

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Regular Council Meeting

Meeting No. 02-2010

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Members Present: Mayor Gord Minielly
Deputy Mayor Carolyn Jamieson
Councillor John Dehondt
Councillor Bill Weber
Councillor Mark Simpson
Councillor Ruth Illman
Councillor Gerry Rupke
Councillor John Russell

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer John Byrne
Clerk Carol McKenzie
Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Minielly asked members to declare any pecuniary or conflict of interest that they may have and none were declared.

3. CONSIDERATION OF STAFF REPORTS

3.1 C.A.O. Report No. 45-2009 and 43-2009 Re: 1st Draft of the 2010 Operating and Capital Budgets

C.A.O. Reports No. 45-2009 and 43-2009, together with the accompanying draft preliminary budget, were reviewed, and Chief Administrative Officer John Byrne noted that the goal of the draft budget was to reflect the priorities that Council had previously identified, and included the commitments to projects that had previously been made. Also noted was the fact that several issues would require further discussion and direction from Council.

The various components of the draft capital budget were reviewed, including Water and Waste Water systems, Road and Transportation Infrastructure, Recreation and Leisure Services, Community Services Vehicles and Equipment, Information Technology and the Fire Department Facilities and Equipment.

Proposed projects were discussed, including the need for a study of the area roads to assist in the determination of future priorities. Many of the requests for recreational

projects will be considered and prioritized during the Recreation Master Plan, scheduled for completion in late 2010.

One item not included that has previously been discussed was the “Grand Bend Harbour Master Plan”, which would review and evaluate the existing facilities to ensure they are in a safe condition and meet the current needs. Mr. Byrne advised that a further report on this issue will be forthcoming.

In presenting the Operating Budgets, Mr. Byrne pointed out that the budget had been prepared using the “Business Unit” format which allows Council and Staff to get a true understanding of the cost of service delivery. The Business Units were also established to allow for Council to assess the potential use of “user fees” to offset the cost of service delivery rather than placing those costs on all taxpayers.

Mr. Byrne pointed out that some of the business units may require adjustments of the “user fees” to help offset costs. Business Units warranting possible adjustments included “Cemeteries”, “Building Inspection”, “Marinas”, “By-Law Enforcement”, “Concession Booths” and “Solid Waste Management”.

Staff was asked to report back to Council with recommendations regarding user fee adjustments and the potential for outsourcing service delivery, as in the case of “Solid Waste Management”.

The changes discussed will be incorporated into the next draft, and presented to Council at the next budget session.

3.2 CL Report No. 03 – 2010 Re: Vacant Council Seat – Ward 6

CL Report No. 03-2010 provided an update on the process to fill the vacant Ward 6 Council seat, and the proposed format for the candidate interviews. It was noted that the last date to file applications for the seat was noon on January 25th, and the interviews are scheduled for February 8, 2010 during the regular Council meeting.

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Moved by: Councillor Weber

Seconded by: Councillor DeHondt

That CL Report No. 03-2010 providing an update on filling the vacant Ward 6 Council Seat be received and filed. Carried

3.3 Bendway Weir Project Assessments - Plan 427, Lot 26

Council had previously received a delegation from Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority representatives regarding the Bendway Weir billing for Plan 427, Lot 26.

At that time, it was noted that at the commencement of the project, it had been assumed that the lot was owned by the Municipality of Lambton Shores. When the Municipality initiated the process to offer the property for sale, it was determined that the lot was owned by Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and had merged with the other lots owned by the Authority. A.B.C.A. General Manager Tom Prout advised that the

