



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LASALLE**

**Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Council held on**

December 18, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Members of Council Present: Mayor Marc Bondy, Deputy Mayor Crystal Meloche, Councillor Michael Akpata, Councillor Mark Carrick, Councillor Sue Desjarlais, Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo, Councillor Jeff Renaud

Administration Present: J. Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, A. Robertson, Director of Council Services/Clerk, L. Jean, Deputy Clerk, D. Hadre, Corporate Communications and Promotions Officer, D. Dadalt, Legal Counsel, D. Langlois, Director of Finance/Treasurer, P. Marra, Director of Public Works, L. Silani, Director of Development and Strategic Initiatives, R. Hyra, Manager of Human Resources, L. Petros, Manager of Water/Wastewater, T. Ferraro, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer, J. Osborne, Manager of Engineering, M. Beggs, Manager of Parks and Roads, M. Masanovich, Manager of Fleet and Facilities, R. Mamak, Human Resources Generalist, N. DiGesù, IT Supervisor, P. Funaro, Manager of Recreation and Culture, A. Burgess, Supervisor of Planning and Development, M. Abbruzzese, Supervisor of Revenue, D. Hansen, Supervisor of Accounting, D. Sutton, Fire Chief, E. Thiessen, Deputy Fire Chief, J. Mazzanti, Superintendent of Roads/Drainage, R. Mackie, Superintendent of Water/Wastewater, J. Turnbull, Supervisor of Programming, O. Stichhaller, Supervisor of Recreation.

J. Leontowicz, Chief of Police, K. Beaudoin, Deputy Police Chief, D. Davies, Staff Sergeant and J. Woods, Staff Sergeant arrive at 10:00 am.

**A. OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bondy calls the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Renaud discloses a conflict of interest on Item "D" on today's agenda regarding a trail request near River Avenue as he lives in the area.

**B. CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND BUDGET SUMMARY**

J. Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, thanks Dale Langlois, Director of Finance & Treasurer and G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer for the 2020 Budget Preparation and also thanks all other Administrative Staff for their input.

D. Langlois, Director of Finance & Treasurer, and G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, appear before Council to provide a corporate overview and budget forecast summary of the 2020 proposed budget, noting that the budget being presented by administration is recommending a 0% municipal tax rate increase. An overview is provided on budget effects on the rate payer, reserves and debt management.

**C. DELEGATIONS**

1. Proposed Pilot Project for Community Crosswalk Flags

Maeve Gatt, resident, appears before Council in support of a Community Cross Walk Flags Pilot Program. Ms. Gatt explains how it works and promotes the benefits of this program.

**The meeting recesses at 10:30 am.**

**The meeting reconvenes at 10:45 am.**

**D. SUBMISSIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2020 BUDGET**

River Avenue residents request that Council review of their submissions for the 2020 budget for safer access to trails from River Avenue.

**Clerks Note:** Consideration for future sidewalk and trail requests is presented to Council during the Public Works section on today's agenda.

**E. DEPARTMENTAL 2020 BUDGET REVIEW, 2019 BUSINESS PLAN SCORECARD REVIEW, 2020 DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES, 2020 CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

1. Police & Dispatch

J. Leontowicz, Chief of Police, K. Beaudoin, Deputy Police Chief, Staff Sergeant Duncan Davies and Staff Sergeant Jason Woods appear before Council to provide highlights of the proposed 2020 Police and Dispatch budget as outlined in Appendix 1 of the budget document and to request a 6% departmental budget increase.

J. Leontowicz, Chief of Police, K. Beaudoin, Deputy Police Chief, D. Davies, Staff Sergeant and J. Woods, Staff Sergeant depart at 11:30 am.

2. Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia, Chief Administrative Officer, appears before Council to provide highlights of the proposed 2020 operational budget of the Chief Administrative Officer's budget and to provide an overview of the 2020 corporate goals as outlined on pages 84 to 87 of the budget document.

3. Finance & Administration

D. Langlois, Director of Finance & Treasurer, and G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, appear before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2020 Finance & Administration budget, which includes the Division of Information Technology and Division of Financial Services as found on pages 92 - 115 of the budget document.

4. Revenue

D. Langlois, Director of Finance & Treasurer, and G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, appear before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2020 Corporate Revenue Budget on pages 88 - 91 of the budget document.

5. Mayor & Council

D. Langlois, Director of Finance & Treasurer, and G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, appear before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2020 Mayor and Council budget on pages 74 - 83 of the budget document.

