

# Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa

## Public Meeting

### MINUTES

Thursday, February 2, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Guelph/Eramosa Township Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Chris White, Councillors Corey Woods, David Wolk, Mark Bouwmeester and Louise Marshall.

Present from Staff: CAO Ian Roger, Director of Finance Linda Cheyne, Director of Public Works Harry Niemi, Chief Building Official Dan Sharina, Fire Chief John Osborne, Deputy Fire Chief Jim Petrik, Acting Clerk Amanda Knight and Acting Deputy Clerk Jaclyn Rodrigues.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Presentation of the Proposed 2017 Budget to the Public.

The Mayor announced that this is a Public Meeting to hear comments from the public and agencies and to give consideration to the proposed 2017 Budget for the Township of Guelph/Eramosa.

The Clerk requested all persons in attendance clearly print their full name, address and postal code on the attendance sheet located on the table beside the entrance to Council Chambers. The Clerk noted that all names listed on the attendance sheet and the names of those who speak on this item will appear within the meeting minutes.

The Clerk advised that the Notice of Public Meeting was published in the Wellington Advertiser on January 6, 2017. Notice was posted on the Township's website on January 6, 2017.

The Mayor asked staff to present the 2017 Proposed Budget and noted that those who would like to provide input or ask questions are asked to wait until the end of the staff presentation and noted that the PowerPoint presentation from tonight will be made available on the Township's webpage following the meeting.

Linda Cheyne, Director of Finance began her presentation with an overview of the comprehensive list of services that are provided by the Township. Ms. Cheyne provided an overview of the 2017 total spending, sources of revenue, budgetary impacts, and proposed changes in the operating and capital budget for each department.

Ms. Cheyne provided an overview of the funds used to support specific departmental services and noted that the Township budget is only a portion of the property tax dollar. Ms. Cheyne noted that the total amount to be raised through taxation will be increased by \$121,926, which means for the Township portion of the tax bill, there will be a property tax increase of \$5.42 per \$100,000 of assessed property values. Ms. Cheyne noted that the 2017 Budget provides for a 1.99% increase on the total tax bill which includes the collection of property taxes for the County of Wellington, the Board of Education, and the Township.

Mayor White discussed the challenges for a lower tier municipality, which only receives a small portion of each property tax dollar. He noted that municipalities control the vast majority of public infrastructure but only receive nine cents of each tax dollar.

Ms. Cheyne reviewed the capital highlights and discussed that \$990,390 was raised through Parks and Recreation development charges.

Ms. Cheyne highlighted that the 2017 Budget includes \$143,870 in dedicated infrastructure renewal funding.

Ms. Cheyne concluded her presentation with a summary of the 2017 Operating Budget.

Mayor White invited members of the public to ask questions of staff regarding the proposed 2017 Budget.

No comments were received from the public regarding the proposed 2017 Budget.

Mayor White invited members of Council to ask questions of staff regarding the proposed 2017 Budget.

No comments were received by members of Council regarding the proposed 2017 Budget.

3. The Mayor announced that the Public Meeting is now concluded and Council will consider all the matters placed before it prior to reaching a decision.

The Mayor concluded the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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Chris White, Mayor

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Amanda Knight, Acting Clerk