

Town of Woodstock
Special Council Meeting
November 30 2020 @ 12 noon

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Mayor Arthur Slipp, Deputy Mayor Amy Anderson, Councillor Randy Leonard, Councillor Jeff Bradbury, Councillor Catherine Sutherland.

Staff: CAO / EDO Ken Anthony (by telephone), DAS Ann Marie Voutour

Media:

Public:

REGRETS: Councillor Theresa Blackburn

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Slipp reminded the meeting that this is a special meeting to consider two items on the agenda:

1. Approval of the General, BIA and Utility Budgets.
2. Approval of the overdraft for Second Water Source Well Project.

MOTION: Approval of agenda. Deputy Mayor Anderson , Councillor Leonard.

Carried. #333-2020

2020 General, Utility, and Capital Fund Budget

Councillor Sutherland presented the General, Utility, and Capital Fund Budget.

The following was noted:

- The Town of Woodstock shouldn't be afraid of raising taxes in 2022 if necessary.
- This was a difficult budget, there is very little capital money.
- When we compare our tax rate with other C size communities, we should be charging a higher tax rate because we have our own municipal police force and our recreation facility is second to none.
- No tax rate increase. No Utility rate increase.

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MOTION: The Council of the local government of Woodstock RESOLVES that the sum of \$10,100,611 be the total operating budget of the local government, that the sum of \$7,497,681 be the Warrant of the local government for the ensuing year, and that the tax rates for the local government be \$1.45 (Inside), \$1.40 (Outside) and \$1.40 (Industrial Park). The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount of real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the local government of Woodstock. Councillor Sutherland , Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #334-2020
 (1 nay vote, Slipp)

MOTION: The Council of the Local Government of Woodstock enacted by By-Law that a business improvement levy be imposed on all non-residential property within the Business Improvement Area of the local government that is liable to taxation under the Assessment Act. The levy shall be in the amount of \$28,321 at the rate of \$0.200 and the Council hereby directs and orders the Minister of Environment and Local Government to levy the said amount pursuant to provisions of the Business Improvement Area Act. Councillor Sutherland , Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #335-2020

MOTION: The local government of Woodstock RESOLVES that pursuant to paragraph 117(4) of the Local Governance Act, the total budget for the Water / Sewer Utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of \$1,511,569, and total expenditures of \$1,511,569. Councillor Sutherland , Councillor Leonard. Carried. #336-2020

Increase Overdraft for Second Water Source Well Project

MOTION: To increase the overdraft on the operating bank account 1022-660 at the Bank of Montreal in the amount of \$1,500,000 for interim financing for the Second Water Source Project as per Ministerial Orders 18-0039, 18-0040 and 19-0071. Councillor Sutherland , Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #337-2020

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #338-2020

Arthur Slipp, Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
 Director of Administrative Services