



**Haldimand**  
County

**THE CORPORATION OF HALDIMAND COUNTY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Date:** December 8, 2022  
**Time:** 9:30 A.M.  
**Location:** Haldimand County Administration Building

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

- S. Bentley, Mayor
- S. Patterson, Councillor
- J. Metcalfe, Councillor
- D. Lawrence, Councillor
- N. Stam, Councillor
- R. Shirton, Councillor
- P. O'Neill, Councillor

**STAFF PRESENT**

- C. Manley, Chief Administrative Officer
- 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
- B. Hedges, Manager, Environmental Operations
- H. Love, Supervisor, Budget & Financial Planning
- E. Eichenbaum, Manager, Clerks Division / Municipal Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bentley called the Special Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Bentley read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

**C. ROLL CALL**

The Mayor and all Members of Council were in attendance.

**D. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1 Draft 2023 Rate Supported Budget**

#### **1.1 Opening Remarks**

C. Manley introduced the Draft Water and Wastewater Rate Supported Operating Budget and Capital Forecast, noting that inflation, insurance and Hamilton water rate increases are all drivers with this budget, although growth has been a factor as well.

#### **1.2 Presentation - Overview of the Draft 2023 Rate Supported Budget**

M. Merritt and H. Love provided an overview of the Draft 2023 Rate Supported Budget, noting some of the budget principles and guidelines that are used in establishing rates. It was noted that the majority of cost increase has been offset by growth. Historical trends were noted along with rates from comparator municipalities.

#### **1.3 Project Briefs for Consideration**

#### **1.4 Resolution Approval**

##### **Resolution 127-22**

Moved By: Councillor Patterson

Seconded By: Councillor Metcalfe

THAT the Hwy #6 Transmission Main Twinning project included in the 2023 Draft Rate Supported Water and Wastewater Capital Budget and Forecast 2023-2032 be approved as presented, with total gross costs of \$5,410,000, and funded from Development Charges related debt.

**CARRIED**

##### **Resolution 128-22**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

1. THAT the 2023 Draft Rate Supported Water and Wastewater Operating Budget and Capital Forecast, be received;
2. AND THAT the 2023 Rate Supported Water Operating Budget be approved, with a net revenue requirement from user rates of \$7,690,350;
3. AND THAT the 2023 Rate Supported Wastewater Operating Budget be approved, with a net revenue requirement from user rates of \$7,518,310;

4. AND THAT any 2023 rate supported net operating surpluses/deficits be contributed to or from the Water or Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserves, to a maximum reserve balance of 25% of applicable rate revenue, with amounts exceeding 25% for four years in a row contributed to the applicable Capital Replacement Reserve Fund;
5. AND THAT the appropriate by-laws be passed to reflect changes in User Fees and Miscellaneous Charges, as identified in Operating Appendix C, of the 2023 Draft Rate Supported Water and Wastewater Operating Budget and Capital Forecast, effective January 1st, 2023;
6. AND THAT the budgets and related financing be approved for the proposed 2023 water and wastewater capital expenditures, in the amount of \$22,794,000, with projected debenture financing of \$0;
7. AND THAT the Capital Forecast for Rate Supported Services, for the years 2024 to 2032 be approved in principle, in the amount of \$183,297,040 with projected debenture financing of \$0;
8. AND THAT Development Related Debt be issued on existing and future projects as outlined in Capital Appendix E of the 2023 Draft Rate Supported Water and Wastewater Operating Budget and Capital Forecast.

**CARRIED**

**F. BY-LAWS**

- 1 By-law 2396/22 to establish water and wastewater charges and to repeal By-law 2328/22

**Resolution 129-22**

Moved By: Councillor Lawrence

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

THAT By-law 1, as listed, be hereby introduced and given a first and second reading.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 130-22**

Moved By: Councillor Stam

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

THAT By-law 1, as listed, be hereby introduced and given a third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, the corporate seal affixed thereto and numbered.

**CARRIED**

**G. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**Resolution 131-22**

Moved By: Councillor Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor O'Neill

THAT the Confirming By-law be hereby introduced and given a first and second reading.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 132-22**

Moved By: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded By: Councillor Lawrence

THAT the Confirming By-law be hereby introduced and given a third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, the corporate seal affixed thereto and numbered.

**CARRIED**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 133-22**

Moved By: Councillor Shirton

Seconded By: Councillor Stam

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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MAYOR

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CLERK