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HAMPTON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2024

A special meeting of Council was held on November 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers commencing at 4:35 pm and adjourned at 5:25 pm. A closed session of Council was held immediately following the special Council meeting, commencing at 5:26 pm and adjourned at 5:50 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL: Mayor Robert Doucet
Deputy Mayor Salgado
Councillor Todd Beach
Councillor Karin Boyé
Councillor Ken Chorley
Councillor Kim Tompkins
Councillor Sheree Trecartin

STAFF: Richard Malone, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Lisa Richard, Assistant Clerk
Sherman St. Germain, Director of Finance and Human Resources/ Treasurer
Katie Cameron, Assistant Treasurer
Bailey Brogan, Assistant Planner/Development Officer
Jessie Dean, Executive Assistant to the CAO

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doucet called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

2. SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor Doucet led Council through a moment of silent reflection.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Boyé and seconded by Councillor Beach that the agenda of the November 21, 2024, Special Council meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Doucet asked that anyone who has a conflict of interest declare it when they reach that item on the agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. 2025 Budget

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Trecartin that Hampton Council adopt the following rates for 2025 as recommended by the Finance Committee:

Schedule A: Water & Wastewater Rates
Schedule B: Program Registration & Facility Rates
Human Resources Wage Scale 2025 (Presented to HR Committee)

MOTION CARRIED

Katie Cameron, Assistant Treasurer gave a brief overview of the Water & Wastewater Utility Budget for 2025 noting that there will be a 13% increase in water & wastewater fees. This increase will bring Hampton's rates closer in line with neighbouring municipalities, however these rates are still among the lowest in the area. The breakdown of the utility budget is as follows:

Sale of Water	$ 2,080.00
Sale of Wastewater	$ 559,150.00
Surplus from 2nd Prev. Yr	$ 1,188.00
Total Revenue:	$ 562,418.00

Water System Expense	$ 77,725.00
Sewerage System Expense	$ 484,693.00
Total Expenses	$ 562,418.00

Moved by Councillor Beach and seconded by Councillor Trecartin that Hampton Council, pursuant to subsection 117(4) of the *Local Governance Act,* approve the total budget for the Water & Wastewater utility for 2025 which consists of total revenues of $562,418.00 and total expenditures of $562,418.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Sherman St. Germain, Director of Finance and Human Resources/ Treasurer, gave an overview of the 2025 budget. The Finance department has been working closely with all departments to prioritize capital and operating expenditures for the upcoming year in order to present a balanced budget. Fiscal restraint will be particularly important in 2025

with the construction of Hampton's new multipurpose facility which will incur operating costs but will not yet be generating revenue. The tax rates for the subunits of Hampton (former Town of Hampton), Nauwigewauk, and Upham will remain unchanged for 2025 however the subunit of Norton will see an increase of $0.06 per $100 of assessed value, and the subunit of Fairmont will see an increase of $0.045 per $100 of assessed value. These increases will bring the tax rates closer to being equal among all subunits.

Moved by Councillor Tompkins and seconded by Councillor Boyé that Hampton Council approve the tax rate for 2025 as follows: 443.00 (Hampton Interior) $1.28 per $100 assessed value, 443.01 (Norton) $0.8085 per $100 assessed value, 443.02 (Upham) $0.8685 per $100 assessed value, 443.03 (Fairmont) $0.8085 per $100 assessed value, 443.04 (Nauwigewauk) $0.8685 per $100 assessed value. For the local government of Hampton, the sum of $13,107,762.00 be the total operating budget of the local government, that the sum of $11,956,002.00 be the Warrant of the local government for the ensuing year, and the tax rates for the local government be as listed above. Hampton Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local Government of said amount on real property tax liable to taxation under the *Assessment Act* within the local government of Hampton.

MOTION CARRIED

5.2. <u>Environmental Trust Fund Application</u>

Bailey Brogan, Assistant Planner/Development Officer advised that this application would be for funding to develop a tree planting and maintenance plan to implement goal # 7 of Hampton's Partners for Climate Protection Program which supports planting trees to sequester carbon. The Environmental Trust Fund can provide 100% of eligible project costs to an unspecified maximum amount.

Moved by Councillor Trecartin and seconded by Councillor Chorley that Hampton Council approve the submission of an application to the Environmental Trust Fund for the project titled Hampton Tree Planting and Maintenance Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the special meeting of Council was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Moved by Councillor Beach that Hampton Council adjourn the Special Council Meeting of November 21, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 68(1) of the *Local Governance Act,* Mayor Doucet called the closed session to order at 5:26 p.m. and adjourned the closed session at 5:50 p.m. During that time, a number of issues were discussed and the confidential information from such discussions was classified as follows:

Subsection of 68 (1)	Category	# of Items
a)	Information of which that confidentiality is protected by law	
b)	Personal information as defined by the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*	
c)	Information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract	
d)	The proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land	
e)	Information that could violate the confidentiality of information obtained from the Government of Canada or from the government of a province or territory	
f)	Information concerning legal opinions or advice provided to the local government by its solicitor or privileged communications between solicitor and client in a matter of local government business	
g)	Litigation or potential litigation affecting the local government or any corporation referred to in subsection 8(1), the local government's agencies, boards or commissions including a matter before an administrative tribunal	
h)	Access to or security of buildings and other structures occupied or used by the local government or access to or security of systems of the local government or access to or security of systems of the local government, including computer or communications systems	
i)	Information gathered by police, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in the course of investigating any illegal activity or suspected illegal activity, or the source of that information	
j)	Labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements	1

APPROVED BY:

Robert Doucet
Mayor

Richard Malone
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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