

MINUTES Special Meeting of Council

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:00 AM

Council Chambers/Hybrid

Present: Mayor Bill Gordon

Deputy Mayor Beth Prost Councillor Roberta Bald Councillor Jamie-Lee Ball Councillor Sheldon East

Councillor Catherine MacDonald

Councillor Bill Meridis Councillor Jaz Patel Councillor Howie Major

Regrets:

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer Rhonda Bunn

Clerk Sherri Edgar

Deputy Clerk Sarah Cathcart

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were none declared.

3. Motion to move into Closed Meeting

RES-2025-13

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Jamie-Lee Ball

That Council move into closed session;

And further that this portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as indicated;

Section 239 (2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual Section 239 (2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations

•2025 - MPFFA - Collective Bargaining

Section 239 (2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual

Status/Organization Update

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

Closed Meeting Items

4.1 <u>2025 - MPFFA - Collective Bargaining</u>

Present for this item:

- R. Bunn, Chief Administrative Officer
- S. Edgar, Clerk
- S. Cathcart, Deputy Clerk
- J. Manicom, Director of Human Resources
- R. Renaud, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief
- L. Barron, Chief Financial Officer

Director of Human Resources and Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief provided a confidential verbal report and update with respect to the 2025 - MPFFA - Collective Bargaining.

Following discussion, Council directed Staff to prepare the appropriate motion for consideration upon conclusion of the Closed Meeting Session.

4.2 <u>Status/Organization Update</u>

Present for this item:

- R. Bunn, Chief Administrative Officer
- S. Edgar, Clerk
- S. Cathcart, Deputy Clerk
- M. Sobil, Executive Director, Infrastructure Management / Town Engineer
- L. Barron, Chief Financial Officer
- J. Manicom, Director of Human Resources

The Chief Administrative Officer, Executive Director, Infrastructure Management / Town Engineer, Director of Human Resources and Chief Financial Officer provided a confidential verbal report and update with respect to the Organizational Updates.

Following discussion, Council directed Staff to prepare the appropriate motion for consideration upon conclusion of the Closed Meeting Session.

5. <u>Motion to rise to Open Session</u>

RES-2025-14

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Jaz Patel

That this Special Meeting of Council regarding the 2025 Budget, Closed Session, be adjourned at 10:18 a.m. and that Council now rise and report to Open Session.

CARRIED

OPEN SESSION

Additional Staff Now Present

Andre Pepin, Director of Environmental Services - January 28 - left at the lunch break

Steve Farquharson, Executive Director, Community & Growth - January 28, 29 and 30

Richard Renaud, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief - January 28, 29 and 30

Dana Clarke, Executive Director, Digital Government, Customer & Recreation Services - January 28, 29 and 30

Jennifer Manicom, Director of Human Resources - January 28, 29 and 30 John Thompson, Executive Director Environment and Infrastructure January 28 Mitch Sobil, Executive Director, Infrastructure Management / Town Engineer - January 28, 29 and 30

Angela Grenier, Manager of CXO - January 28 (left at lunch break) 29, and 30 Jim Reichheld, Fleet, Facilities & Assets Supervisor - January 28, 29 and 30 (afternoon only)

Dave Bressette, NSSRC, Operations Manager - January 28, 29 (left at lunch break), and 30 (afternoon only)

Karen Mealing, Manager of Culture and Community - January 28, 29 and 30 Julie Ellery, Legal & Risk Advisor - January 29 (left at lunch break) and 30 (morning only)

Robert Kennedy, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement - January 29 (left at lunch break)

Mike Campitelli, Chief Building Official - January 29 (left at lunch break) Jacqueline Genis, Supervisor Budget & Forecasting - January 28, 29 and 30 Michael Hartrick, Manager IT Services - January 28, 29 and 30

Kim Crewson - Manager of Procurement - January 28, 29 and 30 (afternoon only)

Dan Murnaghan, Operations Supervisor - January 28, 29 (left at 5:20pm) and 30 (afternoon only)

Mayor's Introductory Remarks/Land Acknowledgment Statement/Moment of Silent Reflection

The Mayor recited the Town's Traditional Land Acknowledgment and Safety Message which was followed by a moment of silent reflection.

6. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were none declared.

7. <u>Motions arising from Closed Meeting discussions</u>

7.1 **RES-2025-15**

Moved by Catherine MacDonald Seconded by Howie Major

That Council receive as information and confirm the directions as outlined in the confidential PowerPoint presentation, verbal report and update provided by Director of Human Resources, the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief and the Chief Financial Officer at the Closed Meeting Session of the Special Meeting of Council re: 2025 Budget held January 28, 29 and 30, 2025, with respect to 2025 - MPFFA - Collective Bargaining.

CARRIED

7.2 **RES-2025-16**

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Jamie-Lee Ball

That Council receive as information and confirm the directions as outlined in the confidential verbal report and update provided by the Chief Administrative Officer, the Executive Director, Infrastructure Management / Town Engineer and the Chief Financial Officer at the Closed Meeting Session of the Special Meeting of Council re: 2025 Budget held January 28, 29 and 30, 2025, with respect to the Status/Organization Update. CARRIED

8. Approval of Agenda

RES-2025-17

Moved by Jamie-Lee Ball Seconded by Bill Meridis

That the contents of the Special Meeting of Council with Closed Session Agenda regarding the 2025 Budget held January 28, 29, and 30, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Reports

9.1 <u>CSR-2025-12 2025 Budget Approval</u>

The Chief Administrative Officer, R. Bunn and Chief Financial Officer, L. Barron each provided an overview of the Budget process.

Council reviewed Staff Report CSR-2025-12 2025 Budget Approval with the following recommendations:

That Staff Report CSR-2025-12, 2025 Budget Approval, dated January 28, 2025, be received; and

- 1. That Council approve the 2025 Water and Wastewater supported Operating Budget, with total gross expenditures of \$9,410,875.
- 2. That the new water and wastewater rates take effect March 1, 2025.
- 3. That Staff be directed to present the 2025 Water Rate By-law for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- 4. That the Budget request by the Midland Public Library in the amount of
- \$1,662,102 be approved.
- 5. That the 2025 draft Capital Budget, with total new requested expenditures of
- \$63,241,249 as amended, be approved.
- 6. That Council adopt that 10-year Capital Plan as presented in the 2025 draft budget, as amended.
- 7. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Taxation & General Revenue be approved in principle.
- 8. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Council & Committees be approved in principle.
- 9. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Administration be approved in principle.
- 10. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Fire be approved in principle.
- 11. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Digital Government, Customer and Recreation Services be approved in principle.
- 12. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre (NSSRC) be approved in principle.
- 13. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Ontario Provincial Police Services be approved in principle.
- 14. That the 2025 Budget for the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment Board be approved.
- 15. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Planning Services be approved in principle.
- 16. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Building Services be approved in principle.
- 17. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for By-law and Parking Enforcement be approved in principle.
- 18. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Culture, Tourism & Harbour be approved in principle.

- 19. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Engineering be approved in principle.
- 20. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Operations be approved in principle.
- 21. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Transit be approved in principle.
- 22. That Service Level Change Requests related to Staff with a net tax levy increase of \$210,117, reserve funding of \$97,181, and other revenue totaling \$40,000 be approved.
- 23. That all other Service Level Change Requests with a net tax levy of \$58,478, reserve funding of \$2,676,263, and other revenue totaling \$142,800 be approved.
- 24. That Council & Committee Requests with a net tax levy decrease of \$55,500, reserve funding of \$54,500, and external contributions of \$10,000 be approved.
- 25. That the 2025 Budget request by the EDCNS in the amount of \$120,000 be approved.
- 26. That the 2025 Budget request by the BIA in the amount of \$175,000 be approved.
- 27. That the 2025 Budget request by Huronia Airport in the amount of \$79,800 be approved.
- 28. That the 2025 Budget request by the Huronia Museum in the amount of \$84,000 be approved.
- 29. That the 2025 Budget for the Severn Sound Environmental Association in the

amount of \$193,668 be approved.

