



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Minutes of the 2018 Budget Meeting

December 13, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Present: Mayor Ken Antaya
Deputy Mayor Marc Bondy
Councillor Michael Akpata
Councillor Terry Burns
Councillor Sue Desjarlais
Councillor Crystal Meloche
Councillor Jeff Renaud

Also Present: K. Miller, Chief Administrative Officer,
B. Andreatta, Director of Council Services & Clerk
J. Milicia, Director of Finance & Treasurer
L. Silani, Director of Development & Strategic Initiatives
P. Marra, Director of Public Works
J. Columbus, Director of Culture and Recreation
D. Sutton, Fire Chief
A. Armstrong, Deputy Clerk
D. Hadre, Corporate Communications & Promotions Officer
N. DiGesù, IT Supervisor
L. Jean, Executive Assistant to the Clerk

D. Langlois, Manager of Finance & Deputy Treasurer, E. Thiessen, Deputy Fire Chief,
D. Hansen, Supervisor of Accounting, J. Osborne, Manager of Engineering,
M. Abbruzzese, Supervisor of Revenue, B. Rusan, Chief Building Official, B. Geary,
Chief Building Official, L. Petros, Manager of Water and Wastewater, M. Masonovich,
Manager of Fleet and Facilities, A. Burgess, Supervisor of Planning and Development,
J. Turnbull, Supervisor of Programming and P. Funaro, Supervisor of Programming.

1. Opening Business

a. Call to Order

Mayor Antaya calls the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

b. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None disclosed.

2. Corporate Overview and Budget Summary

K. Miller, Chief Administrative Officer, J. Milicia, Director of Finance/Treasurer and D. Langlois, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer appear before Council to provide a corporate overview and summary of the 2018 Budget.

J. Milicia, provides a high level overview of the 2018 Town of LaSalle budget, noting that the budget being presented by administration is recommending a 1.75% municipal tax rate increase.

K. Miller provides an overview of the Town of LaSalle's Strategic Plan-Report Card for 2014-2016.

D. Hadre provides an overview of the various initiatives with the Douglas Marketing Group.

D. Langlois provides an overview of the budget development; Fiscal Policies, Debt, Capital Financing and Reserves, Summary of the Proposed Operating Budget, Proposed Increase in the Levy, Summary of Budget Changes, Assessment and Taxes and Inflation, 2016 Census Analysis- Essex County Population Growth, Census History Analysis, Average Value of Dwelling History, History of Family Income Versus Average Dwelling Value, Utility Rates, Service Level Enhancements, External Legislative Requirements, Inflationary Pressures and Long Term Capital Planning Principles.

3. Delegations

Rosa White, resident appears before Council to request free access to the Vollmer Recreation track free of charge for seniors, and concludes by asking Council to ensure the holiday light display be improved for next year.

4. 2018 Departmental Budget Review, 2017 Business Plan Scorecard Review, 2018 Departmental Business Plan Goals and Objectives and 2018 Capital Budget Review – Including Department Budget Reports

Chief Administrative Officer

K. Miller, Chief Administrative Officer and D. Hadre Corporate Communications and Promotions Officer appear before Council to present highlights of the proposed 2018 operational budget of the Chief Administrative Officer's office and an overview of the 2018 corporate goals and objectives as outlined on pages 76-81 of the budget document.

Revenue

D. Langlois, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Corporate Revenue budget on pages 82-85 of the budget document.

Mayor and Council

D. Langlois, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Mayor and Council budget on pages 86-90 of the budget document.

Finance and Administration

D. Langlois, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Finance & Administration budget on pages 92-115 of the budget document.

Council Services

B. Andreatta, Director of Council Services/Clerk appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Council Services budget on pages 116-130 of the budget document.

Development and Strategic Initiatives

L. Silani, Director of Development and Strategic Initiatives, appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Development and Strategic Initiatives budget on pages 131-143 of the budget document.

Non-Departmental

D. Langlois, Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer, appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Non-Departmental budget on pages 292-295 of the budget document.

The meeting recesses at 12:15 pm.

The meeting reconvenes at 12:45 pm.

Police and Dispatch

Leontowicz, Chief of Police and W. Scanlan, Deputy Police Chief appear before Council to provide highlights of the proposed 2018 Police and Dispatch budget as outlined in Appendix 1 of the budget document.

Public Works

P. Marra, Director of Public Works appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Public Works budget on pages 144-228 of the budget document and concludes by noting the initiatives that were not approved in the 2018 budget.

Reports to Council included in the budget discussion are:

- a. Pickle Ball Courts Upgrade (PW-44-17)
- b. Bouffard Road – Malden Road to Disputed Road request for sidewalk (PW-40-17)
- c. Vollmer Complex Ice Rink LED light conversion (PW-39-17)
- d. Vollmer Ice Plant Equipment Review (PW-41-17)
- e. Re-prioritization of sidewalk snow removal due to addition of bus stops (PW-45-17)

Culture and Recreation

J. Columbus, Director of Culture and Recreation appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Culture and Recreation budget on pages 229-254 of the budget document and conclude by noting the initiatives that were not approved in the 2018 budget.

Reports to Council included in the budget discussion are:

- a. Dog Park (R & C 17-17)

Fire Services

D. Sutton, Fire Chief appears before Council to present the highlights of the proposed 2018 Fire Services budget on pages 266-290 of the budget document.

Mayor Antaya leaves the chair at 3:02 pm and Deputy Mayor Bondy assumes the chair.

Mayor Antaya assumes the chair at 3:18 pm. and Deputy Mayor Bondy returns to his seat at the Council table.

The meeting recesses at 3:20 pm

The meeting reconvenes at 3:38 pm.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Bondy

Seconded By: Councillor Renaud

That the 2018 Operating budget municipal tax rate increase BE ESTABLISHED at 1.75% as recommended by Administration; and further that Administration BE DIRECTED to meet with the Rowing Club to determine what financial contribution the Rowing Club could commit to over a period of time.

In Favour: Deputy Mayor Bondy and Councillor Renaud.

Against: Councillors Akpata, Meloche, Burns, and Desjarlais.

Motion is Put and is Lost.

Moved By: Councillor Burns

Seconded By: Councillor Meloche

That the 2018 Operating Budget municipal tax rate increase BE ESTABLISHED at 1% and Administration BE DIRECTED to bring back the 2018 budget with the necessary reductions to achieve this amount; and further that Administration BE DIRECTED to meet with the Rowing Club to determine what financial contribution the Rowing Club could commit to over a period of time.

Councillor Renaud voting nay.

Carried.

6. Confirmatory Bylaw

Moved By: Councillor Burns

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Bondy

That confirmatory Bylaw #8097 BE GIVEN first reading.

Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Desjarlais

Seconded By: Councillor Meloche

That Confirmatory Bylaw #8097 BE GIVEN second reading.

Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Akpata

Seconded By: Councillor Renaud

That Confirmatory Bylaw #8097 BE GIVEN third reading and finally passed.

Carried.

7. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:00 pm.

Mayor

Deputy Clerk