



**PUBLIC MEETING
2019 BUDGET
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario

Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Reeve Brian Campbell
Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton
Councillor Fred Dobbie
Councillor RoxAnne Darling
Councillor Mick Wicklum
Councillor Beverley Phillips
Councillor Rob Rainer

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, Clerk
Angela Millar, Treasurer
Noelle Reeve, Planner
Ashley Liznick, Treasurer

Public Present: Doug Burt
Heather Burt
Gardiner Chruch
Jennifer Dickson
Susan Freeman
Graham Gordon
Margot Hallam
Wendy Hazard
Terri Henderson
Gordon Hill
Sharon McDougall
Dan Murphy
Coral Nault
Richard Schooley
Colin Stephenson
Marg Stephenson
Krystyna Williamson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Chair provided an overview of:

- the purpose of the public meeting
- the process of the public meeting

3. HOSPITAL FUNDING

Dr. Barry Guppy, Hospital CEO gave a PowerPoint presentation – *attached, page 8*. Also in attendance were Gardiner Church, Vice Chair, Hospital Board and Margot Hallam, Executive Director, Hospital Foundation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Dan Murphy

- good health care is very important to rural parts of Canada
- speaking for wife and himself
- when decided to retire, good health care was taken into consideration and Perth had and still has a good reputation; it is important that that reputation be maintained and that takes money
- agree that in order to attract surgeons, doctors, etc. have to have the equipment to let them do what they have been trained to do; not interested in stone age equipment; good equipment will save money in the long run as it gets people out of the hospital quicker
- Tay Valley is not the only municipality that uses these services; would like to see these costs shared throughout the County; the funding has to be a coordinated approach within the County, not just one Township
- it is important that a hospital have a secure source of funding for long range planning; how that is arrived at is why Council got elected
- happy to pay more money to secure good health services

Wendy Hazard

- agree with everything previously said
- has three properties; one in Perth and two in Tay Valley
- moved to Perth mainly because of the hospital
- the hospital cannot operate without good equipment,
- the hospital needs to know ahead of time how much funding they are going to get so they can plan ahead
- quite happy even with three tax bills to have an extra levy on the taxes to get health care

Colin Stephenson

- sent an email around earlier to Member of Council so not repeating those comments
- for those who have had the opportunity to use the hospital over recent years know that we have a really good hospital and a good investment in public health, but it will only stay good if we put money into the capital equipment
- think of it as an investment in the health and safety of our residents versus an expenditure to fix a road
- put the funds in the budget explicitly annually for years to come as the hospital needs to know that the funding is going to be there

Gordon Hill

- personal experience the hospital is valuable
- here to speak on behalf of summer residents who pay approximately a third of the taxes
- was assured at a meeting in May that there would be a public meeting in the summer so that the summer residents would have an opportunity to attend; then assured a second time
- Township residents should be asked via a survey rather than wait until next summer to hear opinions from the seasonal residents
- personally would be disappointed if Council approves the funding without contacting that very large segment of the tax base; Township seasonal residents will not necessarily be the users of this equipment

Doug Burt

- one of the reasons chose to live in Perth area was the hospital
- spent 44 years in health services, managed accreditation process in military hospitals over the years, recognize accreditation and the quality of care
- what would be the basis of not going along with this proposal on the operating budget?

Susan Freeman

- the Township mission statement says "To deliver local, rural services for the benefit of all taxpayers in a way that is sustainable and brings value to residents of the municipality"
- nothing brings more value like a hospital close by
- the lake associations did receive the public notice
- in support as an additional item on the regular budget, not from contingency
- people will accept the increase willingly when they are told the reason and rational
- do not want to go into the hospital and not have the equipment we need
- urge to put in operating budget

Graham Gordon

- \$17 on a \$300,000 assessed property is reasonable; for \$30 that is one trip to a hospital in Kingston or Ottawa and that \$30 is already gone; if do not get equipment to this hospital then will be driving elsewhere
- It is a no brainer; do not take out of contingency; it is a line item and that is the way it should be

Dr. Guppy

- every year there is equipment on the list that is unable to be purchased; if the other municipalities in the catchment area do not contribute it will take longer to obtain the funds and will put off the purchase of equipment

5. 2020 BUDGET – PUBLIC PRESENTATION

The Treasurer provided an overview of the proposed budget that was attached to the meeting agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

