

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND  
SPECIAL MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

Council met in Special Council Session on Tuesday, March 24th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor William Finley presiding. The purpose of the Special Council meeting was to review the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Art Jeninga  
Bill Holmes  
Cathie Ritchie  
Rosemarie Robins

**Absent with Notification:** None

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

**Others:** None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Finley called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**II. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

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There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**III. COUNCIL DISCUSSION RE: REVIEW THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DRAFT OF THE MUNICIPAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 – 7:10 P.M.**

The Clerk/Administrator and Municipal Treasurer presented and reviewed all the pages pertaining to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft of the proposed Municipal Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2009. The Clerk Treasurer acknowledged the specific recommendations and revisions of Council in respect to the previous Council meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Clerk Administrator advised the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft Budget illustrates a General Levy increase of 2.5 %. Council members reviewed the budget in its entirety completing the following revisions

Public Works Department

Stock - Oil / Gas & Diesel	\$150,000 changed to <b>\$120,000</b>
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 80,000 changed to <b>\$60,000</b>

The Clerk Administrator advised that the capital account was increased due to the comments of the Public Works Superintendent Cam Ward advising the proposed backhoe purchase with additional attachments, would cost **\$150,000.00** not **\$118,000.00** as per initial estimate in our previous Draft Budget. The Clerk/Administrator acknowledged the Council, that he has illustrated this request as per Draft Budget #3. The Clerk/Administrator also acknowledged that the application for a summer student for the administration department has not been applied for and recommended the re-establishment of a grant in respect to the Nawautin Sanctuary Committee in the amount of \$2000.00. In respect to the Library as per the Library budget, it was the recommendation of Council to increase the consulting services account in respect to the upgrading of the Centreton Library to \$48,427.00.

A lengthy Council discussion ensued to the ultimate final decision of Council in respect to the General Levy. It was noted that a Council poll was taken at a previous Special Council Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and it was of the opinion of the consensus of Council for the Clerk/Administrator to target a General Levy increase of 2%. The Clerk/Administrator acknowledged that he will make the necessary revisions to Draft Budget # 3 to obtain this objective.

The Municipal Treasurer Beth Vosbough advised that she will make the necessary revisions and provide them for the Municipal Planning Meeting Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for Councils information.

Council reviewed the Municipal Treasurers Memorandum of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 illustrating questions (yellow document). Council reviewed in its entirety, all the questions and it was noted by Mayor William Finley that a majority of the questions have already been dealt with in respect to this budget for the fiscal year 2009.

A lengthy Council discussion ensued concerning the calendar date for the required legislative public meeting. It was the consensus of Council that the public meeting for the 2009 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget will be held Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 commencing at 7:00pm at the Municipal Administration Office in Grafton, Ontario.

Public Works Superintendent Cam Wards' document (in blue) illustrating additional roads for Council consideration for completion by the Public Works Department was reviewed and it was the consensus of Council that this be retained for information, due to the fact that the Public Works Department has substantial undertakings in respect to projects to be completed in the fiscal year 2009. The Clerk/Administrator also advised that he reviewed the Public Works employees request for 2009 in respect to their six enquiries. The Clerk/Administrator will enquire regarding the bereavement for Aunts/Uncles – One (1) day as to how this benefit is illustrated in abutting municipalities, the Township of Cramahe and the Township of Hamilton. The Clerk/Administrator advised that he will prepare a response correspondence for Councils review at a later meeting.

**Clerk/Administrator Correspondence - 9:25 P.M.**

**Northumberland Big Sisters/Big Brothers Re: Bowl For Kids Sake**

The Clerk/Administrator advised that he received pledge sheets from Sofie Kneisel of Northumberland Big Sisters/Big Brothers inquiring as to whether Councillors would be interested in participating in this fund raising event to be held Saturday March, 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 2:00p.m. at the Northshore Lanes in Cobourg, Ontario. It was noted that all Councillors had commitments for this date.

**Clerk/Administrator Letter to Mr. Todd Farrell, Stewardship Coordinator, Central Ontario of the Nature Conservancy of Canada Re: Council's Concerns to Prescribed "Controlled Burns" Within the Township Of Alnwick/Haldimand**

The Clerk/Administrator reviewed in its entirety the correspondence authored March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 pertaining to this matter.

**Email Correspondence From Councillor Ritchie Re: Request for Summer Student for the Heritage Alnwick/Haldimand Committee**

The Clerk/Administrator advised Council that this request has been incorporated into the Municipal Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2009.

Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Dated March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Re: Recognizing Earth Hour

The Clerk/Administrator advised that a copy of this correspondence was provided to each Councillor for information on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Emailed Correspondence from Jessica Hoskin Re: Northumberland Transportation Initiative Funding Request

It was noted from the previous Special Council Meeting of March 12, 2009 that it was the recommendation of Council to support a grant to a maximum of \$1,000.00 towards this initiative for the fiscal year 2009. The Clerk/Administrator was advised to contact Ms. Hoskin advising that Council would assess this financial request during budget deliberations for the 2010 fiscal year providing that documentation is provided to Council pertaining to ridership figures for residence residing in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand who benefit in utilizing this transit service.

**IV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS/PUBLIC GALLERY – 9:38 P.M.**

There were no persons present from the Press, Public or Gallery.

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW – 9:43 P.M.:**

**By-Law No. 47-2009** - Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand pertaining to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft of the Municipal Operating and Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2009.

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Moved by Councillor Raymond Bennis, seconded by Councillor Bill Holmes

“Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 47-2009**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009,  
CARRIED.”

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – 9:45 P.M.:**

Moved by Councillor Cathie Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Art Jeninga

“Be it resolved that the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.,  
CARRIED.”

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Mayor, William Finley

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Clerk/Administrator, Terrence Korotki