



**PUBLIC MEETING
2023 BUDGET
MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 13th, 2022

5:30 p.m.

**Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario
Council Chambers**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Reeve Rob Rainer
Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie
Councillor Andrew Kendrick
Councillor Greg Hallam
Councillor Korrine Affleck
Councillor Marilyn Thomas
Councillor Angela Pierman
Councillor Wayne Baker

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk
Janie Laidlaw, Deputy Clerk
Ashely Liznick, Treasurer
Noelle Reeve, Planner

Public Present: 21 members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Chair provided an overview of:

- the purpose of the public meeting
- the process of the public meeting

3. 2023 BUDGET AND FEES AND CHARGES – PUBLIC PRESENTATION

The Treasurer gave the PowerPoint presentation that was attached to the agenda.

The Treasurer explained that the By-Law for the Tariff of Fees will come to Council at the Council meeting tonight. Some of the fees will be in effect immediately and some will come into effect on January 1st, 2023. The 2023 Budget will not be passed until January 31st, 2023 after Council has a final discussion on January 17th, taking into account any public feedback.

The Reeve explained that Council will have an opportunity to discuss the 2023 Budget at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 17th and then the By-Law to adopt the Budget will come to the January 31st meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

i) **Lakewood Road Reconstruction.**
Dan Woods & Susan Freeman.

S. Freeman explained that they were hear as a delegation to Council in 2018 and were told the road would be done in 2023.

D. Woods and S. Freeman gave a PowerPoint presentation that was attached to the agenda. Would like Council to consider Lakewood Road before McLaren Road and at a minimum in 2023 would like the swale and the depressions ion the road repaired.

Dr. Rudy Lepp lives at the end of Lakewood Drive. He drives the road right to the end and the road is atrocious.

The Reeve thanked them for their presentation and that Council does have a 10-year capital plan and other roads in the community to consider.

The CAO/Clerk informed Council that staff can come back in the new year with a report.

ii) **Other Public Comments and Questions.**

Fred Goddard – Adam Lake (Burgess Ward)

- clarified what no phase-in assessment means
- asked about the statement that with no phase-in assessment the tax revenue will be approximately \$137,000 lower than if there had been a phase-in assessment. He understood that the budget determines the tax levy and the assessment determines how that levy is proportioned. The Treasurer explained that the assessment increase can by used to increase tax revenue or to decrease the tax levy
- asked for a breakdown of the percentage of assessment by tax category. For example, what percentage of the assessment base is residential or commercial and what is the assessment breakdown for waterfront assessment, the Treasurer explained that the Township does not have that information readily available.

- discussed that the levy history from 2006 to 2020 shows an increase of 90% and wondered what caused that, something is driving that beyond inflation and growth and asked if that was sustainable
- asked about decreasing the residential portion and increasing the other categories, for example make the commercial rate higher. The Treasurer explained that tax ratios are not set in Tay Valley but at the County level
- feels residential is bearing the cost of the increase to the tax levy

The Reeve suggested that F. Goddard meet with the Treasurer separately to discuss his questions of clarification.

Gordon Hill – (Bathurst Ward)

- the budget is a difficult balance of spending but not too much
- concern with the taxes over the years, created a chart himself similar to the levy history with the same years but comparing Consumer Price Index (CPI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS). It shows the tax levy increased by approximately 129%, CPI increased approximately 48%, CPP increased approximately 35% and OAS increased approximately 26%. The population finds it difficult to pay for these increases. Approximately 32% of Tay Valley's population is over the age of 65, the provincial average is 18%. Seniors are more likely to be on a fixed income and is concerned Council is leaving them behind and asked that Council think about that group of people when making a decision

The Reeve explained that there is time before the budget is adopted in January for taxpayers to continue to submit comments.

Council is being sympathetic to the proposal to increase expenditures at the same time having a responsibility for the Townships fiscals health into the future.

5. NEXT STEPS

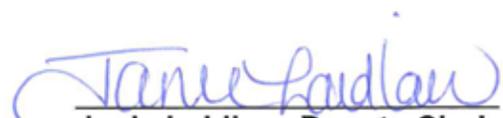
- Committee of the Whole (Discuss Public Feedback) – January 17th, 2023
- Council Meeting (Adopt Budget) – January 31st, 2023
- Notice of Passing – February 1st, 2023

6. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Rob Rainer, Reeve



Janie Laidlaw, Deputy Clerk