LAWS Donation Request – Sharon McDougall

- is a Director on the Board at LAWS
- not sure if Council was able to see all of the information provided with application and wanted to ensure Council was making an informed decision
- at last meeting Council just saw a line item for \$1,400 and no other information
- the result is not an arbitrary figure it represents the amount it will cost LAWS next year to spay and neuter 85% of the animals that will come to LAWS from Tay Valley
- total vet bill expected to be \$98,000
- not all are stray cats; accept dogs abandoned or surrendered; almost half of animals taken in over 3 year period from Tay Valley were surrendered by their owners; almost ¼ were family pets, owned by low income residents of Tay Valley;
- if you believe it is more important to help people than animals; the service provided helps people of Tay Valley on a regular basis; also accept pets who are no longer wanted because they have been replaced by a baby or a family member allergic or just do not have enough time for them; pet owners may be facing vet bills they can no longer afford
- Tay Valley residents bring animals to LAWS as they know they will receive the care and shelter they need
- help people reunite with their lost pets and their companion animals they want to adopt
- LAWS provides a necessary service to meet the needs of the people Council represents
- also help to reduce the spread of disease such as rabies
- respond when residents of Tay Valley call on them for help
- the more animals able to be spayed and neutered the less the shelter services will be needed; vision is that there will be a Lanark County where there is no requirement for a shelter

Gordon Hill

- not here because concerned about trouble to pay tax increase; here as concerned about the direction the tax increases are going
- also concerned for the low income group in the Township who may not want to come to a meeting like this and speak because they are not comfortable in speaking in front of a crowd

- concerned about the direction, as mentioned last year, since 2004 the 15 year period, tax levies have doubled, the CPI index has not increased to that amount
- CPP has gone up but not by the same percentage; that is going to hurt some people
- have a larger percentage of seniors in Township than others
- time to look at decreasing the budget and tax expenditure
- if continue the same process for another 15 years the Township will be spending 15.5 million; that is not sustainable
- at some point in time need to make some changes; maybe have cut some of the services or the staff that provide the services; in the long run this is not sustainable, this is not new, mentioned last year
- if add hospital funding that is more than 1% of a budget increase
- CPI increase this year is 2.6 in July

The Chief Administrative Officer informed the public that the Township is working with the auditors in developing a long term financial plan to go along with the 10 Year Capital Plan that was approved in September to ensure that the Township has adequate funds in place.

Gordon Hill

- increased assessment does not change the amount of money you need, it just gives you more room to increase taxes
- \$60,000 is a lot of money for legal expenses for lawyers
- requested that the total breakdown of costs and funding be provided to him

Richard Schooley

- for 25 years municipal councils have complained about the fact that more and more service are being downloaded and wanted more control over the tax base
- responding to this the province has significantly reduced the mill rates charged by the county and school board
- the Township has walked away from taxing opportunities in the last number of years that could have been coming to the Township and kept taxes down
- Councils have not planned for the Township's needs but instead worried about costs

7. NEXT STEPS

Committee of the Whole (Discuss Public Feedback) – December 3rd, 2019

Council Meeting (Adopt Budget) – December 10th, 2019

Notice of Passing – December 11th, 2019

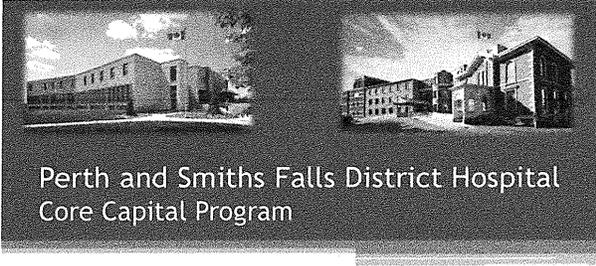
8. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.


Chairperson


Clerk

HOSPITAL FUNDING



Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital Core Capital Program

Presenter: Dr. Barry Guppy
President & CEO
Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital

Presented to: Tay Valley Township

Date: November 19, 2019



Thank you!

- The Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital would like to thank Tay Valley Township for your contribution of \$67,944.00 in 2019
- Your partnership will improve the care of all residents in our area in receiving high quality care locally

Objectives

- Tell you about your hospital
- Describe how capital equipment and technology is funded in Ontario hospitals
- Discuss the Core Capital Program
- Provide an overview of PSFDH capital equipment needs
- Why your support is needed
- Our Request of Tay Valley Township
- Questions



About your hospital

Our Mission:
Providing high quality patient- and family-centred care built on collaboration and partnerships

Our Vision:
Exceptional care and patient experience
• *Every Patient – Every Time*

Our Philosophy:
Patient & Family Centred Care



See: <https://psfdh.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PSFDH-Strategic-Plan-November-2017-10-1.pdf>