6. Division of Information Technology

**Clerks Note:** Highlights of the proposed 2020 IT budget is presented during the Finance & Administration section of the agenda.

7. Council Services

A. Robertson, Director of Council Services & Clerk appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2020 Council Services Budget on pages 116 – 129 of the budget document.

8. Development & Strategic Initiatives

L. Silani, Director of Development and Strategic Initiatives appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2019 Development and Strategic Initiatives budget on pages 130 - 142 of the budget document.

**The meeting recesses at 12:00 pm.**

**The meeting reconvenes at 12:30 pm.**

9. Public Works

P. Marra, Director of Public Works appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2019 Public Works budget on pages 143 - 205 of the budget document.

Deputy Mayor Meloche requests an Administrative Report be prepared and brought back to Council regarding outdoor Christmas Lights and how we can build up our supply to increase decorations in the Town.

The following reports are adopted by Council at this time:

a. Dog Park Implementation – 2020 Budget Deliberations

Resolution B1/2020

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Crystal Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Sue Desjarlais

That the report of the Director of Public Works dated December 4, 2019 (PW-38-19) regarding dog park implementation BE RECEIVED and that an Administrative report BE PREPARED and brought back to Council outlining the possibility of a location for a temporary dog park.

**Carried.**

b. Pedestrian Safety Initiative – 2020 Budget Deliberations

Resolution B2/2020

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Crystal Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Carrick

That the report of the Director of Public Works dated December 5, 2019 (PW-39-19) regarding Pedestrian Safety Initiatives BE RECEIVED and that Council APPROVE that Administration prepare of a report for future consideration on how best to proceed with requests such as those contained within this report; and that a priority list BE CREATED for future Initiatives.

**Carried.**

c. Sledge Hockey

Resolution B3/2020

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Renaud

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Crystal Meloche

That the report of the Director of Finance dated December 9, 2019 (FIN-39-2019) regarding the conversion of one of the Vollmer Recreation Centre Arenas to accommodate Sledge Hockey BE DEFERRED and brought back to Council during the 2021 Budget Deliberations.

**Carried.**

**The meeting recesses at 2:00 pm.**

**The meeting reconvenes at 2:15 pm.**

10. Culture & Recreation

P. Funaro, Manager of Recreation and Culture, appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2020 Culture & Recreation budget found on pages 206 - 230 of the budget document.

The following report is adopted by Council at this time:

a. Capital Reinvestment Fees

Resolution B4/2020

Moved by: Councillor Akpata

Seconded by: Councillor Desjarlais

That the report of the Recreation Manager dated December 9, 2019 (CR-2019-22) regarding Culture and Recreation Capitol Reinvestment Fees BE RECEIVED; and that the recommendation to continue with the current rate in 2020 and to increase fees by 2-5% annually beginning in 2021 BE APPROVED.

**Carried.**

11. Fire Services

D. Sutton, Fire Chief appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2020 Fire Services budget on pages 232 - 248 of the budget document.

12. Non-Departmental

D. Langlois, Director of Finance & Treasurer, and G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer and D. Sutton, Fire Chief appear before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2020 Non-Department budget found on pages 249 – 255 of the budget document.

Resolution: B5/2020

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo

That the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget establishing a municipal tax rate of a 0% increase as recommended by administration BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE and that a by-law adopting the 2020 budget BE PRESENTED to Council at the January 14, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

**Carried.**

D. Langlois, Director of Finance & Treasurer, and G. Ferraro, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, appear before Council to communicate factors to consider for the 2021 Budget and how funds will potentially be allocated.

A. Robertson, Director of Council Services & Clerk, appears before Council to provide information on the new Citizen Request Portal found on our website.

**F. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Resolution: B6/2020

Moved by: Councillor Anita Riccio-Spagnuolo

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Carrick

That Confirmatory By-Law #8384 BE GIVEN first reading.

**Carried.**

Resolution: B7/2020

Moved by: Councillor Jeff Renaud

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Akpata

That Confirmatory By-Law #8384 BE GIVEN second reading.

**Carried.**

Resolution: B8/2020

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Crystal Meloche

Seconded by: Councillor Sue Desjarlais

That Confirmatory By-Law #8384 BE GIVEN third reading and finally passed.

**Carried.**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 3:41 p.m.

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Mayor: Marc Bondy

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Deputy Clerk: Linda Jean