

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOLLASTON

April 27, 2020

By Electronic Participation

Mayor Shaw called the special budget meeting of Council to Order at 12:00 p.m. on the above noted date, with all members present by electronic means.

Staff Present Electronically:	B. Crocker, Clerk/Administrator T. Vader, Treasurer K. McCaw, Road Supt./Fire Chief
Consultant Present Electronically:	B. Wannamaker

Because of the electronic phone participation, the Mayor completed a roll call to ensure all members were present. She then indicated that there were two delegations presenting at this meeting; Greenview Environmental and Roxanne Lambert on behalf of the Library Board.

The meeting was opened with a reading of a Land Acknowledgement from the Reeve and then a greeting from the Mayor. The Mayor stated that because this meeting was by way of a phone conference, she would address each council member separately to allow for any concerns regarding the budget to be conveyed to all in attendance. The Mayor then indicated that once council members had an opportunity to speak, she would allow for stakeholder questions. She further indicated that each stakeholder must provide their name and a question with all questions to go through the Mayor. The Mayor then thanked staff for the work undertaken on the budget. She referred to reports completed by staff. She further talked about conversations with higher levels of government regarding stimulus funding, indicating that the Township was "shovel ready" with projects.

Potential conflict of interest was declared by Reeve Shaw in regard to the Greenview Delegation and a line item in the budget regarding consultant fees for the waste site.

MOTION NO.: 01 CONLIN - MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT the Council approves the Agenda, as circulated.

Recorded Vote: YES to all council members present

As Mayor Shaw declared a conflict, Deputy Mayor Kruger, welcomed Tyler Peters and Dan Hagan from Greenview Environmental. Mr. Peters referred to the letter dated February 19, 2020 that had been provided to council. He mentioned that he has been assisting the Township for the last 4 years which includes the annual reporting requirement to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECC). Mr. Peters then discussed studies to evaluate the waste site capacity. His recommendation was to consider the task descriptions outlined in his letter dated February 19, 2020. Mr. Peters indicated that the remaining capacity is slowly becoming less and less and that the landfill site is reaching its final contours. He mentioned that short range measures would allow for approximately 1 year of available site capacity. He also stated that if the hut were removed, there maybe another 5-6 years of site capacity. Mr. Peters continued by mentioning that council should look at short and long-term strategic planning issues with key factors to consider. Once the presentation was completed, all members of council had an opportunity to ask Mr. Peters questions. During these conversations, Mr. Peters indicated that he felt there was no opportunity to expand the landfill site as it exists. He further indicated that he would not recommend any effort be put towards expansion studies. Mr. Peters also indicated that it usually takes 1-2 years to get approval to become a transfer station through the application process. He further indicated that the process had changed in 2019 and was more onerous. Mr. Peters

also mentioned that if the site were to close and there was no transfer station approved, the Township would still have to monitor the site for 25 years after closure. With no further questions or concerns raised by members of council, the Deputy Mayor thanked Mr. Peters for the report.

The next delegation to present was Roxanne Lambert, Chair of the Library Board. Ms. Lambert addressed 5 points of concern during her presentation which included: closure of the library space to the public; across Ontario, public libraries are switching focus to digital and administrative work for now; what is the CEO working on if the Library is closed to the public; importance of receiving the requested Municipal funding request, and stabilizing funding until the Municipal budget is approved; and rationale for a service agreement. Once the presentation was completed, each member of council had an opportunity to address any questions or concerns they had with Ms. Lambert. The Mayor thanked Ms. Lambert for speaking and relayed her thanks to the Library Board and the CAO. Council members then had an opportunity to address questions or concerns regarding the Library.

With no further delegations to present, the Mayor then addressed the draft budget. The Clerk spoke at this time and thanked all staff who contributed to the production of the 2020 draft budget. The Clerk stated there were many staff conversations required to get the budget completed and mentioned that it was not an easy budget for staff to complete given the unique, ongoing health crisis. Mayor Shaw then allowed each member of council to address any concerns regarding the draft budget. Each member was given an opportunity to speak and information received pertained to council remuneration, winter sand and salt, importance of moving forward with the waste site and transfer station, the Conservation Authority, building inspections, the library, the fire hall and the removal of the house purchased by the Township. Once all members had an opportunity to address any concern, stakeholders were given the opportunity to ask questions. Only one stakeholder addressed council regarding large increases within the budget for Corporate Management. The Treasurer, Tracy Vader, was able to speak to this matter. With no further questions, the Mayor encouraged stakeholders to reach out to staff and council in regard to further questions or concerns and she urged everyone to work together. The Mayor then requested a recorded vote for the budget based on 2 parts with the Mayor sustaining from voting due to a conflict of interest on that portion of the draft budget as it related to Greenview Environmental. The following Resolution was adopted:

MOTION NO.: 02 COLTON – MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT Council approves the draft budget, as circulated, only in regard to Greenview Environmental consultants.

Recorded Vote: YES to all council members, with the exception of Mayor Shaw, who declared a conflict of interest.

MOTION NO.: 03 MORRISON – CONLIN

RESOLVED, THAT Council approve the rest of the draft budget, as circulated, and hereby directs the Clerk to prepare a By-law for adoption at the May 11, 2020 meeting.

Recorded Vote: YES to all council members.

MOTION NO.: 04 CONLIN – COLTON

RESOLVED, THAT Council approves the transfer of \$15,000.00 from the 2019 budget, as outlined in the draft budget.

Recorded Vote: YES to all council members.

MOTION NO.: 05 CONLIN – COLTON

RESOLVED, THAT By-law No.: 31-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the April 27, 2020 meeting, be signed this 27th day of April 2020, by the Mayor and Clerk with the Corporate Seal affixed hereto.

Recorded Vote: YES to all council members.

MOTION NO.: 06 MORRISON – CONLIN

RESOLVED, THAT Council adjourn the special budget meeting of April 27, 2020, to meet again on May 11, 2020, or at the call of the Mayor.

Adjourned: 1:43 p.m.

MAYOR: BARBARA SHAW

CLERK: BERNICE CROCKER