



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

January 22, 2019
Council Chambers
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

PRESENT: Guy Desjardins, Mayor
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor Ward 1
Mario Zanth, Councillor Ward 2
Don Bouchard, Councillor Ward 4
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5
Christian Simard, Councillor Ward 6
Michel Levert, Councillor Ward 7
Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8
Monique Ouellet, Clerk
Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3

1. Opening of the meeting

Mayor Desjardins calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Adoption of the agenda

RESOLUTION COW2019-12

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Don Bouchard

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests (none)

Request from Mr. Yves Laviolette in regard to an erosion issue on his property:

Yves Laviolette, 1058 Baseline, explains that he has an erosion issue on his property, due to the City's drainage. He asks the City to reconsider the decision on the capital budget, in regard to ditch work on private property, which was

rejected. Mayor Desjardins explains that if there is a budget surplus, this item could perhaps be reconsidered.

4. Administration's 2019 Preliminary Budget Presentation

DIRECTIVE: THAT the interest on receivable account (1-3-0150-0551) be increased by \$5,000.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the tax account name change account (1-3-0150-0556) be increased to \$20,000.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$30,000 for translation of council meetings filming be rejected.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the advertising account (1-4-1123-3005) be reduced to \$0.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the committee account (1-4-1123-3139) be reduced to \$0.

Further to questions, Mrs. Monique Ouellet explains that the integrity commissioner is required by law. She adds that should Council wish to appoint the same integrity commissioner that was appointed by the UCPR, it is possible.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$10,000 for the integrity commissioner be reduced to 5,000\$.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$500 for meals (Human Resources) be rejected.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$10,000 for leadership training and succession planning be approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$2,500 for health and safety supplies be approved.

5. Finance Services' 2019 Preliminary Budget Presentation

DIRECTIVE: THAT the tax certificates revenue account be reduced to \$4,000.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,000 for the auditing be reduced to \$7,500.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$8,000 for the software be rejected.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$3,000 for the booking software be rejected.

Proposed increase in user fees for General Government and Finance

Further to discussions, the following directive is adopted:

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed user fee increases for the General Government and Finance be approved.

Capital Budget

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$47,500 for the Information Technology Lifecycle be approved.

Further to questions, Mr. Julian Lenhart explains that the current asset management software does not suit all departments' needs, in particular for Finance. Mr. Robert Kehoe explains that this software search would be completed by the new Chief Information Officer.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$50,000 for the Corporate asset and management software review be approved.

Mr. Frédéric Desnoyers explains the financing for the various capital projects discussed during the budget deliberations.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$200,000 for the Rockland City Hall parking be rejected.

Further to questions, Mr. Brian Wilson explains that the fire burn container would avoid training in Ottawa. He adds that this project is currently on hold, due to the construction of fire stations.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$75,000 for the fire burn container be rejected.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$450,426 for the Bourget Train Station development be maintained.

Break from 7:24 pm to 7:34 pm.

6. 2019 Preliminary Budget Wrap-up

Mr. Robert Kehoe explains that further to Council's directive to reduce the tax increase to 3%, directors prepared options for Council's consideration and refers to the document entitled "Service Level Option List".

Mr. Pierre Boucher reports on the meeting that was held with Mr. Leduc in regard to the public transit services, further to the budget deliberations of last week.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the public transit budget be reduced by \$250,000 in order to reflect the discontinuance of the public transportation contract as of August 31,

2019 and that Council considers the adoption of a resolution to confirm this at the next regular meeting.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the budget be reduced by the amount of \$119,600 thus, representing elimination of the Director of Finance and Economic Development position.

DIRECTIVE: THAT Community Services be mandated to negotiate a partnership agreement with the school board for their use of the Jean-Marc Lalonde Arena.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the snow bank removal budget be reduced by \$50,000 representing a reduction of service level.

Mr. Julian Lenhart explains that according to our policy, snow clearing should be at a lower service level than what is being offered.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the snow clearing budget be reduced by \$200,000 and that the snow clearing service level return to the level outlined in the existing policy.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the budget be reduced by \$75,000 representing the reduction of one by-law officer position.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$50,000 for the additional economic development reserve contribution be approved.

Mr. Wilson clarifies the standards to meet with the door-to-door Get out alive Program.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the door-to-door Get out alive Program be reduced by \$35,000.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed increase of 2% for daycare services fees be maintained.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the number of volunteer firefighters be maintained at 74.

Mr. Robert Kehoe explains that the proposed budget for pay-as-you-go corresponds to the necessary contributions to the reserves.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$100,000 for the buildings pay-as-you-go be reduced to \$50,000.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$100,000 for the roads pay-as-you-go be reduced to \$75,000.

RECOMMENDATION COW2019-13

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

THAT the special committee of the whole meeting be adjourned in order to discuss the following item, as stipulated in Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended:

6.1. CIH proposal

CARRIED

Members of Council move to the conference room adjacent to the Council Chambers at 9:23 p.m. and return to the Council Chambers at 9:40 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION COW2019-14

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Samuel Cardarelli

THAT the closed meeting be adjourned to resume the special committee of the whole meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor Desjardins informs the members of the public that Council discussed the CIH proposition in closed session and that the following recommendation be considered.

DIRECTIVE: THAT a \$50,000 revenue be added to the building reserve (account 1-3-1220-0581) and that an expense of \$50,000 be added to the contingency (account 1-4-1223-3998)

DIRECTIVE: THAT the Administration be mandated to prepare a report in regard to the costs of making employee benefits available to the members of Council.

RECOMMENDATION COW2019-15

Moved by André J. Lalonde

Seconded by Michel Levert

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends that the 2019 budget be approved with the proposed amendments, representing a 3.51% rate increase.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourns the meeting at 9:43 pm.

Guy Desjardins, Mayor

Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk