MINUTES

for the

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

February 26, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Carling Council Chambers
2 West Carling Bay Road, Nobel, Ontario

Attendance

Council Members Present
Mayor Murphy
Councillor Cook
Councillor Doubrough
Councillor Kelly
Councillor Wing

Staff Present
Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk
Mackenzie Taylor, Deputy Clerk
Sylvia Roy, Treasurer
Gord Harrison, Fire Chief
Chris Waefler, Public Works Manager
Naythan Nunes, Chief Building Official

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING

The Treasurer presented an overview of the budget. The Mayor opened the floor to the public to comment on the proposed 2024 Budget.

Gary Bauer commented on the positive developments of the administrative team. He expressed his concerns on the proposed tax increase. He would like to see a 0% tax increase and is asking Council to re-evaluate the 2024 budget.

Daryle Moffatt commented and made recommendations on the budget process, efficiencies, communication and plans for the Township's future.

Bob Weir compared Carling's budget to Municipality of Whitestone's and the Township of McKellar's budget. He expressed concern that the Township's reserves were too high. He shared comments from the the Pengally Bay Ratepayers Association members.

Robin Plumb also compared Carling's budget to the Municipality of Whitestone's and the Township of McKellar's. He expressed concern about communication. He believes the Township is overpaying staff.

Richard Wilson asked a question regarding Carling's share of the funding for the West Parry Sound Area Recreation and Cultural Centre.

Alan Unwin would like to see better communication from the Township. He would like the Township to share more information on their finances. He is concerned with the amount of money in reserves.

Donna Tucker asked a question regarding the operating costs for the West Parry Sound Area Recreation and Culture Centre, she would like to see a project breakdown. She thinks the Township should create a finance committee.

Stella Weir expressed her concerns about the budget process.

Barry Wilkinson addressed the salary increases of staff.

Frank Hicks noted that he does not agree with comments made about the salary increases of staff. He does not think the tax rate is out of line from other areas and the Township should not be cutting back on reserves and equipment costs.

4. CLOSED SESSION

24-019 **Moved by Councillor Wing**
Seconded by Councillor Cook

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move into a CLOSED SESSION at 11:29 a.m., pursuant to Section 239(2)(b)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended for matters pertaining to identifiable individuals to be carried on by the municipality in relation to communications.

Carried

24-020 **Moved by Councillor Doubrough**
Seconded by Councillor Wing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of a CLOSED SESSION at 12:54 p.m.

Carried

5. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2024-09 **Moved by Wing**
Seconded by Doubrough

BEING A BY-LAW to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on February 26, 2024.

Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

24-021

Moved by Councillor Wing
Seconded by Councillor Doubrough

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Susan Murphy, Mayor

Kevin McLlwain, CAO/Clerk