

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Regular Council Meeting

Meeting No. 04-2010

Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 04, 2010

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

Staff Present: C.A.O. John Byrne
Clerk Carol McKenzie
Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West
Treasurer Janet Ferguson

Media Present: There was no media present

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 2:00 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.

2010 BUDGET

Revised budget sheets that reflected the changes made to the 2010 Capital Budget at the January 19, 2010 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

A discussion ensued on the timing for the final section of the Ipperwash Walkway along East Parkway Drive, and Director of Community Services Peggy Van Mierlo-West advised that the project had not been allocated a construction date, and that the estimated cost for the work was \$55,830.00. After discussing the various projects, the decision was made to defer the construction of the sidewalk from Biddulph Street to the Harbour in Port Franks scheduled for 2011, and use those funds to complete the Ipperwash sidewalk.

Chief Administrative Officer John Byrne advised that it may be possible to fund the Ipperwash sidewalk from the Vehicle and Equipment reserve in 2010, as there isn't any major equipment acquisitions planned.

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**Moved by: Councillor Simpson
Seconded by: Councillor Rupke**

That the funds for the final section of the Ipperwash Walkway be taken from the Community Services Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund. Carried

The walkway from Highway 21 to the Port Franks Community Centre and the pavilion at the Port Franks Community Centre were moved to the 2011 capital budget.

Chief Administrative Officer John Byrne noted that the future year's projects on several of the roads capital forecasts were "shaded" to note that the priorities would be determined from the "Road Needs Study" that will be undertaken later this year.

Future projects that could be eligible for future stimulus funding programs were discussed, and it was noted that a review and update of the strategic plan will be beneficial to review the Municipal priorities. Councillor Rupke noted that the servicing of the south end of the Municipality with sanitary sewers would be possible if 100% funding was available.

A review of the proposed 2010 Operating Budget and the Municipal business units transpired. The impact the economy had on the revenue of several of the business units, such as Planning, Building, and parking, was noted.

When reviewing the information provided with the budget for the Lambton Shores' Fire Department, it was noted that a significant amount of calls are for "medical assists" and that the County of Lambton should once again be made aware of this. Chief Administrative Officer John Byrne noted that the information provided does not reflect the training hours or fire prevention role of the members, and detailed the additional demands being placed on the departments by the Fire Marshal's Office. He noted the requirements were making it difficult for volunteer firefighters that work full time, and it may be necessary for "tiered" departments in the future, comprised of both full and part time members.

Also discussed was the allocation of the Provincial Offences revenues provided by the County of Lambton to the lower tier municipalities, and the County representative will discuss the proportions during the County budget sessions.

Transportation services were also discussed, along with harbour services, and arenas.

Other business units were reviewed, and general questions answered.

That the Council meeting goes "In Camera" at 4:50 p.m. to discuss legal matters and will reconvene immediately thereafter.

Carried

Council rose from the closed session at 5:05 p.m.

ADJOURN

**10-0204-05 Moved by: Councillor Illman
Seconded by: Councillor Simpson**

That the Council meeting adjourn at 5:06 p.m.

Carried