

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Special Council Meeting

CC2023-026

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Open Session Commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

City Hall

26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

Members:

Mayor Doug Elmslie

Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson

Councillor Ron Ashmore

Councillor Dan Joyce

Councillor Charlie McDonald

Councillor Mike Perry

Councillor Eric Smeaton

Councillor Pat Warren

Councillor Emmett Yeo

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Elmslie called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor T. Richardson and Councillors D. Joyce, C. McDonald, M. Perry and E. Smeaton were in attendance in Council Chambers.

Councillors R. Ashmore, P. Warren and E. Yeo were in attendance electronically.

CAO R. Taylor, Deputy Clerk J. Watts, Deputy Clerk S. O'Connell and Director S. Beukeboom were in attendance in Council Chambers.

City Clerk C. Ritchie, Director C. Faber, Fire Chief T. Jones, Paramedic Chief S. Johnston and Treasurer C. Daynes were in attendance electronically.

2. Adoption of Agenda

CR2023-549

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Councillor Joyce

That the Agenda for the Open Session of the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, November 8, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Perry disclosed that he is a co-founder of the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes.

4. CC2023-027.4.1

Overview of the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes

Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

Sara Beukeboom, Director of Corporate Services

Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, and Sara Beukeboom, Director of Corporate Services, provided an update on the Long Term Financial Plan for the City of Kawartha Lakes. The update included a financial overview of the City of Kawartha Lakes and a review of the Draft Capital, Operating, Special Projects and Water-Wastewater (both operating and capital) Budgets for 2024.

CR2023-550

Moved By Deputy Mayor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor McDonald

That the presentation by Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, and Sara Beukeboom, Director of Corporate Services, **regarding an Overview of the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

5. Presentations Regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes

5.1 CC2023-027.5.1

Kawartha Lakes Food Source

Heather Kirby

Heather Kirby, of Kawartha Lakes Food Source, provided an overview of the organization and how they work to reduce food insecurity in Kawartha Lakes. It was noted that their open garden program increased the availability of locally grown produce and 70% of the harvest from that program was harvested directly by members of the community with the remainder being to member food banks. Council was encouraged to increase the availability of produce by creating vegetable garden beds in local parks and at local community centres. Council was asked to support the open garden project by funding the construction of twelve (12) garden beds at a cost of \$6,335.00.

CR2023-551

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor Joyce

That the presentation by Heather Kirby, of Kawartha Lakes Food Source, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received;
and

That the request from Kawartha Lakes Food Source for support in the amount of \$6,335.00 for the construction of garden beds be forwarded to the 2024 budget process for consideration as a decision unit.

Carried

5.2 CC2023-027.5.2

Kawartha Lakes Museum and Archives

Barbara Doyle

Barbara Doyle, of the Kawartha Lakes Museum and Archives, provided an overview of the organization and the programming that was offered in 2023. It was noted that attendance at the museum increased by 462% from 2022 and revenues for 2023 are projected to be \$635,000.00. Council was asked to continue to support the organization by providing financial support in the amount of \$250,000.00, developing a Memorandum of Understanding that will support the expansion of the current facility, and providing annual operational support as a permanent item within the annual budget process.

CR2023-552

Moved By Councillor Ashmore

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That the presentation by Barbara Doyle, Kawartha Lakes Museum and Archives, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received; and

That the request from the Kawartha Lakes Museum and Archives for financial support in the amount of \$250,000.00, the request for continued financial support through the annual budget process and the request for a Memorandum of Understanding to address the proposed future expansion of the Kawartha Lakes Museum and Archives, be forwarded to the 2024 budget process for consideration as a decision unit.

Carried

5.3 CC2023-027.5.3

BGC Kawarthas

Amy Terrill

Lacey Maxwell

Amy Terrill and Lacey Maxwell, of BGC Kawartha, provided an overview of the organization and how they work to provide support to children and youth within Kawartha Lakes. They noted that financial support is required to assist with operational costs which will allow the organization to expand their operating hours. Council was asked to provide financial support in the amount of \$50,000.00 in 2024, \$100,000.00 in 2025 and \$100,000.00 in 2026.

CR2023-553

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Richardson

That the presentation by Amy Terrill and Lacey Maxwell, of BGC Kawartha Lakes, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received; and

That the request from BGC Kawarthas for financial support of \$50,000.00 in 2024, \$100,000.00 in 2025 and \$100,000.00 in 2026 be forwarded to the 2024 budget process for consideration as a decision unit.

Carried

5.4 CC2023-027.5.4

Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes

Laurie Dillon-Schalk

Mark Knoester

Laurie Dillon-Schalk and Mark Knoester, of the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes, provided an overview of the organization and how they work to raise funds to support of local initiatives through philanthropic partnerships. The Foundation manages all of the technical processes surrounding donations, tax receipting and fund management. Council was asked to support the Foundation by providing three year operating budget support of \$250,000.00, by formalizing a process for disbursing funds through the municipality and entering into a value exchange with the Foundation by holding funds with the Foundation and partnering in grant administration.

Councillor Perry advised that he would not be participating in a vote for this item due to his previously declared pecuniary interest.

CR2023-554

Moved By Councillor McDonald

Seconded By Councillor Smeaton

That the presentation by Laurie Dillon-Schalk and Mark Knoester, of the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received; and

That the request from the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes for three year operating budget support of \$250,000.00, the request to formalize a process for disbursing funds through the municipality and the request to enter into a value

exchange with the Foundation (by holding funds with the Foundation and partnering in grant administration) be forwarded to the 2024 budget process for consideration as a decision unit.

Carried

The Meeting recessed at 8:37 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

6. Deputations Regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes

- Mike Groat

Mike Groat, a resident of Lakewood Crescent, Bobcaygeon, provided an overview of a request for Mill Street, Lakewood Crescent to Marina Drive and Riverpark Drive in Bobcaygeon to be resurfaced. The request for the roads to be resurfaced was initiated through a Petition and the roads are currently scheduled to be resurfaced in 2026. The resurfacing needs to be moved up to 2024 as the condition of the roads is continuing to deteriorate.

CR2023-555

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Councillor Perry

That the deputation of Mike Groat, regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes, be received.

Carried

- Paul Balfour

Paul Balfour, a resident of Hemlock Drive, provided an overview of the condition of roads at the intersection of Burnt River Road and Pinery Road and at the intersection of Hemlock Drive and Pinery Road. It was noted that the condition of the roads at those intersections have continued to deteriorate and need to be resurfaced. Area residents are concerned that the condition of the roads will delay response times by emergency services. Council was asked to resurface the intersections as soon as possible.

CR2023-556

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Councillor Yeo

That the deputation of Paul Balfour, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- David Rapaport

David Rapaport spoke to the Healthy Environment Plan for Kawartha Lakes and encouraged Council to continue to fight against climate change. It was noted that there are items within the Draft 2024 Budget that support the Health Environment Plan and meaningful steps can be taken to continue to encourage green projects, renewable energy and the transition of the municipal fleet to electric vehicles. Council was urged to move forward on the Healthy Environmental Plan.

CR2023-557

Moved By Deputy Mayor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Smeaton

That the deputation of David Rapaport, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- William Denby

William Denby spoke to the Draft 2024 Budget and questioned if funds have been secured to repair roads that are damaged due large development projects. Council was asked if all of the required studies are completed for large development projects.

CR2023-558

Moved By Councillor Joyce

Seconded By Councillor Perry

That the deputation of William Denby, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- Doug Shaw

Doug Shaw raised concerns regarding the amount of growth in the local area and the impact that the growth will have on existing infrastructure. Council was asked to reconsider the development that has been proposed to reduce the loss of farmland.

CR2023-559

Moved By Councillor McDonald

Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

That the deputation of Doug Shaw, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- Gwen Denby

Gwen Denby identified concerns relating to the increase in homelessness within the local area and asked Council if there are funds set aside within the Draft 2024 Budget to assist the population experiencing homelessness.

CR2023-560

Moved By Councillor Smeaton

Seconded By Councillor Perry

That the deputation of Gwen Denby, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- Weldon Hachey

Weldon Hachey raised concerns relating to the support programs that are available to residents that face financial hardship and for those who are experiencing homelessness. Council was asked to make a conscience effort to help the community.

CR2023-561

Moved By Deputy Mayor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

That the deputation of Weldon Hachey, **regarding the 2024 Draft Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- Steve Lesperance

Steve Lesperance encouraged Council to work together with everyone relating to peace, order and good governance as they work through the budget process.

CR2023-562

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That the deputation of Steve Lesperance, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- Angel Godsoe

Angel Godsoe spoke to the Draft 2024 Budget and recognized the work that has gone into the preparation of the Budget. Concerns were raised about fiscal responsibility and the amount of debt that is held by the City, true sustainable development and the need for green building practices and the need for public input due to the loss of the local media and the lack of public engagement. Concerns were also raised about existing infrastructure and how existing systems are overburdened.

CR2023-563

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

That the deputation of Angel Godsoe, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- Ryan Condo

Ryan Condo raised concerns about the proposed tax increase and questioned why the increase is needed. Council was asked why the current level of taxation can't be maintained because taxes should be lowered and not increased.

CR2023-564

Moved By Councillor Smeaton

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Richardson

That the deputation of Ryan Condo, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

- Jeff Armitage

Jeff Armitage encouraged Council to work together to bring unity back to the local community. Council was asked why contracts are being provided to outside organizations rather than relying on the local skill set to provide the services that are required. Council was asked to stop excessive spending and bring prosperity to the local community.

CR2023-565

Moved By Councillor McDonald

Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

That the deputation of Jeff Armitage, **regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes**, be received.

Carried

7. Correspondence Regarding the Draft 2024 Budget for the City of Kawartha Lakes

There was no correspondence submitted for consideration.

8. Confirming By-Law

By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of November 8, 2023

CR2023-566

Moved By Councillor Perry

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That a by-law to confirm the proceedings of a Special Council Meeting held Wednesday, November 8, 2023 be read a first, second and third time, passed, numbered, signed and the corporate seal attached.

Carried

9. Adjournment

CR2023-567

Moved By Councillor Joyce

Seconded By Councillor McDonald

That the Special Council Meeting adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Carried

Doug Elmslie, Mayor

Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk