

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Agenda

Special Council Meeting

CC2021-01

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Open Session Commencing at 6:00 p.m. - Electronic Participation

Council Chambers

City Hall

26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

Members:

Mayor Andy Letham

Deputy Mayor Patrick O'Reilly

Councillor Ron Ashmore

Councillor Pat Dunn

Councillor Doug Elmslie

Councillor Tracy Richardson

Councillor Kathleen Seymour-Fagan

Councillor Andrew Veale

Councillor Emmett Yeo

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2.	Adoption of Agenda	
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	Presentation - Overview of the 2021 City Budgets	
	Jennifer Stover, Director of Corporate Services	
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	A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of a Special Council Meeting,	
	Tuesday, February 2, 2021	
9.	Adjournment	

From: Patricia Slute

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 2:58:27 PM

To: Andy Letham <aletham@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca>; taxes@kawarthalakes.ca
<taxes@kawarthalakes.ca>

Subject: 2021 Tax Payment

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regard to the tax increase for the 2021 payments. Starting in February 2021 our tax bill has increased by 3.4% from the same period in February 2020. The second payments starting in August of 2020 went up 8.6% so I'm sure that will be on the agenda this year also.

I noticed the biggest hit to your operating budget is a 2.1 million increase in staff salaries and benefits. During this COVID crisis all wages should be frozen. Politicians think they are your boss but let's get something straight we are their boss, they work for us the residents who pay taxes.

As a senior who worked in the private sector for 35 years when the economy was suffering we did not receive a raise for the last five years of employment.. Also, as a senior we have worked and saved our whole lives and do not receive any additional benefits through all this.

There are many problems to be solved, the long term care situation being one in a state of crisis which has gone on for years. I know this as my mother was in a nursing home ten years ago and this was going on then, all complaints went to deaf ears.

We all have cost of living expenses not just our government employees, it seems they are the only ones that matter.

Hopefully this letter doesn't go to "deaf " ears.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Patricia Slute

From: Grant Heer

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 9:25 p.m.

To: Andy Letham

Subject: 2021 Budget

Mr. Mayor, I have had a quick review of the 2021 proposed operating budget.

Administration has done a great job preparing this package. However I feel that we cannot continue to absorb annual tax increases. I would like to start off by saying that I am a Director for a Municipality in Alberta. We own and rent a house in Oakwood. We continue to face similar problems with Provincial Grant reductions, inflation, and COVID. We have achieved a 2020 tax increase of .85% and 0% for 2021. Why is it not possible to achieve 0 to .5% tax increase? There are numerous opportunities to reduce costs, examples:

- 0% increase for wages
- Staff reductions, in comparison to other municipalities in the Country staffing levels are on the high side?
- Overtime only for urgent services
- Asset Risk assessment, can assets be extended
- Service level adjustments
- The use of reserves to offset budget shortfall
- Delaying projects, maintenance activities

As a property owner and taxpayer, I fill that with the stress on household incomes or lack of, it is time to take a stand to lead by example, and reduce costs. I understand that these are tough decisions, however I know this can be achieved.

I would appreciate it if there could be a strong effort to create a budget with no tax increase.

Thank you for your consideration, Grant

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

By-law 2021-XXX

A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of Council, Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Recitals

1. The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25 as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are exercised by its Council.
2. The Municipal Act, also provides that the Council's powers must be exercised by by-law.
3. For these reasons, the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes at this meeting should be confirmed and adopted by by-law.

Accordingly, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes enacts this By-law 2021-XXX.

Section 1.00: Confirmation

- 1.01 The actions of the Council at the following meeting:

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and each motion, resolution and other action passed or taken by the Council at that meeting is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings had been expressly embodied in this By-law.

- 1.02 The Mayor and the proper officials of the City are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council referred to in Section 1.01 of this By-law. In addition, the Clerk is authorized and directed to affix the corporate seal to any documents which require it.

Section 2.00: General

- 2.01 This By-law shall come into force on the date it is finally passed.

By-law read a first, second and third time, and finally passed, this 26 day of January 2021.

Andy Letham, Mayor

Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk