



The Municipal Corporation of the
Town of Fort Erie

Council-in-Budget Committee Meeting No. 2 Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Council Chambers via Video Teleconference

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Redekop called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Redekop acknowledged the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the New Credit, and Anishinaabe people, many of whom continue to reside in this area.

2. Roll Call

Present (In Council Chambers): His Worship Mayor Redekop, Councillors Dubanow, McDermott, and Noyes

Present (Via Zoom Teleconference): Councillors Butler Lubberts

Staff (In Council Chambers): J. Janzen, T. Kuchyt, C. Schofield, J. Tessmer, and K. Walsh

Staff (Via Zoom Teleconference): K. Dolch, and E. Melanson

This meeting was held in compliance with the electronic participation provisions of Council Rules of Procedure By-law No. 36-2016, as amended.

3. Announcements/Addenda

None.

4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

5. **Water and Sewer Operating Budget**

Chaired by Councillor McDermott

(A) Presentations

(a) Jonathan Janzen, Director, Corporate Services

Mr. Janzen delivered a PowerPoint presentation which is available for viewing on the Town's website. He provided a service delivery overview, budget inputs and rate setting, risks and opportunities.

Mr. Janzen provided the following commentary:

- Costs: Town increase of 1.22% + Region increase of 3.17% for a combined budget increase of 4.39%.
- Rates: When distributed over estimated volumes for 2022, the net increase for the average household is 3.45%.
- Capital: With this budget, all infrastructure gaps identified in the 2019 AMP are funded with reserve transfers. Water and wastewater capital was presented and approved on November 17.
- Debt: No new budgeted or forecasted. Existing debt maturing in 2025 and 2031 will provide additional funding options.

(B) Reports

CBC-02-2022 2022 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget

Recommendation No.1
Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council approves the 2022 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget attached as Appendix "1" to Report No. CBC-02-2022, and further

That: Council sets 2022 Water and Wastewater rates, subject to Regional Council approval of treatment rates, effective with billing for January 2022 as follows:

- 2022 water base rate per month: \$25.25
- 2022 water rate per cubic metre: \$1.465
- 2022 wastewater base rate per month: \$42.30
- 2022 wastewater rate per cubic metre: \$2.261, and further

That: Council excludes the capital asset amortization of \$1.8 million from the 2022 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets, and further

That: Council directs staff to submit the 2022 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget and Rates By-law for Council approval on January 17, 2022. **(Carried)**

CBC-03-2022 2022 Fees and Charges

Recommendation No. 2
Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council approves the user fees and charges proposed in Appendix "1" to Report No. CBC-03-2022 and directs staff to submit a by-law to Council, and further

That: Council directs staff to submit a by-law to Council to temporarily waive all business licence fees, same and except short-term rentals, for 2022 to assist businesses during COVID-19. **(Carried)**

6. Date of Next Meeting

- (a) Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - Library, Assessment Analysis and General Levy Operating
- (b) Wednesday, February 9, 2022 *(if required)*

7. Adjournment

Recommendation No. 3

Moved by: Councillor Dubanow

That: Council-in-Budget Committee adjourns at 6:56 p.m. **(Carried)**

Mayor

Clerk