

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016**

A Special Meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Administration Centre. The purpose of the meeting was for consideration of the 2017 Capital and Operating Budget for the Township of Essa.

In attendance: Mayor Terry Dowdall
Deputy Mayor Sandie Macdonald
Councillor Keith White
Councillor Michael Smith
Councillor Ron Henderson

Staff in attendance: G. Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Mohr, Manager of Finance
C. Ross Tustin, Fire Chief
D. Perreault, Manager of Public Works
D. Straus, Recreation Coordinator/Programmer
B. Sander, Clerk

1. OPENING OF MEETING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Dowdall opened the Special meeting of Council 5:00 p.m. On behalf of Council, he thanked the Roads Department for doing a great job on snow clearing on the roads during the storm.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET – WORKING PAPER DATED November 16, 2016

STAFF REPORTS AND MEMORANDUMS

4. TREASURY

(a) Staff Report TR034-16 submitted by the Manager of Finance, re: 2017 Draft Budget.

The Manager of Finance stated that the overall budget did not change from two weeks ago. Council has stated that any surplus in 2017 is to be placed into reserves.

Resolution No: SCW019-2016 Moved by: Smith Seconded by: Macdonald

Be it resolved that staff report TR034-16 be received; and that Council consider approval of the 2016 budget of \$10,710,569 with a levy of \$6,121,369; and That a tax rating by-law be prepared for the consideration of Council.

----Carried----

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- (a) Previous correspondence from the Recreation Coordinator/Programmer,
re: Clock Tower.

Councillor White stated that he has had discussions with members of the Angus BIA concerning the cost of replacing/repairing the clock tower. Some members were not as supportive of the project but other members indicated their support for the project. Deputy Mayor Macdonald hoped the BIA would support the project. Council is in agreement that the clock does need to be fixed.

b) Ice Resurfacer

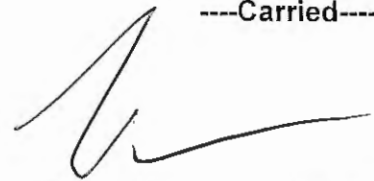
If Council decided to purchase a new resurfacer, it would not affect the levy as it will be purchased from Park Land Reserve. Staff are directed to proceed with tendering for a new machine. The 2003 Olympia is to be kept as a spare unit in case the ice resurfacer at the Angus or Thornton Arenas should break down.

6. ADJOURNMENT

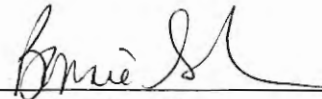
Resolution No: SCW020-2016 Moved by: Macdonald Seconded by: Smith

Be it resolved that this Special Meeting of the Council of the Township of Essa adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

----Carried----



Terry Dowdall, Mayor



Bonnie Sander, Clerk