About your hospital

- **Exemplary** accredited medium-sized community hospital serving a catchment of 60,000+
- Single integrated hospital corporation
- 85 beds across two hospital sites in Smiths Falls and Perth
- Comprehensive range of in-patient, out-patient and diagnostic services
- Sponsor of three community organizations/programs:
 - Lanark County Support Services
 - Lanark County Mental Health
 - Lanark County Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence
- 2019/20 hospital operating budget – \$62.5 million
- We employ **535** staff
- We have a Medical staff of **191** physicians with over **40** Active Staff
- We have a volunteer base of over **300**
- **92%** of PSFDH employees live in the counties of Lanark or Leeds & Grenville

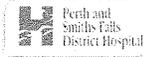


Core Capital Program

- **Core Capital Program initiated to address gap in available capital funding**
- **Core Capital Program will support:**
 - Regional Hospital Information System (HIS)
 - Annual capital medical equipment needs
 - New and updated equipment and technology for the hospital
- **Complements other initiatives by the Hospital and the Foundations**

Funding of Capital Medical Equipment and Technology

- **The Ministry does not provide funding for annual capital medical equipment and technology**
- **The community is expected to support the purchase of hospital equipment**
- **Capital equipment requirements have exceeded the ability of the Hospital, Foundations and Auxiliaries alone to raise needed funds**
 - \$3.1M over the next 10 years
 - Foundations/Auxiliaries raise about \$1.2M per year
 - Hospital Operations is able to generate about \$0.3M per year
 - Shortfall of \$1.6M per year



What capital equipment will PSFDH be obtaining?

- **Over 150 major capital items with cost >\$5,000**
- **Numerous minor capital items <\$5,000**
- **Current capital needs do not include:**
 - equipment requested by new physicians;
 - new clinical or expanded services; or
 - unexpected equipment failure

What capital equipment will PSFDH be obtaining?

- Regional Hospital Information System (HIS)¹
- MRI²
- CT Scan Unit
- X-Ray System
- Mammography System
- Fluoroscopy System
- Ultrasound Units
- Operating Room Lights and Tables
- Cardiac Stress System
- Telemetry Unit
- Sterilizers
- Anaesthesia Systems
- Hematology Analyser
- Blood Gas Analyser
- Argon Beam Coagulator

Note: MRI subject to approval by MOHLTC

Why should you support us?

- PSFDH is your hospital and where your residents receive health services
- Modern and updated equipment is essential for:
 - The best patient and family experience
 - Highest quality patient care
 - Recruitment and retention of the best physicians and other health professionals
- A strong local economy is linked to a robust and vibrant hospital

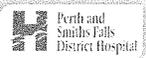
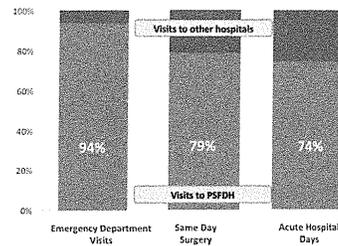


Regional Hospital Information System (HIS)

- A principal use of funds from the Core Capital Program
- One of largest capital equipment expenditures in a generation
- Replace current system installed in early 1990s
 - Enables rapid access and secure sharing of patient health information across the hospital and region
 - Coordinate and standardize care and improve patient satisfaction and outcomes
 - Essential tool for quality of care and patient safety

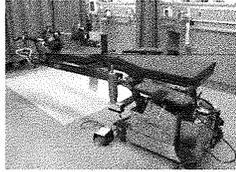


Tay Valley Township Residents Receive Care at PSFDH



Why this matters to our patients...

- 73 year old man with 2 years of intractable hip pain due to osteoarthritis referred for total hip replacement
- Discharged home the next day enabled by an expert surgical team, an advanced hip replacement technique and the use of a HANA operating room table
- HANA bed purchased in 2018
- Equipment allows for muscle sparing surgery with shorter recovery time, improved pain and wound control
- 3 day hospital stay changed to overnight stay or even same day discharge



Our Request

- Based on formula unchanged from last year
 - a 50% weight is given to the number of people from each municipality who use the hospital each year (actual users)
 - a 25% weight is given to equalised assessment
 - a 25% weight is given to the total municipal population (potential users)
- PSFDH will be presenting a similar request to other municipalities served by the hospital



Why this matters to our patients...

- 52 year old lady is referred for a screening mammogram
- PSFDH is a low risk screening centre for the Ontario Breast Screening Program
- Small breast cancer detected and referred for biopsy and surgical removal
- State-of-the-art replacement of the mammography unit to be purchased



Our Request of Tay Valley

Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital requests that the Tay Valley Township support the Core Capital Program in the amount of \$67,944.00 for 2020.





Questions?

PSFBI funding is provided by the South East Local Health Integration Network, the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care, Cancer Care Ontario and by the communities and people we serve. The opinions expressed in this document are those of the Hospital and do not necessarily represent the views of the funders noted.

