



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
Main Level Chambers**

PRESENT: D. O'Mara, J. Koistinen, M. Youngs, J. Platts, W. Gustavson, C. Lowery, B. Koski

STAFF: S. Pandolfo, B. Turcotte, J. Sanderson, Peter Christie, C. Kramer, E. Gunnell

PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING

THE PURPOSE of this meeting is for Council to further discuss the 2024 Draft Municipal Budget (Capital and Operating) and give direction regarding the draft budget.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor O'Mara called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm. There were 5 people in the audience and 4 online. The Mayor called the Roll.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

24-280

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

Be it resolved that the Special Council Meeting agenda dated June 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

The Mayor called for any declaration of pecuniary interest. The Clerk stated that a notice had been received prior to the meeting from Councillor Youngs on Item 5.1 - 04 ECDEV Industrial Park Road Expansion.

STAFF REPORTS

2024 Draft Budget

The Acting Administrator/Treasurer explained that, at the last budget meeting there was direction from Council to bring back details on discretionary capital projects. She explained the minor

changes made to the draft budget since the last budget meeting that included a refined estimate for wage related costs, and increase in expected interest revenue, and a decrease in expected legal fees as a matter is anticipated to cost less. She informed Council that the current shortfall in the draft operating budget is currently sitting at \$53,000, which is equal to a 1% increase in the tax levy. Council discussed the list of capital projects and related details, and their priorities for them. Staff answered questions from Council regarding projects and reserves. Council debated whether or not the Fox Run project could be continued this year. Council discussed which reserves needed to be added to and taking money from some reserves for projects. Council discussed potential tax rate increases, the need to get public comment on the draft budget and the potential for further reduction in the operating costs. The following motion was passed:

24-281

MOVED BY: Brian Koski

SECONDED BY: J. Koistinen

Be it resolved that Council directs that the following changes be made to the draft budget before going out for public comment:

- To take \$28,000 from the Official Plan reserve, and
- To take \$42,500 from the arena reserve, and
- To take \$60,000 from the tax rate stabilization reserve, and
- To not put money this year into discretionary reserves, and
- To work towards a 6% tax rate increase;

And further that Council ask departments to take another look at operating costs to see if they can be trimmed.

CARRIED

Direction to Staff regarding the 2024 Draft Budget

24-282

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: W. Gustavson

Be it resolved that Council receive the report on the draft 2024 budget and direct staff to make the budget documents available for public comment, including any changes to the draft 2024 budget directed at this meeting.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RE THE 2024 DRAFT BUDGET

Questions from the public were received on the following topics:

- Are Council and staff aware that paving contractor offers financing for tar and chip roads for municipalities?
- How many households are there on Fox Run vs how many on the lake? Are they more expensive than on the lake? How are you going to explain to them on the lake that you can't repair a the Access Road?
- How can you justify \$600,000 on Fox Run, when you have more expensive houses on the Lake and they have a piddley budget line?

- Is the \$600,000 sustainable, or will the Municipality have to subsidize it forever?
- Has the Municipality done everything to beg and borrow funds from other levels of government and funding agencies?

ADJOURNMENT

24-283

MOVED BY: B. Koski

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

Be it resolved that this meeting adjourn at 9:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk