

25th Session March 9, 2020

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Agenda for 25th Session of Council

Public Meeting - 2020 Draft Budget

At the beginning of the 25th session of Council, a Public Meeting was held to present the 2020 Draft Budget. The 2020 Draft Budget was developed based on the objectives outlined in the Loyalist Township Strategic Plan. For an average residential property at \$256,000, under the proposed budget, the monthly residential bill would be \$167, compared with \$153 last year. This estimate incorporates 2020 education rates as provided by the Province, and estimates for the County portion, as these have yet to be set. The estimated combined tax rate increase equates to approximately 3.97% for 2020. The 2020 Proposed Budget Binder is available for review at www.loyalist.ca/go/budget Feedback and comments on the 2020 Proposed Budget can be sent to sdickey@loyalist.ca.

Notice of Public Meeting - Official Plan

A Public Meeting to consider a proposed comprehensive amendment update to Loyalist Township's Official Plan, in accordance with Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Loyalist Township Administrative Office. For more information visit www.loyalist.ca/go/officialplan

Presentation - Amherst Island Charitable Foundation

Council received a presentation proposing the creation of an Amherst Island Charitable Foundation to accept donations from individuals through the Township towards the work of not for profit organizations on Amherst Island. Council directed staff to explore how best to implement this concept and provide a recommendation for Council.

MacKinnon Brothers AGCO Licence Requirements

Council adopted the recommendations in the report re: MacKinnon Brothers AGCO License requirements. By applying for and successfully obtaining a 'Tied House' and 'By-the Glass' license, the MacKinnon Brother's Brewing Company will no longer need to go through the process of requesting Council to deem their events as 'municipally significant' to obtain a Special Occasion permit when hosting an event and serving their products on their property.

COVID-19 Update

Council received a report from the Director of Emergency Services regarding the current preventative measures and readiness planning for a potential coronavirus outbreak in this region. The Director of Emergency Services will be providing ongoing updates as the situation evolves. The Township has created a webpage to share updates and information as provided by KFL&A Public Health and the Ministry of Health.

Drinking Water Systems 2019 Annual Summary Report

Council was presented with the annual report highlighting the fact that the two systems delivered a combined 1.84 million litres of water while maintaining our 100% inspection rating. The Annual Report is available online, or at the Administration Office, 263 Main Street in Odessa and at the Township office at 18 Manitou Crescent West Office in Amherstview.

Direct Motions

Two Direct Motions were presented due to timeliness.

- The first motion initiated a request to survey other waterfront municipalities to determine what they are doing to assist residents regarding flooding/high water levels. The survey results would then be presented to Council through a staff report.
- The second motion resolved that the overall 2020 budget be reduced in the amount of \$52,000 following the elimination of the line item labeled "mayor's per diems." The motion further resolved that a review of the current remuneration by-law take place, and that any decisions which come out of the review, are funded through the working capital reserve for 2020.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- 2020-03-23 6:00 PM Public Meeting (Official Plan)
- 2020-03-23 Regular Council (following Public Meeting)
- 2020-04-01 6:00 PM Committee of Whole (Hemson Presentation)
- 2020-04-06 6:00 PM Committee of Adjustment
- 2020-04-07 6:00 PM Heritage Committee
- 2020-04-13 7:00 PM Regular Council
- 2020-04-27 7:00 PM Regular Council

Reports received for information

- Drinking Water Systems 2019 Annual Summary Report
- Building Activity Report - January 2020

Council received information from

- Ministry of Solicitor General re: Municipal Emergency Management Program 2019 Compliance
- MP Derek Sloan re: High Water Levels of Quinte/Lake Ontario
- Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks Online Survey
- Provincial Policy Statement 2020 (Staff noted that the soon to be finalized Official Plan already meets the majority of the requirements of the revised PPS, and that a staff report will address how variances will be addressed post OP approval.)
- Odessa Agricultural Society request for Ad
- Lennox & Addington Federation of Agriculture request to support Bill 156
- Amherst Island Agricultural Society Request for Vibrancy Fund Donation

Want to share an idea or opinion with the Mayor?

Mayor Ric Bresee can be reached by email at mayor@loyalist.ca or by phone at 613-386-7351, ext. 110. For general questions related to Township programs and services, please contact Customer Service at 613-386-7351.

Want more?

The official record of Council is contained in the Council Minutes, available on our website at loyalist.civicweb.net. Please refer any further questions to the Clerk's Division clerk@loyalist.ca.