

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting
December 16th, 2019 @ 7pm

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Mayor Arthur Slipp, Deputy Mayor Amy Anderson, Councillor George Leonard, Councillor Bill Hogan, Councillor Theresa Blackburn, Councillor Jeff Bradbury, Councillor Catherine Sutherland

Staff: CAO Ken Anthony, DAS Ann Marie Voutour, Mandy Hamilton

Media: Bugle Observer

Public: Hannah Cantafio, Eric Cummings

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Slipp welcomed those in attendance and commented on community events.

A successful Western Valley Achievement Games was held at the AYR Motor Centre.

Several Councillors have agreed to volunteer with the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign this year.

Mayor and councillors recently attended the Bass Awards Dinner, Crime Stoppers Dinner, Town of Woodstock Staff Christmas Event, and Dr. McLaughlin's 50-year Retirement Dinner.

Compliments to the schools and churches for their performances during Christmas season.

A wish for a merry Christmas, compliments of the season, and happy new year.

A special invitation was extended for the Mayor's Levee on January 1st, 2020 where members of the community will be recognized for their contributions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of agenda. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #324-2019

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes of November 25th, 2019. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #325-2019

CAO UPDATE:

Collective Agreement – Union negotiations will continue on January 16-17.

Budget update – Thanks to all members of management and council for their involvement in the budget.

Holiday Hours – Town Hall will close at 12pm on December 24th and reopen on January 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Third Reading and Enactment of BIA By-law L-1.20

DAS Voutour noted that there is an increase in the municipal assessment base for the BIA this year.

MOTION: Third reading by title By-Law # L-1.20, a By-Law to impose a levy on non-residential property within the Woodstock Business Improvement area. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #326-2019

Consideration of the First and Second Reading Proposed By-law Z-301-42

MOTION: To table the consideration of the first and second reading of proposed By-law Z-301-42, a By-Law to amend By-law Z-301, a Zoning By-law, pending the submission of an artist rendering of building to circulate to nearby property owners. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Sutherland. Carried #327-2019

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Results of the Public Presentation for Proposed Rezoning of 101 Sherwood Drive

DAS Voutour advised that there have been no submissions received for or against the proposed rezoning.

MOTION: To set the Public Hearing date for the rezoning of 101 Sherwood Drive for January 27th, 2020. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #328-2019

Report of the Economic Development Committee – December 2nd, 2019

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of December 2nd, 2019.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Economic Development Committee from December 2nd, 2019, as presented. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #329-2019

Report of the Protective Services Committee – December 4th, 2019

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Protective Services Committee of December 4th, 2019.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Protective Services Committee of December 4th, 2019, as presented. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #330-2019

Report of the Planning Advisory Committee – December 16th, 2019

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee of December 16th, 2019.

MOTION: To initiate the rezoning of PID 10287407 from Highway Commercial to Industrial, for the sole purpose of rental storage. Deputy Mayor Amy Anderson, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #331-2019

MOTION: To accept the report of the Planning Advisory Committee of December 16th, 2019, as presented. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #332-2019

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2020 General, Utility, and Capital Fund Budget

Councillor Sutherland presented the General, Utility, and Capital Fund Budget.

The following was noted:

The General Fund expenditures will increase by 3.5% or \$358,000.

The Operating Fund has increased by roughly 7%, or approximately \$650,000.

These increases were made to match the actual numbers from 2019.

The General Capital budget is \$450,000.

The Utility Fund Revenue includes a water rate increase of 10%.

In the General Fund Revenue, the Town assessment has increased by 1.8%, which shows growth.

There will be a tax rate increase of 2 cents per \$100 of assessed value for 2020.

The Woodstock Police Force has budgeted for a drug task force.

Funding for a compliance officer has been budgeted for.

MOTION: To adopt the 2020 General, Utility, and Capital Fund budget. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard. Carried. #333-2019

Resolutions for the Budget

MOTION: The Municipality of Woodstock RESOLVES that the sum of \$10,200,990 be the total operating budget of the Municipality, that the sum of \$7,472,215 be the Warrant of the Municipality for the ensuing year, and that the tax rates for the Municipality be \$1.45 (Inside), \$1.40 (Outside) and \$1.40 (Industrial Park). The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount of real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the Municipality of Woodstock. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #334-2019

MOTION: The Municipality of Woodstock RESOLVES that pursuant to paragraph 117(4) of the Local Governance Act, the total budget for the Water / Sewer Utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of \$1,518,903, and total expenditures of \$1,518,903. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #335-2019

Reserve Transfers for 2019

MOTION: To transfer \$11,000 from Utility Operating Fund to Utility Capital Reserve Fund for Wastewater Treatment Plant (to reserve funds for future capital costs for the Waste Water Treatment Plant). Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #336-2019

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MOTION: To transfer \$60,000 from General Capital Reserve Fund to General Capital Fund for Pool Filter. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #337-2019

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 13th, 2020 at 7pm - Town Hall.

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #338-2019

Arthur Slipp, Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no Committee of the Whole.

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