

The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg

Council Budget Meeting

MINUTES



Monday, January 18, 2021
6:00 PM
Electronic Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Molnar
Deputy Mayor Beres
Councillor Esseltine
Councillor Gilvesy
Councillor Luciani
Councillor Parker
Councillor Rosehart

Staff: Kyle Pratt, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Smibert, Town Clerk
Sheena Pawliwec, Acting Treasurer
Chris Baird, Director of Recreation, Culture and Parks
Carlos Reyes, Director of Operations
Brad Lemaich, Fire Chief
Amelia Jaggard, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution # 2021-026

Moved By: Councillor Gilvesy

Seconded By: Councillor Rosehart

THAT the Agenda as prepared for the Council Budget meeting of January 18, 2021, be adopted.

Carried

3. Moment of Silence

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared.

5. Adoption of Council Minutes of Previous Meeting

6. Finance

6.1 Big Brother Big Sisters of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Area

Kristen Ralph, Executive Director, Big Brother Big appeared before Council to present the organization's 2021 community grant request.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

Ms. Ralph noted that the organization's expansion to include Oxford County area enabled the organization to increase its' presence in the Town of Tillsonburg.

6.2 Youth Unlimited (Upper Deck Youth Centre)

Rayburn Lansdell, Youth Unlimited, appeared before Council to present the organization's 2021 community grant request.

Mr. Lansdell provided an update on the organization's activities in 2020 which included a renovation of the youth centre building during the spring closure. The organization has adapted service delivery to provide services during the pandemic. The organization is requesting funds to renovate the bathrooms in the youth centre building.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

6.3 Tillsonburg and District Multi-Service Centre

Kathryn Leatherland, Tillsonburg and District Multi-Service Centre, appeared before Council to present the organization's 2021 community grant request.

Ms. Leatherland provided an overview of how the organization adapted service delivery during the pandemic. The organization is requesting funds to help support the continued delivery of services.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

6.4 Lake Lisgar Revitalization Committee

Frank Kempf and Joan Weston of the Lake Lisgar Revitalization Committee, appeared before Council to present the organization's 2021 community grant request.

The Committee is requesting funds to support costs related to lake maintenance including the dredging of two spring ponds, fixing two aeration units and tree removal.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

Mr. Kempf noted each aerator unit will require \$11,000 (plus tax). Tree removal costs are unknown at this time.

Staff to look into existing with the tree removal project.

6.5 Tillsonburg Horticultural Society

Christine Nagy, Tillsonburg Horticultural Society, appeared before Council to present the organization's 2021 community grant request.

The organization is requesting funds to support 2021 beautification programs.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

6.6 Theatre Tillsonburg

Chris Van Gulck, Karen Tripp and Pat Lynn of the Tillsonburg Theatre, appeared before Council to present the organization's 2021 community grant request.

The organization is requesting funds to support upgrades to the theatre facility in order to reopen once allowed; upgrades include the installation plexiglass, hand sanitizer stations, PPE requirements etc.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

6.7 Junior Achievement SW Ontario

Melissa Derbyshire, Junior Achievement SW Ontario, appeared before Council to present the organization's 2021 community grant request.

The organization is requesting funds to support the continued delivery of education programs.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

6.8 Tillsonburg Turtlefest

Mark Renaud, appeared before Council to provide an update regarding Tillsonburg Turtlefest. The event is postponed and there is no request for funding at this time.

Opportunity was provided for comments and questions from Council.

It was asked if a funding request for Family Day is expected. Staff noted there is no updates regarding the event.

It was asked if the Santa Clause parade has submitted a report regarding use of 2020 grant funds. Staff confirmed no report has been submitted at this time. Council asked that no monies be transferred to the Santa Clause parade until a request is submitted by the organization.

It was asked if there are funds for Canada Day fireworks. Staff noted monies are included in the Recreation, Culture and Parks Department budget for fireworks.

Resolution # 2021-027

Moved By: Councillor Luciani

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Beres

THAT Council has received applications for grant funding from various community groups during the 2021 budget sessions;

AND THAT the following groups are awarded the following dollar amounts:

Tillsonburg Cultural Advisory Committee \$6,000;

Tillsonburg Santa Claus Parade \$2,500;

Big Brothers Big Sisters Oxford County \$4,000;

Youth Unlimited (Upper Deck Youth Centre) \$2,500;

Tillsonburg and District Multi-Service Centre \$10,000;

Lake Lisgar Revitalization Committee \$12,000;

Tillsonburg Horticultural Society \$2,800;

Theatre Tillsonburg \$5,000.

Carried

7. Motions/Notice of Motions

8. Confirm Proceedings By-law

Resolution # 2021-028

Moved By: Councillor Parker

Seconded By: Councillor Esseltine

THAT By-Law 2021-007, to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its regular meeting and budget meeting held on January 18, 2021, be read for a first, second, third and final reading and that the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign the same, and place the corporate seal thereunto.

Carried

9. Adjournment

Resolution # 2021-029

Moved By: Councillor Esseltine

Seconded By: Councillor Luciani

THAT the Council Budget meeting of January 18, 2021 be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried