



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, West Elgin Municipal Building

Present: Mayor D. McPhail
Deputy Mayor R. Leatham
Councillor T. Tellier
Councillor A. Cammaert
Councillor B. Rowe

Staff Present: M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer
J. Nethercott, Clerk
L. Gosnell, Public Works Superintendent
J. Slater, Recreation Superintendent
M. Kalita, Utilities Manager

1. Call to Order

Mayor McPhail called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole adopt the agenda as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. 2020 Operating Budget

CAO/Treasurer M. Badura reported that an additional \$150,000 to the Operating budget since the last review. This equates to a 6.37% increase. Ms. Badura went through the main changes that caused the increase. At the current rate the rate payer would see an increase of \$60.44 per \$100,000 of property value, including county levy and education levy, this does not include increases to water or sewer rates.

Ms. Badura is recommending postponement of the Black's Road Project due to delays with requirements as part of the ICIP Grant. Public Works Superintendent L. Gosnell reported that with these delays we would be unable to complete this work in a timely manor to not affect the farming community and that by tendering this project this fall for 2021, a better price would be produced and we have 6 years to use this money and it seems this solves a lot of issues. Ms. Badura reported if this project is pushed back until 2021 it would reduce the tax rate to 2.08%.

West Elgin Council directed that the Black's Road Capital Project be delayed until 2021 budget.

5. Request to reduce Fees for Yoga

Councillor Tellier read a request from Ms. Bradshaw to reduce the fees back to the 2019 levels. Councillor Rowe suggested that Ms. Bradshaw be encouraged to request to be granted the 2019 rate as part of the Council grant process.

Council Tellier suggested that in the future we offer a small business rental rate for recreational program.

Councillor Tellier to contact her and ask her to bring a proposal to Council regarding the rate increase.

Committee of the Whole recessed at 11:05 am and reconvened at 11:08 am.

6. Funding Announcement

CAO/Treasurer M. Badura reported that West Elgin was awarded \$20,000 for the Organizational Review as part of the Province of Ontario Municipal Modernization Program.

7. Mould Remediation at Arena

Mayor McPhail reported on the Special Meeting of the West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management with regards to the mould remediation.

8. Adjournment

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Committee of the Whole hereby adjourn at 11:11 a.m.

Carried

Duncan McPhail, Mayor

Jana Nethercott, Clerk