



Special Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Town Hall

Mayor A. Thompson
Councillor D. Beffort (Arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
Councillor N. de Boer
Councillor J. Downey
Councillor A. Groves
Councillor J. Innis
Councillor G. McClure
Councillor R. Mezzapelli
Councillor B. Shaughnessy

Chief Administrative Officer: D. Barnes
Director of Administration/Town Clerk: C. deGorter
Fire Chief: D. Forfar
Director of Development Approval and Planning Policy/Deputy CAO: M. Hall
Director of Parks and Recreation: L. Johnston
Council/Committee Co-ordinator: B. Karrandjas
Manager of Corporate Communications: B. Lee
Manager of Economic Development: N. Lingard
Director of Public Works: D. Loveridge
Chief Librarian: B. Manson
Director of Human Resources: J. Porter
Treasurer: P. Tollett
Director of Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer: F. Wong

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC MEETING**

2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

Fuwing Wong, Director of Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer and Peggy Tollett, Treasurer provided a presentation regarding the 2015 Budget (see attached presentation).

Councillor Beffort joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

ADRIE LAMERS expressed concern regarding the proposed tax increase and increased property assessment. He inquired as to the amount that is paid to the Town for area gravel pits, the status of the Caledon Pool and the timing of the results of the Parks and Recreation visioning exercise. Mr. Lamers received responses from staff regarding his concerns.

AL AXWORTHY inquired if the Canadian Tire Warehouse is reflected in the commercial tax revenue. Mr. Wong provided a response.

LARRY KARACEK inquired if the Town attempts to consolidate purchases. Mr. Karacek referenced to the employee headcount and the numbers of permanent full-time, contract staff and how many were on the Sunshine List. He compared the Town's proposed tax rate to the City of Toronto and inquired if staff had received any direction from Council to prepare the budget. Mr. Karacek received responses from staff regarding his concerns.

SHARON MARSH inquired about the two proposed positions for a Council Assistant and Communications Coordinator and what their role was. Ms. Marsh commented that she believes Councillors do not need two additional staff. Mr. Wong provided a response.

PATRICK DECRAEMER of the Caledon Soccer Club provided Council with a package of material outlining the Club's concerns regarding a proposed indoor soccer facility. Mr. DeCraemer noted that in 2003, Council voted to invest \$100k a year for 10 years for an indoor soccer facility. He indicated that he was advised that this project was no longer in place and inquired as to the status of the funds. Mr. Wong provided a response.

A resident suggested that a public/private partnership be created in order to facilitate the construction of an indoor soccer facility. The resident requested that the two new Council support positions be justified. Mr. Wong, Mayor Thompson and Mr. Barnes, CAO provided a response.

SHERRY BRIOSCHI thanked staff for providing the proposed budget on the Town's website. Ms. Brioschi expressed concern regarding the costs involved with the Caledon Equestrian Park. She inquired as to where any additional funding will come from and made reference to previous Council reports where Council approved an additional \$195k to participate in gold sponsorship as an unavoidable budget increase but was unable to find this allocation within the budget document. She inquired as to who will be responsible for the rezoning exercise and suggested that she believes the applicant should be paying for the additional costs associated with the site. She made reference to the Johnston Sports Park and suggested that this should have been located in Mayfield West as they have no recreation centre or library at this time. She indicated that the public has been requesting a business plan for the Johnston Sports Park but to date none has been provided. She advised that the Region of Peel is reducing garbage pick up to every other week to decrease costs and suggested that the Town of Caledon should impose a wage freeze and have current staff do the work of consultants. Mr. Wong provided responses to Ms. Brioschi's concerns.

TOM DOLSON inquired as to whether the cost of living adjustment is legislated. Mr. Dolson inquired if the Town's target for assessment is to obtain a 70/30 split. Mr. Wong provided a response.

JUDY MABEE inquired as to the status of the community hall in Belfountain and if an alternate facility is being considered. Ms. Tollett provided a response.

GISELE WHITE of the Caledon Soccer Club suggested that the Club would like to form a partnership with the Town to create an indoor soccer facility. Mr. Wong provided a response.

Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. Wong and Ms. Tollett for their presentation.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

On verbal motion moved by Councillor McClure, Council adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Allan Thompson, Mayor

Carey deGorter, Town Clerk