



**PUBLIC MEETING
2024 BUDGET
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

6:00 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 Wayne Baker
Councillor Greg Hallam
Councillor Korrine Jordan
Councillor Andrew Kendrick
Councillor Angela Pierman
Councillor Marilyn Thomas

Staff Present: Amanda Mabo, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk
Ashely Liznick, Treasurer
Noelle Reeve, Planner
Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager

Public Present: Fred Ager
Christine Melville
Wayne Bradley
Ron Ball
Gordon Hill
Fred Barrett
Mike Champagne
Paula Champagne
Tom Tithecott
Barry Butterfill

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

i) Ron Ball

- distributed and presented a letter to Council – *attached, page 6*.
- a petition was attached which will be included on the December 5th, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting
- has concerns about Rideau Lake Road, off Elm Grove Road
- it is a boundary road with Drummond/North Elmsley, they have also performed studies
- presented a petition; it is a well used road but has two (2) issues
- safety at the top of the hill, and the condition of the road is not commensurate with current expectations
- Mr. Bradley, accompanying Mr. Ball, shared that he believed that Drummond/North Elmsley has looked at the location and drafted a proposal of what could be done but no further action taken.
- Mr. Bradley commented the danger of the road is, if approaching from Winton Lane, that the road meets on an angle. A driver must turn to see down the road and wait for potential traffic because the bottom of the hill cannot be seen.
- an exact breakdown of users was not available tonight

The Reeve informed Mr. Ball that the petition would be referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

ii) Fred Ager

- highlighted concerns of internal and external agencies seeking Township funding that is downloaded to the ratepayers
- wants to draw to attention to the Township's recorded population increase information that is publicly available in census reports
- suggests that a levy increase is infeasible for Township residents in a low income status
- proposes a 0% tax rate increase
- urges Council to examine costs, staff, equipment, projects
- ask if all those things are needed, or if any can be deferred

- urges Council to direct staff to come up with ways to reduce costs
- suggests a reduction of services if it means no increase in levy
- urges every effort made to not push population into poverty
- may have to consider getting by with less staff or cut services
- urges Council to put more demonstrable effort to create conditions whereby developers will want to come to the Township in order to broaden the tax base into commercial and industrial
- urges Council to say no to external requests for funding

iii) **Gordon Hill**

- presented a spreadsheet to Council – *attached, page 7*.
- urged Council to do everything necessary to grant a 0% increase
- suggested delaying the purchase of equipment, or delaying renovations if situation permits to ease costs
- have there been changes to the operational and capital budgets since November 14, 2023?
- are more formal documents available?
- why another development charges study when one was completed in 2021?
- page 5 of the presentation shows an increase of 4.7%, but page 8 shows 5.1%?
- page 6 of the presentation shows a levy decrease but does not appear as a reduction
- private unassumed roads being covered by contingency reserve, can that be elaborated?

The Treasurer commented:

- yes, the changes from the November 14th meeting were included in the presentation for this meeting
- what is presented is from discussions had with Council, the format is what was been presented in the past
- the Development Charges study was completed in 2019 and is good for five (5) years, 2021 was an amendment to that study
- page 5, confident in the 4.7%
- page 6 could be a typo, the percentages are accurate, will examine the numbers
- a list of considerations was brought before Council, one was adding \$15,000 for a Private Unassumed Roads contracted position instead of adding to the levy, it will be funded from contingency

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk and Public Works Manager explained upcoming project-specific expenses regarding CP Rail and the Private Unassumed Roads Contractor.

Mr. Hill concluded with the statement regarding the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), that municipalities should provide information free of charge upon request.

iv) **Christine Melville**

- asked if the Township had any tent cities and expressed concern that if not there will be as residents will not be able to afford the increase

v) **Michael Poulin**

- questioned the expense for the Private Unassumed Roads Contractor
- questioned the reason for the expense when there are Township matters before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)


The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk explained that as this is a new process, the contractor will aid in developing documentation and a process for staff to follow in the future.

5. NEXT STEPS

- Committee of the Whole (Discuss Public Feedback) – December 5th, 2023
- Council Meeting (Adopt Budget and Fees and Charges By-Laws) – December 12th, 2023
- Notice of Passing – December 13th, 2023

6. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.


Rob Rainer, Reeve


Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Petition to Tay Valley Township Council

November 28, 2023

Attached is the petition signed by approximately 56 property owners, plus friends and family, that frequently use Rideau Lake road. It is the border between Tay Valley and Drummond/North Elmsley that runs between Elm Grove road and the north shore of the Big Rideau Lake.

We, the petitioners, request the upgrading of the road to address a very serious safety concern and to pave the road surface.

Rideau Lake road has a very steep and dangerous hill where Winton Lane and a house lane intersect at its peak. To enter the road safely it is necessary to; first position your vehicle at a right angle to the road, then wait 2 or 3 seconds, because you can not see an oncoming vehicle at the bottom of the hill, and then proceed. As you can imagine not everyone is likely to do this, especially those unfamiliar with the intersection. Also, it is known as a hill that if taken at a certain speed you will experience an exhilarating thrill at its peak.

We also request that the road should be paved as part of the same project. As we all know our cars have become very expensive and they don't do well with a road that at times has multiple potholes and is muddy after each rain thereby requiring a car washing. Also, a paved road does not require the continued expense of added gravel and grading.

We realize this will be an expensive project, however, since it is a boundary road the cost would be shared.

We understand that the council has already considered implementing a road upgrade. This petition demonstrates that you certainly have the support of the tax payers that use the road and we wish you full speed on implementing the project.

Thank you for giving us the time for this presentation.

Wayne Bradley, Chairman, Rideau and Adam Lake Road Assn. 613 824-1190

2024 Budget Presentation by Gordon Hill to Meeting of Council of Tay Valley Township - November 28, 2023

Year	TVT Tax Statistics			CPI			CPP Retirement Pension Payments			Old Age Security		
	Total Tax requirement	increase from prior year	% tax increase	CPI - Ont All Items 2002 = 100	annual CPI increase	CPI - % increase	Max. Annual Payt	annual increase in CPP payments	% annual increase in CPP payments	Maximum annual payment - Single	annual increase in OAS payments	% annual increase in OAS payments
2004	2,716,700			104.7			9,770.04			5,592.75		
2005	2,902,000	185,300	6.82%	107.0	2.3	2.2%	9,945.00	174.96	1.79%	5,706.63	113.88	2.04%
2006	3,073,000	171,000	5.89%	109.1	2.1	2.0%	10,134.96	189.96	1.91%	5,885.79	179.16	3.14%
2007	3,279,000	206,000	6.70%	111.5	2.4	2.2%	10,365.00	230.04	2.27%	5,952.00	66.21	1.12%
2008	3,437,000	158,000	4.82%	114.1	2.6	2.3%	10,614.96	249.96	2.41%	6,082.23	130.23	2.19%
2009	3,659,000	222,000	6.46%	114.4	0.3	0.3%	10,905.00	290.04	2.73%	6,203.52	121.29	1.99%
2010	3,790,000	131,000	3.58%	116.5	2.1	1.8%	11,210.04	305.04	2.80%	6,222.15	18.63	0.30%
2011	4,006,000	216,000	5.70%	119.9	3.4	2.9%	11,520.00	309.96	2.77%	6,368.25	146.10	2.35%
2012	4,237,000	231,000	5.77%	121.7	1.8	1.5%	11,840.04	320.04	2.78%	6,510.60	142.35	2.24%
2013	4,369,000	132,000	3.12%	122.8	1.1	0.9%	12,150.00	309.96	2.62%	6,579.06	68.46	1.05%
2014	4,447,700	78,700	1.80%	125.2	2.4	2.0%	12,459.96	309.96	2.55%	6,676.59	97.53	1.48%
2015	4,738,655	290,955	6.54%	126.6	1.4	1.1%	12,780.00	320.04	2.57%	6,786.90	110.31	1.65%
2016	5,005,109	266,454	5.62%	128.4	1.8	1.4%	13,110.00	330.00	2.58%	6,878.82	91.92	1.35%
2017	5,274,761	269,652	5.39%	130.4	2.0	1.6%	13,370.04	260.04	1.98%	6,978.87	100.05	1.45%
2018	5,406,203	131,442	Tot	135.0	4.6	3.5%	13,610.04	240.00	1.80%	7,121.31	142.44	2.04%
2019	5,591,758	185,555	3.43%	137.5	2.5	1.9%	13,854.96	244.92	1.80%	7,289.88	168.57	2.37%
2020	5,825,774	234,016	4.19%	138.4	0.9	0.7%	14,109.96	255.00	1.84%	7,364.19	74.31	1.02%
2021	6,038,661	212,887	3.65%	143.2	4.8	3.5%	14,445.00	335.04	2.37%	7,486.71	122.52	1.66%
2022	6,229,326	190,665	3.16%	152.9	9.7	6.8%	14,925.00	480.00	3.32%	7,929.75	443.04	5.92%
2023	6,611,037	381,711	6.13%	158.0	5.1	3.3%	15,459.96	534.96	3.58%	8,300.00	370.25	4.67%
2024	6,942,296	331,259	5.01%									
Increases from 2004 to 2023												
			143.35%		53.26	50.87%		5,689.92	58.24%		2,707.25	41.79%

See Notes on Page 2

NOTES

- 1 Total Tax requirement info taken from TVT Budget Summaries as posted on the TVT Website at <https://www.tayvalleytwp.ca/en/municipal-government/budget-and-financial-reports.aspx#2022-Budget>
- 2 % tax increase info taken from TVT Budget Summaries as posted on the TVT Website (See URL in Note 1 above)
- 3 CPI information 2004 to 2021 from Stats Can table for Ontario-All Items on the 2002 base. The info is currently available at: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/econ46a-eng.html>
- 4 CPI information from January to October 2023 is available at: <https://inflationcalculator.ca/2023-cpi-and-inflation-rates-for-canada/>
- 5 CPP Information for the years 2004 to 2022 obtained from DR Pensions Consulting - CPP Rate Table 2: Maximum monthly benefit amounts at: <https://www.drpensions.ca/cpp-rate-table.html>
- 6 OAS Information obtained from <https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/ff1e4882-685c-4518-b741-c3cf9bb74c3e>