



**CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

November 14, 2017
Council Chambers
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

PRESENT: Guy Desjardins, Mayor
Jean-Marc Lalonde, Councillor Ward 1
Mario Zanth, Councillor Ward 2
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3
Charles Berlinguette, Councillor Ward 4
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5
Krysta Simard, Councillor Ward 6
Michel Levert, Councillor Ward 7

ABSENT: Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8
Staff Present Helen Collier, Chief Administrative Officer
Monique Ouellet, Clerk

1. Opening of the meeting

Mayor Desjardins calls the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Carl Grimard

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

None

4. Presentation of an overview of the 2018 Preliminary Budget

Mrs. Helen Collier gives an overview of the preliminary budget. She explains that further to Council's direction in June, staff has prepared some options to reduce

the proposed budget for consideration. She further explains that staff will be providing, at the end of the deliberations, a list of all the changes proposed during the budget process for final consideration.

Further to Mrs. Collier's comments in regards to the impact of Bill 148 not being considered in the 2018 preliminary budget, members discuss if this should be considered or not at this time.

Mr. Frederic Desnoyers continues the presentation and explains how the money collected by taxes is distributed.

Further to questions, Mr. Desnoyers and Mrs. Collier explain the debt, and Mr. Robert Kehoe explains that the development charges study will be revised in 2018.

Further to questions in regards to rates for waste services, Mr. Robert Kehoe explains that a report will be submitted to Council in December recommending that those home based business that were charged both residential and commercial rates receive a reimbursement.

5. Community Services' 2018 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Mr. Pierre Boucher presents the department's proposed operational budget.

Mr. Jean-Luc Jubinville presents the proposed budget for the recreation sector. Further to the proposed overtime budget increase, Council asks if it is possible to reduce the number of meetings or impose a flex time schedule in an attempt to reduce the overtime.

DIRECTIVE: That staff prepare options to reduce the proposed increase for administration overtime.

Further to questions in regards to the proposed overtime budget increase for the Ottawa River Festival, Mr. Boucher explains that the traffic control would be outsourced or done internally after providing appropriate training for staff.

DIRECTIVE: That the amount of \$5000.00 be removed from the tax rate and that there be an increase in the revenues for the Ottawa River Festival in that same amount.

Further to question in regards to amount proposed in the budget for the YMCA Complex, Mr. Robert Kehoe explains that the YMCA business plan projected a level of membership that has not been reached and therefore creating financial hardship. He further explains that negotiations are still in progress.

Further to the recommendation to increase the ice rental rates by 5%, members discuss the potential of including an application on the website to reserve and

pay for ice time rental. Mr. Kehoe explains that a report will be coming back to Council in regards to online payment in the near future.

DIRECTIVE: That the ice rental rates for prime time hours remain at \$235/hr and that the down time hours remain at \$200/hr; and further that the ice rental rates be increased by 3% for the minor sports associations as well as for the last minute ice rental for others.

Mr. Boucher explains that a study is currently being conducted in regards to ice time rates which will be presented to Council early in the new year.

DIRECTIVE: That the proposed reduction of \$10,000 for the portable toilets be removed.

DIRECTIVE: That the second proposed reduction of \$5,000 to abolish the free swimming be removed.

Mr. Pierre Boucher presents the proposed budget for the public transportation services.

The President of the CRTranspo Advisory Committee presents his concerns in regards to the proposed rate increase and the proposed service level reduction.

DIRECTIVE: That the rates for the CRTranspo be increase by 2% with the reduction of one (1) route for 2018.

Mr. Pierre Boucher presents the proposed budget for the daycare services.

Mr. Jean-Luc Jubinville presents the proposed budget for capital expenditures for the recreation sector, and speaks more specifically to the proposed park within the Morris Village.

Mr. Lalonde, President of the Morris Village Park Committee presents the proposed project.

Mayor Desjardins explains that further discussions in regards to the proposed increase for the Morris Village Park will be required.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting at 10:50 p.m. as proposed by Councillor Mario Zanth and Seconded by Councillor Michel Levert and carried.

Guy Desjardins, Mayor

Monique Ouellet, Clerk