

**PUBLIC MEETING
2017 BUDGET
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016

6:00 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Deputy Reeve Brian Campbell
Reeve Keith Kerr
Councillor Jennifer Dickson
Councillor Fred Dobbie
Councillor RoxAnne Darling
Councillor Greg Hallam
Councillor Judy Farrell

Staff Present: Larry Donaldson, Chief Administrative Officer
Janie Laidlaw, Acting Clerk
Stephen Keeley, Public Works Manager
Angela Millar, Treasurer
Noelle Reeve, Planner

Public Present: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman provided an overview of:

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

3. 2017 BUDGET – PUBLIC PRESENTATION

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

Councillor Dickson reported on the Library budget. Two of the three participating municipalities have requested that the library not to exceed 1%, the Library Board unanimously voted for a 2% budget increase.

Councillor Hallam confirmed that a 5.39% levy increase would mean an increase of approximately \$45.36 per \$200,000 of assessment.

Councillor Farrell referred to the replacement of the 2012 tandem truck in the capital budget and that at the discussions during the presentation of the capital budget were on possibly replacing the motor instead of the entire truck. Staff explained that when that information is available it will come back for further discussion. Council Farrell also asked if the covered trailer was a replacement for the ambulance vehicle. Staff confirmed that it is and that the ambulance vehicle is not useful for what is required.

Staff reported that the Fallbrook Association will partner with the Township for a Canada Day celebration. Staff has applied for a grant from Celebrate Canada; the grant will be for fireworks, event cake, entertainment and advertising. The Township will contribute the amounts in the budget that are normally given to the Fallbrook Association for their Canada Day celebration and the amount in the budget for Canada 150 Celebrations.

Councillor Dobbie inquired if there was a way to reduce the increase to the tax levy by deferring items like road work. The Treasurer explained that road projects are funded from the capital reserves and would not affect the tax levy.

The Treasurer will report to Council on any increase to growth when the assessment roll has been received. The Treasurer's recommendation is to put any revenue from growth into the infrastructure reserve. Council will determine whether or not to use some of the revenue towards reducing the tax increase, when the amount is known.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

5. NEXT STEPS

Council Meeting – December 13th, 2016
Notice of Passing – December 14th, 2016

6. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Chairperson


Acting Clerk