



Minutes
Cornwall City Council

Meeting #: 2021-34
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021, 5:00 PM
Location: Cornwall Civic Complex, 100 Water Street East, Cornwall, Ontario, K6H 6G4, Salon B, Lower Level
Chair: Glen G. Grant, Mayor
Prepared By: Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk

Attendance Committee Members: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor, Elaine MacDonald, Councillor (arrived at 6:48 p.m.), Syd Gardiner, Councillor, Dean Hollingsworth, Councillor, Carilyne Hébert, Councillor, Maurice Dupelle, Councillor (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Glen Grant, Mayor, Todd Bennett, Councillor, Eric Bergeron, Councillor, Denis Carr, Councillor

Regrets: Justin Towndale, Councillor

Attendance Administration: Maureen Adams, CAO, Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk, Debbie Caskenette, Deputy Clerk, Bill de Wit, Acting General Manager, Infrastructure and Municipal Works, Tracey Bailey, General Manager, Financial Services, Michael Fawthrop, Manager, Infrastructure, Paul Scrimshaw, Manager, Accounting, Shawn O'Brien, Manager, Municipal Works, Justin Cordell, Accounting & Budget Coordinator, Owen O'Keefe, Supervisor, Water Purification Plant, Pat Carriere, Supervisor, Wastewater Treatment, Dan Drouin, Supervisor, Water and Sewer, Dan Lauzon, Environmental Services Project Supervisor, Suday Jain, Team Lead Special Projects, Emma Meldrum, Public Information Coordinator

1. Roll Call

2. Opening

The Mayor acknowledged that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Mohawk people of Akwesasne.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Syd Gardiner, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Disclosures of Interest

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

5. Committee of the Whole

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: Todd Bennett, Councillor

Motion to go into the Committee of the Whole.

Motion Carried

6. Presentations and Reports

1. 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget, 2021-104-Financial Services

Bill de Wit, Acting General Manager, Infrastructure and Municipal Works and Tracey Bailey, Chief Financial Officer made a joint presentation on the 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Mr. de Wit outlined the goals and objectives of the 2022 Budget and how it aligns towards financial sustainability with the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan and the City's Strategic Plan. Mr. de Wit provided an overview of the proposed 2022 wastewater capital projects.

Michael Fawthrop, Manager, Infrastructure and Municipal Works stated that the 2022 Budget focused on the maintenance and replacement of current water system infrastructure while addressing the backlog. The current backlog as of the end of 2021 has been reduced to \$33.6 million when compared to \$41.2 million identified in the 2016 Asset Management Plan.

Mr. Fawthrop briefly described the proposed water infrastructure capital projects to be undertaken in 2022.

Tracey Bailey presented the financial and management framework of the 2022 Budget. Ms. Bailey noted that the water and wastewater rates were based on the recommendations of the Water Conservation and Servicing Master Plan. Aligning the budget with the Plan would address the existing inequities between the flat (per fixture) customers and the metered (consumptive) customers.

Ms. Bailey stated that the 2022 budget was prepared utilizing the 2021 surplus funds in the water reserves to decrease the planned rate increases. The 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget reflects a combined budget increase of 2.99% or \$578,237 to the utility billings from the 2021 Budget. The increase on the average residential property is estimated to be \$16.

Moved By: Eric Bergeron, Councillor

Seconded By: Claude E. McIntosh, Councillor

Motion to receive the 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget and approve the rates for 2022 at an increase of 1.59% for flat (per fixture) customers and 10% for metered (consumptive) customers.

Motion Carried

7. Adjournment

The next Regular Public Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021.

Moved By: Carilyne Hébert, Councillor

Seconded By: Maurice Dupelle, Councillor

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of November 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk

Glen G. Grant, Mayor