



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

November 5, 2019
Council Chambers
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

PRESENT: Guy Desjardins, Mayor
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor Ward 1
Mario Zanth, Councillor Ward 2
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3
Don Bouchard, Councillor Ward 4
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5
Christian Simard, Councillor Ward 6
Michel Levert, Councillor Ward 7
Helen Collier, Chief Administrative Officer
Monique Ouellet, Clerk
Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8

1. Opening of the meeting

Mayor Desjardins calls the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Adoption of the agenda

RESOLUTION COW2019-144

Moved by Mario Zanth

Seconded by Michel Levert

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests (none)

4. Public requests

4.1 Presentation by Richard Gadoua regarding improvements on Brazeau Road

Mr. Richard Gadoua, 1103 Brazeau Road, reiterates the petition that was presented at the June 18, 2018, Regular meeting and January 15, 2019 Budget meeting regarding improvements requested on Brazeau Road.

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart confirms that ditch works were completed on Brazeau Road this year.

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart explains that many culverts were replaced this year, which explains why some road repairs could not be completed.

Mrs. Carole Parent, 1158 Brazeau Road, explains that there is soil erosion along the road on the hill and the situation is becoming dangerous. Mayor Desjardins asks Mr. Lenhart to follow-up on this matter.

Mrs. Sheila Mann, 1221 Brazeau Road, explains that many years ago, the City invested a lot in order to put gravel on Brazeau Road, which ended in the ditch a few days later. She explains that more gravel won't solve the problem since everything will end in the ditch after. Mayor Desjardins explains that when gravel is spread and compacted like Rollin Road, there are no issues like this.

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart confirms that Brazeau Road is not included in the 10-year plan, but this is due to many factors and requirements. He adds that the assessment is made according to the road network and traffic.

Mrs. Lise Rousseau, 1240 Brazeau Road, explains that the road condition has a major impact on vehicle maintenance.

Mr. Paul Pagé, 1536 Brazeau Road, explains that if the gravel is compacted it will avoid the mud.

Maurice Hupé, 1278 Brazeau Road, explains that the amount of tax payers affected should be considered to determine priorities.

4.2 Presentation by Anne Lizotte regarding the Expo Clarence-Rockland

Mrs. Anne Lizotte presents her request regarding the 10th edition of the Expo Clarence-Rockland.

Further to questions, Michel Cousineau explains that temporary measures will be considered to solve the connectivity problem.

DIRECTIVE: THAT Council mandates the Administration to find a connectivity option for the Clarence-Rockland Arena.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the \$6,500 budget pressure for the Expo Clarence-Rockland be approved.

4.3 Financial support request from the "Leadership et Teambuilding" Program

Helen Collier explains that a meeting was held with representatives of this program. She explains that their funding request is for \$20,000.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the funding request from the Leadership and Teambuilding Program be rejected.

5. Presentation of an overview of the 2020 Preliminary Budget

Frédéric Desnoyers presents the 2020 Preliminary Budget Summary.

Further to questions, Mr. Desnoyers explains that the debt limit is not fixed and changes every year.

Further to questions, Mr. Desnoyers explains that most municipalities establish a debt limit in order to avoid an impact on the municipal budget. He adds that the debt is used for essential projects.

Further to questions, Mr. Desnoyers explains that the Water Reserve Fund may seem high but it is used to pay expensive infrastructure for the City.

6. Community Services' 2020 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Pierre Boucher presents the budget pressures for Community Services.

Further to questions, Mr. Boucher confirms that all other daycares in the area charge for holidays.

Further to questions, Mr. Boucher explains that any daycare municipal contribution surplus funds are transferred to the municipal surplus fund.

Further to questions, Mr. Boucher confirms that a plan with fee increase options will be provided in a report in early 2020.

Further to questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville explains that the tree plantation program will be reassessed in the year, which is why no budget is suggested in the 2020 Budget.

Further to questions, Martin Irwin explains that the funding support program has been modified in order to be more inclusive, in particular for organizations that are not necessary non for profit.

Further to questions, Mr. Irwin explains that the Mayor's Golf Tournament Fund is not only for cultural activities. Ms. Helen Collier adds that this event is not financed by public funds. Mr. Pierre Boucher explains that a report will be provided by his Department in order to clarify the difference between the funding support program and the Mayor Golf Tournament Funds.

Further to questions, Pierre Boucher precises that the ice rate increase is for 2.5% and not for 2% as recommended for other fee increases. Frédéric Desnoyers precises that if the increase is not granted, the City will have to pay for the shortfall to the CIH.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed budget in the amount of \$2,000 for the annual family day at the Bourget Park requested by the “Comité de Loisirs de Bourget” be rejected.

DIRECTIVE: THAT Community Services be mandated to prepare a report with regards to policies for the funding support program and the Mayor's Golf Tournament.

Capital Budget:

DIRECTIVE: THAT if the partnership for Bourget outside rink boards and cement surface is not established for an amount of \$45,000, the Cathy Cain Park Rink Boards Project will be made with \$45,000 from the Gas Tax grant and \$5,000 from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Otherwise, the Cathy Cain Park Rink Boards Project is rejected.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$50,000 for the replacement of play structures at the Bourget Park be approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$25,000 for picnic tables and bench be approved.

Further to questions, Julian Lenhart explains that if the City decides to maintain pathways, it should be as per the standards and the services can't be reduced during the season. Jean-Luc Jubinville adds that last year signs were installed in order to indicate that the pathways are not cleaned and that the City is not liable.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$35,000 for the paved parkway at the Dutrisac Park be approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$100,000 for the Du Moulin Park development be approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$113,300 for the floor replacement at the Bourget Community Center be approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$40,000 for plans and specifications for the roof and HVAC system replacement at the Clarence Creek Arena Community Hall be approved.

Mr. Jubinville mentions that further to the receipt of the engineer's report, a reduction of \$100,000 is possible for the exterior emergency staircase repair project at the Clarence Creek Arena, for a total budget of \$106,000.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$106,000 for the exterior emergency staircase repair project at the Clarence Creek Arena be approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$100,000 for the replacement of audiovisual equipment at the Optimiste Performance Hall be approved.

Further to questions, Jean-Luc Jubinville explains that further to health and safety issues, the project for the new Community Services garage is proposed. Pierre Boucher adds that the goal is to centralize the operations.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$424,000 for the courtyard development at the new Community Services Garage be deferred to the next budget meeting.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$17,000 for the purchase of 10 feet dump trailer be approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of a 16-foot trailer be approved.

Further to questions, Helen Collier explains that the website for the economic development branch will be brought as a separate project than the new website.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$75,000 for a new website is approved.

DIRECTIVE: THAT the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$85,000 for the replacement of the TYM tractor is approved.

7. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourns the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Guy Desjardins, Mayor

Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk