

Robert then noted the percentage changes are the same, just the reports were shortened up, and the entire enhancement reports were replaced. Robert further noted under the Corporate Administration section, the vehicle category at Town Hall was removed.

Duncan questioned if the handouts reflect previous discussions, Robert replying yes.

C.1 Water and Wastewater – Next Steps

Robert advised that the 2011 Water and Wastewater Budget proposes an increase of 3% for Water and a 0% increase for Wastewater. Robert further advised that in order to meet the timelines of the utility bills being circulated by the end of March, the Public Information Session must be held to receive comments on the proposed increase prior to the next billing.

Moved by: R.J. Gamble Seconded by: Joe Halos

THAT Council authorize Staff to schedule a Public Information Session on Monday, February 28, 2011 prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting, to review and discuss the 2011 Water & Wastewater Budgets and supporting rates with the public; and,

THAT Council authorize Staff to schedule a Public Meeting to receive comments on the proposed 2011 Water & Wastewater Budgets on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, Carried.

C.2 Policing

Inspector John Trude reviewed the Police Services Board (PSB) budget with Council noting that the Policing Contract has never exceeded its budget. John noted of 12 Constables, with 24/7 police coverage consisting of 3 constables per shift, the Police are never overstaffed.

John advised that wage increases for Staff will be 5% in 2011, 0% in 2012 and 0% in 2013. Councillor Gamble questioned if the 5% increase would be on the calendar year. John answered yes from January to December.

Councillor Halos questioned if the current Police Services is enough and questioned if we are doing a good job. John advised that the crime statistics are low and the PSB are aiming for an excellent low. John further advised the Short Term Accommodation noise issues in the Craigleith area and the Blue Mountain Resorts (BMR) area are due to an influx of 2.2 million people coming to the area. John then noted BMR have partnered with PSB to pay an additional \$18,000 to \$20,000 to target specific times. The CAO was to match BMR cost but no payment has been received to date.

Joe questioned if BMR have been paying extra for policing services. John answered yes they are.

Duncan questioning if the Security Alarms Program has made a difference in call outs to false alarms and has it been helpful. John advising that it has significantly been cheaper. Sargeant Charlie Watts further advising that the PSB has seen a significant reduction in the past three years.

Council then thanked Inspector Trude and Sargeant Watts for attending the meeting.

C.3 Library

Chief Librarian Carol Cooley reviewed Page A of the Library Tab covering the summary of budget highlights.

Bob commented that it was loud and clear from the public that they did not want any increase to the service level at the library. Bob noted he is concerned with the proposed large tax increase in 2012, 2013 and suggested to push out the budget item of the Bookmobile for more urgent needs. Carol advised that it is mandated to provide library service to the entire Town. Carol further advised to construct a branch in Craighleith area would be more expensive than having a Bookmobile.

Councillor Ardiel questioned would what the increase would be for Staff to operate the Bookmobile and whether a special licence would be required. Carol commented the unit size varies, and that it would require an increase to one and ½ Staff plus Staff would require a special licence.

Bob questioned if the Bookmobile cost would be estimated at \$100,000 per year, Carol replying that the operation costs would be \$101,000.

C.4 Engineering & Public Works

Duncan questioned if Council would agree to deal with Enhancement Report, specifically pages 1-2. Council concurred to review the Environmental Farm Plan.

Manager of Special Projects Peter Tollefsen referenced a report that went to Council last summer to come up with a program to help local farmers. Peter then advised the Canada Ontario Farm Stewardship Program (COFSP) is already in place, therefore the Town is not implementing something completely new and noted the proposed program will assist our local farmers. Peter then spoke noting that James McKinlay has been involved with the COFSP.

James McKinlay then spoke to Council advising that the program will benefit all ratepayers and the municipalities on either side of our Community. James advised the program will provide improvements to water quality, minimize risks to the environment with funding of 30% from Provincial/Federal and a requested 20% from Municipal. James further advised there are no administration costs.

Joe then questioned if there are any applications received to date. James advised at this point it is confidential, but there are 8-10 applications being proposed. James further advised that the farmer will pay all costs upfront prior to rebate, once the work is done, inspection is completed and passed then the farmer will be reimbursed.

Council thanked both James McKinlay and Peter Tollefsen for attending.

Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm reviewed Page A of the Engineering Tab covering the summary of budget highlights.

Duncan addressed the Asset Inventory Management with concerns about taking care of road surfaces in a timely manner and noted it is important to know the life expectancy of any given road. Reg noted the Engineering Department strives to implement a pavement management system, but due to investment, time and resources it has been delayed. Reg further noted that Manager of Roads & Drainage, Jim McCannell continues to monitor industry best standards. Jim noting to the current Roads Needs Study that have the roads colour coded with grey, green and red, with red roads continuing to be the Roads Department main focus.

Joe questioned the current location for snow storage. Jim advised the snow is being stored on Town property located on King Street in Thornbury. Joe questioned if the snow could be stored at the Town's landfill site.

Reg advised the Ministry of Environment guidelines would require the Town to undergo an Environmental Assessment to consider the landfill site. Manager of Solid Waste & Environmental Initiatives Jeffery Fletcher further advised that the landfill site is not an advisable location with a concern to the leachate problems.

Bob questioned the use of internal engineering resources to reduce outside sourcing. Reg advised Council that he will provide a business case to backup internal resources. Duncan commented to having better understanding of the formula. A report should be brought back to the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee around October for information purposes to understand the formula for engineering costs.

Jim reviewed Page A of the Roads & Drainage Tab covering the summary of budget highlights.

Councillor Martin questioned the million dollar project for the Ravenna Works Yard Expansion. Bob noted he is also concerned with the cost of the project with only gaining one more bay and to spending borrowed development charges over the next ten years.

Capital Accountant Darcy Chapman advised the entire project is not drawing from total development charges funds.

Joe questioned to consider other alternatives. Jim advised the numbers worked to renovate at Ravenna, but in 20 years the Town may require additional land or perhaps another yard, for example a satellite yard possibly in Craighleith.

Councillor McKean spoke referencing the County site that the Town is sharing for salt and sand questioning if the Town expands and becomes a larger user that it may require the Town building its own sand dome. Jim advised that currently the Town owns 45% of the shared sand dome.

Duncan spoke noting there are no concerns in the short term with our partnership with the County.

Michael then questioned the Capital sheets, tab R9 Machinery & Equipment costs of \$535,000. Jim then replying 2010 budget items accrued in 2011. Darcy then spoke noting \$275,000 is the cost for the 6 wheel drive snow plow and \$260,000 is for the tandem truck, with \$80,000 expensed to taxation.

John questioned if the Town should proceed through a tender process to the private sector cost of doing the work instead of replacing the trucks. Duncan then spoke noting if the trucks are not purchased and the plowing is contracted out, then the Capital cost becomes taxation costs. Jim further adding the operational costs then becomes challenging with damages to be repaired in the spring, noting contract Staff turnover causing damages from winter maintenance and noted service delivery may be jeopardized.

Gail then questioned if the trucks are digital, and if the trucks have a tracking device like the County. Jim then replying a GPS is one system or another being a digital radio, same as the County. Jim advised the digital system is being implemented in trucks as they are replaced.

John questioned pages 4 & 5, Wayfinding Signs, are pulled out of the Budget Binder and put as an Enhancement Report. Reg then replying he asked to have them pulled and Finance agreed the figures are out dated.

Council concurred to take a five minute recess.

Jim then reviewed the Parking Lot section of the draft budget.

Jim noted the lighting in parking lots will be reused black concrete poles with fixtures. Michael questioned if the Clark Street parking lot will have temporary lighting installed as he is concerned with the hazards of tripping or falling on Marsh Street. Jim advised he has asked the electrician to install temporary lighting in December, but will follow up as to when the electrician is planning to perform the work.

Jeff then reviewed Page A of Solid Waste Tab covering the summary of budget highlights.

Jeff then spoke to the possibility of closing the landfill site, exporting the waste, noting the cost of exporting is unknown, or if the landfill site should be expanded and funded through Capital costs with the debt being financed over 25 years. Duncan noted the decision will be made by Council in 2011.

Joe then questioned if consideration for landfill expansion would include solar operation. Jeff then replying the project is separate from the landfill, with solar as a best fit for any area.

Duncan questioned if the budget is approved does the solar project appear. Jeff advised that a Staff Report will be brought forward for Council consideration. Jeff noted a solar project is an investment with an 8 to 9 year pay back.

Darcy then replying that to ease Council's mind, currently three solar projects will require Staff to research and come back to Council as to how and why we will do the project and also how the finance is recouped; and further that any project will be presented to Council.

Duncan then questioned if the contract services of 2.2% for garbage collection includes an increase in fuel costs. Jeff then replying yes the increase includes fuel costs.

Duncan then questioned when the current contract can be reviewed. Jeff replying that the term of the contract is six years but can be reviewed and negotiated at any time.

Gail then questioned if the Town is locked in for the six years. Jeff replying there is a clause to review every year in late September. Duncan then asked Jeff to bring the contract forward for review by Council in August. Jeff then advised that he will bring the garbage collection contract before the Infrastructure and Recreation Committee in July for Council review in August.

Jeff then spoke to Council regarding the Environmental Initiatives section of the budget. Jeff advised he has planned a workshop to cover any questions that Council may have to any increased services.

Bob then questioned whether the recyclable revenue can assist in the offset costs. Jeff advised the contract is a fixed price and noted the commodities have not gone up. Council would like details for recycling revenue to be included in the Staff Report circulated in July.

Michael then questioned the funding costs of \$72,000 for the Solar Voltaic Panels. Darcy then replying the panels will be installed on the new Town Hall and funded from the Gas Tax program.

Bob then noted Consultants were already hired to prepare a Solar Voltaic study. Bob questioned if Council received this report.

Jeff then replying he has received the report, the study was terminated early, and he questions if the report is worthwhile to put in application. Council concurred to receive report back from Jeff for their review.

C.5 Recreation including Parks, Harbour, Depot, BVCC, Tomahawk

Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt reviewed Page A of the Recreation Tab covering the summary of budget highlights.

Shawn advised Council that the first session at the Plunge will be held February 9, 2011. Joe then asked to see the list of events. Shawn replying the details of the eight events totalling \$20,000 will be brought back to the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee for review annually. Robert then noted to Council the list of events is in the framework section of the Budget Binder.

Bob then questioned the continuous summary for the Event and Youth Coordinator position. Shawn then replied there have been events that the Town has not been involved with and problems have occurred, the benefits of the position is to help assist with events in the community.

Shawn then reviewed the BVCC highlights.

Duncan then asked if the ice rentals are filling the schedule. Shawn then replying communications with Collingwood for minor hockey ice times and noting an average of 58 hours/week of scheduled in ice time. Shawn then commenting the ice time is over what our neighbouring municipalities in Meaford and Grey Highlands are receiving for ice rentals.

Gail then questioned the status of hall rentals. Shawn then replied hall rentals require the renter to provide an increase in insurance. Shawn further replied hall rates are very competitive with our neighbours.

Joe then asked why the 2011 salaries are more than doubled. Shawn then replying the increase is a re-allotment from Tomahawk.

Bob then questioned the costs of \$130,000 for the front entrance, would it be better to fix then replace. Shawn then replying there will be a review in 2011 for consideration to repair versus replace. Darcy then spoke there will be an issue with the Ontario Disability Act which requires the entrance to be user friendly. Bob then asked if the repairs to the entrance must follow AODA guidelines would reduce the taxation costs. Darcy then replying half of the costs would be funded by Provincial Grants for disability requirements.

Shawn then reviewed the Parks & Trails section.

Shawn then advised that \$14,000 in costs related to Northwinds Beach was not caused by grass cutting, but garbage collection. Shawn further advised that waterfront parks are the most expensive due to garbage, parking and vandalism. Robert then added the operating sheet is shy of \$18,000 to pay for operating costs not capital.

Bob then spoke being disappointed to the approach regarding the Georgian Trail.

Michael then questioned if the agreement between the municipalities has expired. Shawn then replying yes the agreement expired in 2010.

Shawn advised that the agreement was put together by the three CAOs and delivered to Staff, further noting the agreement needs to be proactive as the process is very reactive.

Shawn noted that discussions must take place with the three municipalities to determine maintenance standards, for instance how wide the trail will remain; maintenance inspections to occur and how the trail will be maintained.

Duncan suggested inviting the Georgian Trail Board (GTB) to an Infrastructure & Recreation Committee sometime in March. Shawn further suggested that the GTB review the draft agreement and wait to hear back from the board.

Bob then questioned the expense of \$300,000 for the Sunset Boulevard Park, which has been controlled by Lora Bay for the last 20 years. Shawn replying Lora Bay does not want to control the park and wish to have it maintained by our municipality.

Bob asked if maintaining the park would create a need for more Staff. Shawn advised currently at this time it would not require more Staff.

Bob then questioned why the bike park would be located on Peel Street as Tomahawk would be a good location. Shawn then replying with the golf ball spray it would not be feasible for bikes and further replying the trail is near Peel Street.

Shawn then noted the project to replace the roof on the Craigleith Small Hall is taken out of the 2011 budget as this project was completed in 2010 due to severe leaks at the Hall.

Shawn then reviewed the Harbour Reserves.

Darcy then spoke to the \$25,000 in contingency reserves for example, electrical placed down the docks. Gail questioned what happens to old docks when replaced, Shawn replying that the cost to get rid of the docks in the past was cost prohibitive so the docks are offered on a first come first basis.

Shawn then reviewed the Depot and Small Halls.

Bob questioned the water situation at the Ravenna Hall. Shawn commented the water is good now, but will work with John Caswell regarding summer use. Shawn further commented to having consistency with the hall agreements.

Shawn then reviewed the Cemetery section.

Joe asked if there is any capacity left at the cemetery. Shawn then replying 18 to 20 years left. Gail then questioned the user fees. Shawn then commented the user fees are high to norm costing \$800.00 per burial, but is consistent with neighbouring municipalities. Shawn further commented the rates do require the Ministry approval and justification.

Bob then questioned the overall deficit and noted that the grant from the Town could be increased. Financial Analyst Debbie Brown advised the fees are deposited in the Scotia Trust Fund, with 40% of the plot fees towards care and maintenance.

Council concurred to bring agenda item C.6 Enhancement Reports forward at 4:00 p.m. after the next scheduled Finance and Administration Committee meeting being held on February 15, 2011.

D. Staff Reports as circulated

2011 Draft Budget Binders as previously circulated

E. Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

Moved by: Gail Ardiel Seconded by: John McKean

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 10:59 p.m. to meet again February 15, 2011, 4:00 pm, Beaver Valley Community Centre, Small Hall, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

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Duncan McKinlay, Deputy Mayor

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Krista Royal, Deputy Clerk