

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2009
Committee Room
(5:30 p.m.)

1. MOMENT OF MEDITATION:

A moment of meditation was observed.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk gave the roll call and the following Council Members were present:

Mayor Grossi	Regional Councillor Wheeler
Councillor Jordan Clark	Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Szollosy	Councillor Hackenbrook
Councillor Smockum	

Members of Staff in attendance:

Sue Plamondon, CAO
Rebecca Mathewson, Director of Administrative Services and Treasurer
Harold Lenters, Director of Planning and Building
Bob Magloughlen, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Brock McDonald, Manager of Policy and Development
Bill O'Neill, Manager of Emergency Services and Fire Chief
Darlene Carson Hildebrand, Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer
Mary Baxter, Director of Library Services/CEO
Roland Chenier, Town Clerk

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS AND DEPUTATIONS:

Rebecca Mathewson handed out the 2009 Proposed Budget with the estimated property tax impact – March 10, 2009.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0133

THAT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDENDUM ITEM BE APPROVED:

- 4.1 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET – ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX IMPACT – MARCH 10, 2009.

Carried.....

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Jamieson declared an interest in items dealing with the purchase of any vehicles as his employer, S & B Motors Keswick, could potentially be bidding. He also declared an interest in staffing, wages and benefits for Leisure Services Department unionized employees because his son is an employee of the Leisure Services Department.

Councillor Hackenbrook declared an interest in the budget dealing with physician recruitment as his spouse is an employee of a local health centre.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0134

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/BUDGET REVIEW HELD ON MARCH 4, 2009 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Carried.....

7. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET

Sue Plamondon, CAO, updated Council on the 2009 proposed budget and the estimated property tax impact.

7. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET (cont'd):

At the end of the Special Council Meeting/Budget Review held on March 4, 2009, the 2009 budget reflected a 4.10% increase for the Town portion of the tax bill and a 2.62% increase when combined with the Region and School Board or \$84.22 per household.

Senior Management met on March 10, 2009 and identified additional savings of \$273,840.00 that are identified on the March 10, 2009 proposed budget document that was added to the agenda.

When factoring these additional cuts to the budget if approved by Council, the increase for the Town portion of the tax bill is 3.03% and when combined with the Region and School Board, the total increase is 2.15% or \$69.18 per household on an average assessment of \$230,713.00.

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair at this time; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Grossi

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0135

THAT THE BUDGET AMOUNT OF \$18,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL BUDGET AT THE ICE PALACE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SHUTTERS IN THE BANQUET HALL BE REMOVED.

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi resumed the Chair.

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair at this time; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Grossi

That the Capital Budget for Deer Park Drive in the amount of \$620,000.00 be removed.

Lost – no seconder

7. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET (cont'd):

Moved by Mayor Grossi

That the Deer Park Drive reconstruction be done over two years and that we put in reserve \$310,000.00 as part of levy in 2009.

Lost – no seconder

Mayor Grossi resumed the Chair.

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair at this time; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Grossi

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That the Georgina Arts Council budget of \$75,000.00 be reduced by \$15,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

Defeated.....

Mayor Grossi resumed the Chair.

Mayor Grossi removed himself from the Chair at this time; Deputy Mayor Wheeler assumed the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Grossi

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0136

THAT THE PLANTING PROGRAM (FLOWERS) BE REDUCED BY AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000.00 TO \$142,228.00.

Carried.....

Mayor Grossi resumed the Chair.

7. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET (cont'd):

Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0137

THAT THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOREGO THEIR SALARY INCREASE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2009 WITH AN ESTIMATED BUDGET REDUCTION OF \$5371.00.

Carried.....

Councillor Jamieson, having declared an interest in items dealing with the purchase of any vehicles as his employer, S & B Motors Keswick, could potentially be bidding and who also declared an interest in staffing, wages and benefits for Leisure Services Department unionized employees as his son is an employee of the Leisure Services Department, did not participate in any discussion or vote.

Moved by Councillor Jordan Clark

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

That Town Council ask staff to consider foregoing their wage increase effective April 1, 2009.

Defeated.....

Council considered the following motions as they relate to the individual conflicts, given that the final recommendations before the Council meeting should separate the recommendations to recognize the conflicts identified.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0138

THAT THE SALARY AND BENEFITS BUDGET FOR THE LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ANY ITEM RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2009 FOR FINAL ADOPTION.

Carried.....

7. REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET (cont'd):

Councillor Jamieson, having declared an interest in items dealing with the purchase of any vehicles as his employer, S & B Motors Keswick, could potentially be bidding on and who also declared an interest in staffing, wages and benefits for Leisure Services Department unionized employees as his son is an employee of the Leisure Services Department, did not participate in any discussion or vote.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0139

THAT THE BUDGET DEALING WITH PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2009 FOR FINAL ADOPTION.

Carried.....

Councillor Hackenbrook, having declared a conflict regarding the budget dealing with physician recruitment as his spouse in an employee of a local health centre, did not participate in any discussion or vote.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Smockum

RESOLUTION NO. SC-2009-0140

THAT THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS COMPRISING THE PROPOSED 2009 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET AS AMENDED IN THE MARCH 10, 2009 VERSION OF THE 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2009 FOR COUNCIL ADOPTION.

Carried.....

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

Moved by Councillor Smockum

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wheeler

That the following by-law be passed at this time:

By-law Number 2009-0029 (COU-2)

Being a by-law to confirm the
Proceedings

Carried.....

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Hackenbrook

Seconded by Councillor Szollosy

That the Special Council Meeting adjourn at this time (6:50 p.m.)

Carried.....

Robert Grossi, Mayor

Roland Chenier, Town Clerk