- 30. That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, Staff Report CSR-2025-12 serve as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2025 Budget:
- a. Amortization expense \$5.5 million
- b. Post-Employment Benefits \$1.9 million
- 31. That in accordance with s.s.5(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and
- s.5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is Council's clear intention that any excess capacity provided by any of the above-referenced Capital works will be paid for by future Development Charges.
- 32. That Council approve the 2025 tax supported base Operating Budget, with total gross
- expenditures of \$38,938,167 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$30,643,596.
- 33. That Staff be directed to present the 2025 Fees and Charges Bylaw for Council's consideration at a future meeting.
- 34. That Staff be directed to present the 2025 Tax Rate By-law for all classes of

property assessment for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

Council agreed to address each Recommendation as separate Motions.

Present: Trish Hayes, CEO Midland Public Library

Ms. Trish Hayes provided a verbal update and PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Budget request of the Midland Public Library.

After a question-and-answer period Council thanked Ms. Hayes for her presentation.

RES-2025-18

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Roberta Bald

That the PowerPoint presentation provided by Ms. Trish Hayes, CEO/Chief Librarian of the Midland Public Library, be received for information; and

That the Budget request by the Midland Public Library in the amount of \$1,654,102 be Deferred to Item 8. Agencies Boards and Commissions scheduled for January 30, 2025, and Day #3 of the Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

RES-2025-19

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Catherine MacDonald

That Staff Report CSR-2025-12, 2025 Budget Approval, dated January 28, 2025, be received; and

1. That Council approve the 2025 Water and Wastewater supported Operating Budget, with total gross expenditures of \$9,410,875. CARRIED

RES-2025-20

Moved by Jaz Patel Seconded by Bill Meridis

2. That the new Water and Wastewater rates take effect March 1, 2025.

CARRIED

RES-2025-21

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Howie Major

3. That Staff be directed to present the 2025 Water Rate By-law for

Council's consideration at a future meeting. CARRIED

RES-2025-22

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Howie Major

That Council reconsider their direction to Staff on June 12, 2024, regarding Staff Report CSR-2024-61 Yonge Street Bike facilities to approve the bollards that are part of OTM Book 18 Guidelines on preferred design options.

CARRIED

During a question-and-answer period with Council, Mitch Sobil, Executive Director of Infrastructure Management and Town Engineer, explained that the bollards are a necessary safety feature. He further clarified that, in accordance with traffic volume, road type, and the required setbacks outlined in the OTM Book 18 Guidelines, the installation of these bollards is a minimum standard requirement. As such, he is recommending their implementation.

The following motion was then presented:

RES-2025-23

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Howie Major

That Council approve the amendment to the Yonge Street Reconstruction project as outlined in Staff Report CSR-2024-61 that was presented to Council on June 12, 2024, to eliminate the bollards that are part of the OTM Book 18 Guidelines preferred options.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| | YES | NO |
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| Bill Gordon | Х | |
| Beth Prost | Х | |
| Roberta Bald | X | |
| Jamie-Lee Ball | X | |
| Sheldon East | | Χ |
| Catherine MacDonald | | Χ |
| Bill Meridis | X | |
| Jaz Patel | X | |
| Howie Major | X | |

Carried

Moved by Bill Meridis Seconded by Jaz Patel

5. That the 2025 draft Capital Budget, with total new requested expenditures of

\$63,216,249 as amended, be approved, as amended:

- i) Amend the Information Technology Services Capital Budget as follows:
 - Defer Indoor Digital Messaging System \$25,000 to 2026
 - Update the funding source of the Outdoor Electronic Communication Boards at \$255,000 to Grant contingent
- ii) Amend the Operations Capital Budget as follows:
 - Update the funding source of Mobile Emergency Outdoor Electronic Message Board at \$50,000 to 66% Grant contingent (\$33,000), with the remainder funded from the tax-supported reserves.

CARRIED

Motion to recess and resume January 29, 2025

RES-2025-25

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Jaz Patel

That this Special Meeting of Council with Closed Session regarding the 2025 Budget held on January 28, 2025, recess at 4:37 p.m. and resume tomorrow, January 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER - January 29, 2025

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The Mayor stated that this Special Meeting of Council is being held to consider the proposed 2025 Budget. This is day 2 of deliberations.

