

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2009 – 1:00 P.M.**

Council met in Special Council Session on Thursday, March 12th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor William Finley presiding. The purpose of the special council meeting was to review the 2nd draft of the municipal operating and capital budget for the fiscal year 2009.

Members Present: Mayor William Finley
Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald
Councillors: Raymond Bennis
Bill Holmes
Art Jeninga
Cathie Ritchie
Rosemarie Robins

Staff Present: Terrence Korotki, Clerk/Administrator
Beth Vosbourgh, Municipal Treasurer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finley called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

II. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest at this time.

III. NEW BUSINESS DEPUTY MAYOR'S WRITTEN PRESENTATION RE: PROPOSED COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Clerk/Administrator/Planning Coordinator advised of a copy of Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald written presentation has been forwarded to each Councillor member for their review.

Moved by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Bennis,

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand approve the written presentation of Deputy-Mayor Dalton McDonald dated March 12th, 2009 illustrating the municipal position relating to the proposed County of Northumberland Forest Management Plan in respect to the Forest Advisory Committee; AND FURTHER that this written presentation is to be forwarded directly to all the Mayors (Heads) of the Municipalities in the County of Northumberland and copies are to be provided for distribution to members of the County of Northumberland Forest Advisory Committee, CARRIED."

IV. REVIEW THE PROPOSED SECOND DRAFT FOR THE 2009 MUNICIPAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET - 1:20P.M.

The Clerk/Administrator and Municipal Treasurer presented and reviewed the proposed draft budget # 2 for the municipal operating and capital budget for 2009.

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>2009 Budget Draft #2 Totals</u>
Page 1	Council	133,576.00
Page 2	Administration	954,231.00
Page 3	Fire	549,998.00
Page 4	Building / By-law	80,474.00
Page 4	Animal Control / Livestock	34,982.00
Page 5	Protective Services	940,498.00
Page 6	Public Works	2,953,224.00
Page 8	Environmental	6,500.00
Page 8	Conservation	81,510
Page 8	Heritage	1,750.00
Page 8	Nawautin Sanctuary	4,500.00
Page 8	Abandoned Cemeteries	6,544.00
Page 9	Arena	105,368.00
Page 9	Roseneath Recreation	7,179.00
Page 9	Alnwick Civic Centre	44,850.00
Page 9	Centreton Community Centre	4,800.00
Page 10	Fenella Community Centre	9,250.00
Page 10	Grafton Community Centre	20,525.00
Page 10	Vernonville Community Centre	6,275.00
Page 11	Roseneath Revitalization	30,050.00
Page 12	Special Projects	78,270.00
Page 13	Library	142,387.00
Page 14	Planning	43,199.00
Total Expenditures		\$6,239,940.00

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>2009 Budget Draft #2 Totals</u>
Page 2	Administration	50,970.00
Page 3	Fire	78,973.00
Page 4	Building / By-law	62,400.00
Page 4	Animal Control / Livestock	9,400.00
Page 5	Protective Services	13,970.00
Page 7	Public Works	1,498,237.00
Page 11	Roseneath Revitalization	30,050.00
Page 13	Library	22,051.00
Page 14	Planning	17,000.00
Page 16	Special Projects / Grants	696,862.00
Sub-total Revenue		2,479,913.00
Add:	Municipal Taxation	247,908.00
Surplus/(-deficit) applied to current year after yr-end adjustments		
Total Revenues		\$2,727,821.00
MUNICIPAL TAXATION REQUIREMENT 2009		\$3,512,119.00

The general levy increase illustrated in the draft #2 municipal operating and capital budget for the fiscal year 2009 is projected at 4.2 %.

Council Break 2:50 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

DONATIONS LIST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 – 4:43 P.M.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the allocation of funding and it is the Council's consensus to agree to the following donations:

<u>DONATION LIST – 2009</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Northumberland Transit Initiative (NTI)	1,000.00
Apple Route - First Newsletter	1,000.00
C-C-H Soccer Club (Colborne-Cramahe-Haldimand Soccer Club)	500.00
Canadian Legion - Poppy Fund Project	100.00
Cobourg First Night Committee	250.00
Community and District Community Safety Council	650.00
Community Care Northumberland	750.00
Grafton Horticultural Society	250.00
Habitat for Humanity - Northumberland Project	500.00
Info Northumberland	250.00
Northumberland 4-H Woodworking Club	150.00
Northumberland Federation of Agriculture Northumberland	500.00
Northumberland Orchestra	250.00
Northumberland United Way	250.00
Roseneath Agricultural Society & Fairground Board	1,000.00
St. John's Ambulance	100.00
Waterfront Regeneration - Waterfront Trail	200.00
Northumberland OPP Golf Fundraiser	145.00
Hospice Northumberland Lakeshore	155.00
2009 Total Expenditures	\$8,000.00

The Clerk/Administrator reviewed individual department expenditures and highlighted the largest expenditures proposed for the fiscal year 2009 and the generated revenue proposed for the fiscal year 2009.

