirton

THAT the 2020 Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast 2020-2029 be amended as follows:

- Page # 104, Arenas

- In the year 2020, delete 744028 - HCCC - Arena Computer System Replacement with a gross expenditure of \$60,000 and related financing of \$60,000 from the Capital Replacement Reserve - General.

**CARRIED**

### **Recommendation 3**

Moved By: Councillor Dalimonte

Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

1. WHEREAS Council received a verbal update regarding the 130001 - High Speed Broadband Internet project from the General Manager, Financial and Data Services at Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Council in Committee meeting, advising the project be increased from \$100,000 to an upset limit of \$350,000 and the following amendments be made to the Capital Budget as follows:

	<b>Current Approved Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Revised Budget</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Consulting Services	\$100,000	\$350,000
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>Financing:</b>		
Capital Replacement Reserve – General	(\$100,000)	
Capital Replacement Reserve – Information Technology		(\$350,000)
<b>Total Financing:</b>	<b>(\$100,000)</b>	<b>(\$350,000)</b>
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2. AND THAT the Revised Budget as outlined be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Recommendation 4**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Corbett

THAT the Project Briefs presented in the March 5, 2020 Committee of the Whole agenda be deferred for consideration to the 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

**Recommendation 5**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Dalimonte

1. THAT the 2020 Draft Tax Supported Capital Budget and Forecast 2020-2029 be received and adopted as amended;
2. AND THAT the budgets and related financing be approved for the proposed 2020 tax supported capital expenditures in the amount of \$37,091,350 with projected debenture financing of \$3,126,110;

3. AND THAT the Capital Forecast for Tax Supported Services, for the years 2021 to 2029 be approved in principle, in the amount of \$209,335,470 with projected debenture financing of \$7,873,500 ;
4. AND THAT additional contributions totaling \$54,900 be included in the 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget as a transfer to General, Fleet and Infrastructure Technology capital reserves related to new initiatives as identified in the 2020 Tax Supported Capital Budget;
5. AND THAT an additional contribution of \$370,000 be included in the 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget as a transfer to the Capital Replacement Reserve – Community Halls to accommodate the impacts of new expenditure estimates resulting from Building Condition Assessments;
6. AND THAT an additional contribution of \$410,000 be included in the 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget as a transfer to the Capital Replacement Reserve - General to offset the projected depletion based on updated capital needs;
7. AND THAT the ongoing contribution to Capital Replacement Reserve – Storm be decreased by \$50,000 based on projected needs;
8. AND THAT an additional contribution of \$309,620, based on a 2% inflation adjustment for various reserves, be included in the 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget to be transferred to the various capital reserves as included in Appendix C;
9. AND THAT the balance within the Waste Management Reserve Fund be transferred to the Capital Replacement Reserve – General and the Waste Management Reserve Fund be closed effective December 31, 2019;
10. AND THAT the 2019 Caledonia Fire Hall Land Purchase project funded from Capital Replacement Reserve – General now be funded from the Land Sales Reserve effective December 31, 2019;
11. AND THAT the Draft 2020 Tax Supported Operating Budget reflect a total 1.00% levy increase for capital purposes;
12. AND THAT Development Related Debt be issued on existing capital projects for the Storm Water – Dunnville, Alder Street – Cedar to West projects, as outlined in Appendix E;
13. AND THAT Development Related Debt be issued, as required, on future capital projects of Caledonia Fire and EMS Station, Caledonia Argyle Bridge, Caledonia Arterial Road, Hagersville Library and Dunnville Fire and EMS Station, as outlined in Appendix E.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommendation 6**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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MAYOR

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DEPUTY CLERK