Staff Report CSR-2025-12 2025 Budget Approval (cont'd)

CSR-2025-12 2024 Budget Approval

Council continued the Budget Deliberations to consider the Recommendations as set out in the Staff Report CSR-2025-12

RES-2025-26

Moved by Roberta Bald Seconded by Beth Prost

6. That Council adopt that 10-year Capital Plan as presented in the

2025 draft budget, as amended.

CARRIED

RES-2025-27

Moved by Jamie-Lee Ball Seconded by Sheldon East

7. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Taxation & General Revenue be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-28

Moved by Catherine MacDonald Seconded by Bill Meridis

8. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Council & Committees be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-29

Moved by Roberta Bald Seconded by Jamie-Lee Ball

9. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Administration be approved in principle. CARRIED

RES-2025-30

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Catherine MacDonald

10. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Fire be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-31

Moved by Jaz Patel Seconded by Sheldon East 11. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Digital Government, Customer and Recreation Services be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-32

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Bill Meridis

12. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation

Centre (NSSRC) be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-33

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Howie Major

13. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Ontario Provincial Police Services be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-34

Moved by Catherine MacDonald Seconded by Bill Meridis

14. That the 2025 Budget for the Southern Georgian Bay OPP Detachment Board be approved.

CARRIED

RES-2025-35

Moved by Jamie-Lee Ball Seconded by Howie Major

15. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Planning Services be approved in principle. CARRIED

RES-2025-36

Moved by Roberta Bald Seconded by Catherine MacDonald

16. That the 2025 Budget for Building Services be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-37

Moved by Roberta Bald Seconded by Jaz Patel

17. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for By-law and Parking Enforcement be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-38

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Beth Prost

18. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Culture, Tourism & Harbour be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-39

Moved by Jaz Patel Seconded by Sheldon East

19. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Engineering be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-40

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Bill Meridis

20. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Operations be approved in principle.

CARRIED

RES-2025-41

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Jamie-Lee Ball

21. That the tax-supported 2025 Budget for Transit be approved in principle.

CARRIED

Council & Committee Requests - Midland Heritage Committee

Present: Rene Hackstetter

Mr. Rene Hackstetter, Chair of the Midland Heritage Committee, delivered a verbal presentation regarding the Committee's request for \$9,500. This funding will support the creation of the Historic Dollar Town Storyboard and any ad-hoc cultural heritage evaluations and will be considered in Recommendation 24 on Day #3 of budget deliberations.

RES-2025-42

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Howie Major

That Council suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the Service Level Changes referred to in Recommendation 22. of Staff Report CSR-2025-12 2025 Budget Approval dated January 29, 2025, to be divided and voted on separately. CARRIED

RES-2025-43

Moved by Bill Meridis Seconded by Catherine MacDonald

22. That Service Level Change Requests related to Staff with a net tax levy increase of \$120,096, reserve funding of \$97,181 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

RES-2025-44

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Sheldon East

That the Event and Marketing Coordinator position be approved.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| Х | |
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| X | |
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DEFEATED

RES-2025-45

Moved by Jaz Patel Seconded by Sheldon East

That the Financial Reporting and Data Analyst Contract position in Finance be approved.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| | YES | NO |
|---------------------|-----|----|
| Bill Gordon | X | |
| Beth Prost | | Χ |
| Roberta Bald | X | |
| Jamie-Lee Ball | | Χ |
| Sheldon East | Χ | |
| Catherine MacDonald | Χ | |
| Bill Meridis | Χ | |
| Jaz Patel | Χ | |
| Howie Major | Χ | |

Carried

RES-2025-46

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Sheldon East

That the System Analyst, Business Systems s and IT Governance be approved with a hire date of July 1, 2025, for a cost savings of 2025 of \$62,968.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| | YES | NO |
|--------------|-----|----|
| Bill Gordon | X | |
| Beth Prost | X | |
| Roberta Bald | X | |

| Jamie-Lee Ball | Х |
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| Sheldon East | Х |
| Catherine MacDonald | Х |
| Bill Meridis | Х |
| Jaz Patel | Х |
| Howie Major | Х |

CARRIED unanimously.

