



**PUBLIC MEETING
2018 BUDGET
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 21st, 2017

6:00 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Councillor Fred Dobbie
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
Amanda Mabo, Clerk
Angela Millar, Treasurer

Public Present: Gordon Hill
Colin Stephenson

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION

The Chair provided an overview of:

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

3. 2018 BUDGET – PUBLIC PRESENTATION

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

The 2018 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Allocation Notice was received this week. The notice reflects that Tay Valley will receive \$694,300 for 2018 which is \$29,300 less than was received in 2017. Explanation/clarification of this reduction was received from the staff of the Minister of Finance office today. The OMPF Allocation is based on six key indicators and compared to the Provincial Median for those same indicators. Unfortunately, Tay Valley's "Weighted Assessment Per Household" and "Median Household Income" are greater than the provincial median (which is two of the key indicators) that results in Tay Valley not qualifying for the additional Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant of the OMPF funding formula. If Tay Valley was lower than the provincial median for these two indicators it could have resulted in a significant allocation increase. This information will be brought forward again for Council's consideration and discussion on December 5th.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

A couple of clarification questions were asked by both members of the public.

Colin Stephenson

- complemented staff on the thoroughness of the budget and the Township on sound financial management practices of setting money aside for reserves, recreation resources, etc. and thinking about the broader community in decision making

Gordon Hill

- taxes have increased over a ten year period faster than CPI, CPP, and interest rates
- does Council give any thought to the ability to pay for tax increases?
- shocked to learn Tay Valley is above the average income levels
- the Christie Lake Association has approved plans to host an All Candidates meeting leading up to the election next summer; this type of information will be brought to the meeting in the summer and those current Councillor who vote for the budget will be identified at the All Candidates meeting

5. NEXT STEPS

Committee of the Whole (Discuss Public Feedback) – December 5th, 2017

Council Meeting (Adopt Budget) – December 12th, 2017

Notice of Passing – December 13th, 2017

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The public meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Chairperson



Clerk