The Clerk/Administrator noted the largest expenditure for administration, was for the acquisition and purchase of the computer software program from Diamond Solutions. The Clerk/Administrator advised council that he has utilized the majority of funds in reserve relating to the Bridges/Roads Grant received in 2008 and also the Investing in Ontario Grant which was received in November of 2008 which has been allocated to specific projects in upgrading municipal roads infrastructure for this year, 2009. The Clerk/Administrator acknowledged the increased expenditures pertaining to the municipal volunteer fire department was for the, capital purchase of a rescue vehicle which would be utilized for grass fires, the purchase of extrication equipment, "jaws of life" and the purchase of camera imaging equipment.

The Clerk/Administrator advised that Municipal Treasurer Beth Vosbough, Mayor William Finley and Councillor Rosemarie Robins as chair of the Roseneath Reservation Committee are finalizing and completing the proposed expenditures and revenues pertaining to the committee which is denoted on page 11 of the 2nd draft municipal budget. The Clerk/Administrator also acknowledged that Council would have to provide the treasury department with direction as to funds to be allocated to relating to the proposed revalidation pertaining to the Centreton Library.

Council also reviewed in detail the proposed donations provision to various agencies, committees and groups to be allocated in the 2009 municipal budget.

COUNCILLOR COMMENTS PRETAINING TO THE 2ND DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- It was noted that the Public Works Superintendent and the Volunteer Fire Chief should prepare a list of surplus equipment that is not required further needs to the services they provide to the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.
- Councillor Jeninga recommended that the municipality should have a working reserve to have illustrated in the budget that can be utilized for any accounts that may warrant funds through the fiscal year that are not specifically allocated in the approved budget.
- Councillor Benns inquired as to the status concerning the policies of remuneration of ratepayers utilizing hydro for streetlights systems throughout various areas of the municipality.
- Councillor Holmes inquired as to why there is a difference for campground fees relating to different campground, trailer parks/resorts in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand. The Clerk/Administrator will have to inquire with the By-Law Enforcement Officer, Mike Godin concerning this enquiry.
- Centennial Park in Centreton, Councillor Benns inquired as to what the future potential use of this municipal land, a lengthy council discussion ensued in the merits of retaining the said land or deeming it as surplus to municipal needs.
- The Clerk/Administrator/Planning Coordinator advised that he has received correspondence from Heather Watson of EcoView Consulting Ltd. requesting additional funds due to the additional mapping requirements in completing the municipalities' new comprehensive zoning bylaw. Councillor Ritchie advised that council should review the initial tender documents pertaining to this project
- The Clerk/Administrator/Planning Coordinator advised that he is still awaiting final audited figures from the Township Auditor Wayne Carter of Collins Barrows Kawartha advising as to the reserves of the municipality as of December 31st, 2008 in order to provide a third draft of the municipal budget which is to be reviewed at a special council meeting Tuesday March 24th, 2009.
- A poll was taken as to Councillors in vision as to a tax rate increase for the 2009 municipal operating capital budget as follows
 - Mayor William Finley 1.5%-2%
 - Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald 2%
 - Councillor Bill Holmes 0%
 - Councillor Ray Benns 2%
 - Councillor Rosemarie Robins 2%
 - Councillor Art Jeninga 4%
 - Councillor Cathie Ritchie 1%

NEXT BUDGET MEETING

It was the consensus of council to have the next budget meeting on Tuesday March 24th, 2009 commencing at 7:00 P.M. at the Grafton Municipal Building in Grafton, Ontario.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW – 5:40 P.M.:

By-Law No. 46 -2009 - Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Budget Session held on Thursday, March 12th, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Moved by Councillor Raymond Bennis, seconded by Councillor Bill Holmes

“Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 46 -2009**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Budget session held on Thursday, March 12th, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 12th day of March, 2009,

CARRIED.”

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 5:41 P.M.:

Moved by Councillor Dalton McDonald, seconded by Councillor Bill Holmes

“Be it resolved that the Budget Session held on Thursday, March 12th, 2009, be adjourned at 5:41 p.m.,

CARRIED.”

MAYOR, WILLIAM FINLEY

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR, TERENCE KOROTKI