RES-2025-47

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Howie Major

That the Planner position be approved.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| | YES | NO |
|---------------------|-----|----|
| Bill Gordon | X | |
| Beth Prost | X | |
| Roberta Bald | X | |
| Jamie-Lee Ball | | Χ |
| Sheldon East | X | |
| Catherine MacDonald | | Χ |
| Bill Meridis | | Χ |
| Jaz Patel | X | |
| Howie Major | X | |

Carried

Motion to recess and resume January 30, 2025

RES-2025-48

Moved by Catherine MacDonald Seconded by Sheldon East

That this Special Meeting of Council with Closed Session regarding the 2025 Budget held on January 29, 2025, recess at 5:52 p.m. and resume tomorrow, January 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER - January 30, 2025

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The Mayor stated that this Special Meeting of Council is being held to consider the proposed 2025 Budget. This is day 3 of deliberations.

Staff Report CSR-2025-12 2025 Budget Approval (cont'd)

CSR-2025-12 2024 Budget Approval

Council continued the Budget Deliberations to consider the Recommendations as set out in the Staff Report CSR-2025-12

RES-2025-49

Moved by Roberta Bald Seconded by Beth Prost

26. That the 2025 Budget request by the BIA in the amount of \$175,000 be approved.

CARRIED

RES-2025-50

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Jaz Patel

25. That the 2025 Budget request by the EDCNS in the amount of \$120,000 be reduced to \$87,500 for 2025; and

That this amount is inclusive of \$50,000 from the 2024 approved Budget.

CARRIED

RES-2025-51

Moved by Jaz Patel Seconded by Catherine MacDonald

27. That the 2025 Budget request by Huronia Airport in the amount of \$79,800 be approved.

CARRIED

RES-2025-52

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Jamie-Lee Ball

28. That the 2025 Budget request by the Huronia Museum in the amount of \$84,000 be approved.

CARRIED

RES-2025-53

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Bill Meridis

29. That the 2025 Budget for the Severn Sound Environmental Association in the amount of \$187,215 be approved.

CARRIED

RES-2025-54

Moved by Sheldon East Seconded by Beth Prost

That Council approve a one-time request for \$10,000 funded by Tax-Supported Reserves to aid the Midland Cultural Centre in activating local Wednesday evening programing in support of the Midland Cultural Centre and other community arts organizations. CARRIED

RES-2025-55

Moved by Bill Meridis Seconded by Sheldon East

That the 2025 Budget request by the Midland Public Library in the amount of \$1,654,102 be reduced to \$1,580,158.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| | YES | NO |
|---------------------|-----|----|
| Bill Gordon | X | |
| Beth Prost | X | |
| Roberta Bald | X | |
| Jamie-Lee Ball | | Χ |
| Sheldon East | X | |
| Catherine MacDonald | | Χ |
| Bill Meridis | X | |
| Jaz Patel | | Χ |
| Howie Major | Х | |

Carried

RES-2025-56

Moved by Jamie-Lee Ball Seconded by Howie Major

23. That all other Service Level Change Requests with a net tax levy reduction of (21,222), reserve funding of \$2,270,781 and other revenue totaling \$122,800 be approved as amended:

- Remove Ontario Best Butter Tart Festival Evening Concert \$28,000
- Remove Sesquicentennial Reserve Contribution \$25,000
- Remove Security Fencing \$218,000
- Change Security Guard to a Pilot program \$30,000 and move from Tax Levy to Tax Supported Reserve
- Remove Enhance Public WiFi at the Harbour \$10,000
- Amend the Website Upgrade and Contract Web Content Coordinator from \$115,063 to \$87,581
- Amend the Generator Budget from \$580,000 to \$400,000
- Remove Cybersecurity Licensing \$16,700

CARRIED

RES-2025-57

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Sheldon East

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order for Council to reconsider the Service Level Change related to the Staff request for the Event and Marketing Coordinator position.

Carried

RES-2025-58

Moved by Beth Prost Seconded by Sheldon East

That the Event and Marketing Coordinator position be approved.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| | YES | NO |
|---------------------|-----|----|
| Bill Gordon | X | |
| Beth Prost | X | |
| Roberta Bald | X | |
| Jamie-Lee Ball | X | |
| Sheldon East | X | |
| Catherine MacDonald | | Χ |
| Bill Meridis | | Χ |
| Jaz Patel | X | |
| Howie Major | X | |
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Carried

RES-2025-59

Moved by Catherine MacDonald

Seconded by Roberta Bald

- 24. That Council and Committee Requests with a net tax levy increase of \$19,500, net reserve contribution of \$20,500, and external contributions of \$10,000 be approved as amended:
 - Remove Two Floating Docks at Little Lake Park \$60,000
 - Remove Parking Permits (lots only) \$50,000
 - Remove Pete Pettersen Boat Launch Attendant
 - Remove request to reinstate Seniors Transit Fare at 50%

CARRIED

RES-2025-60

Moved by Bill Meridis Seconded by Jamie-Lee Ball

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order for Council to reconsider the approval of certain items from the 2025 Draft Capital Budget.

DEFEATED

RES-2025-61

Moved by Bill Meridis Seconded by Beth Prost

That the reserve contributions for asset replacement be reduced by \$286,000; and

That at least \$286,000 of the annual surplus be allocated to the taxsupported capital reserves to reinforce Council's commitment to closing the infrastructure funding gap, as identified in the Town's Asset Management Plan.

A Recorded Vote was requested

| | YES | NO |
|---------------------|-----|----|
| Bill Gordon | X | |
| Beth Prost | X | |
| Roberta Bald | X | |
| Jamie-Lee Ball | X | |
| Catherine MacDonald | | Χ |
| Bill Meridis | X | |
| Jaz Patel | X | |
| Howie Major | X | |

Carried

RES-2025-62

Moved by Bill Meridis Seconded by Jaz Patel

30. That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, Staff Report CSR-2025-12 serve as the

method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from

the 2025 Budget:

- a. Amortization expense \$5.5 million
- b. Post-Employment Benefits \$1.9 million

CARRIED

RES-2025-63

Moved by Jamie-Lee Ball Seconded by Beth Prost

31. That in accordance with s.s.5(1) of the *Development Charges Act*, 1997 and s.5 of

Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is Council's clear intention that any excess capacity

provided by any of the above-referenced Capital works will be paid for by future

Development Charges.

CARRIED

RES-2025-64

Moved by Catherine MacDonald Seconded by Jaz Patel

32. That Council approve the 2025 tax supported base Operating Budget, with total gross

expenditures of \$39,082,329 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$29,948,631.

CARRIED

RES-2025-65

Moved by Howie Major Seconded by Roberta Bald

33. That Staff be directed to present the 2025 Fees and Charges Bylaw for Council's

consideration at a future meeting.

CARRIED

RES-2025-66

Moved by Roberta Bald Seconded by Howie Major

34. That Staff be directed to present the 2025 Tax Rate By-law for all classes of property

assessment for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

CARRIED

9.2 <u>CSR-2025-13 Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund Agreement</u>
Council reviewed Staff Report CSR-2025-13 and the recommendations contained therein and the following Motion was presented:

RES-2025-67

Moved by Catherine MacDonald Seconded by Jaz Patel

That Report CSR-2025-13, Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund Agreement dated January 28, 2025, be received; and

1.That Council give consideration to By-Law 2025-4, being a By-law to authorize the entering into a Municipal Funding Agreement under the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

RES-2025-68

Moved by Bill Meridis Seconded by Catherine MacDonald

That By-law 2025-4 being a By-law to authorize the signing of the Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of funds under Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) effective April 1, 2023, be passed and enacted CARRIED

11. Confirmatory By-law

RES-2025-69

Moved by Jamie-Lee Ball

Seconded by Jaz Patel

That By-law 2025-5 being a By-law to adopt the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council with Closed Session regarding the 2025 Budget held January 28, 29 and 30, 2025, be passed and enacted. CARRIED

12. Adjournment

RES-2025-70

Moved by Roberta Bald Seconded by Catherine MacDonald

That this Special Meeting of Council with Closed Session regarding the 2025 Budget adjourn at 8:36 p.m. CARRIED

| Bill Gordon, Mayor |
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| Sherri Edgar Clerk |