Finance & Administration Committee Budget Meeting

Council Chambers Pembroke, Ontario January 18, 2023 9:00 a.m.

1. Land Acknowledgment

2. Call to Order

Present:

Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Chair Mayor Gervais Councillor Jacyno Councillor Kuehl Councillor Lafreniere Councillor Purcell

Regrets:

Councillor Plummer

Also, Present:

Dave Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk Angela Lochtie, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Ashley Perrier, Recording Secretary Brian Lewis, Director of Operations Colleen Sauriol, Director of Planning, Building & By-law Enforcement Jordan Durocher, Director of Parks & Recreation Marsha Hawthorne, Purchasing Manager/Deputy Treasurer Scott Selle, Fire Chief

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Councillor Plummer entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

3. Strategic Partnership – Pembroke Heritage Murals (Pamela Dempsey, Chair)

Ms. Dempsey discussed the concerns regarding the increase of funds for the Strategic Partnership.

4. Review of City Operating Budgets

Ms. Lochtie continued reviewing the departments of the 2023 Operating budget. A discussion was held, and the following motion was made:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Canada Day Entertainment budget be increased from \$9,500 to \$25,000 in the 2023 budget.

Carried

Ms. Lochtie reviewed the Aquatic Centre: Kinsmen Pool portion of the Operating Budget. A discussion was held, and the following items were noted:

- A Reserve contribution of \$255,000 is proposed.
- Capital Project budget of \$776,000 is forecasted for 2023, an outline was provided in the handout given during the previous meeting.
- In 2022, the City's initial goal was to obtain grant funding of at least 33% to help make this project affordable to the community with the (unconfirmed) financial support from the Township of Laurentian Valley.
- A grant opportunity exists under the Green and Inclusive Community Building (GICB) program which could provide up to 60% funding on the first \$9,999,999 and 50% funding on \$10,000,000+.
- Depending on the timing of debt and the timing /cost of the new water tower, the City will be either at the top end of the "moderate" level of risk for debt or the low end of the "high" risk for debt as per MMAH criteria.
- Actual project costs will only be known at time-of-tender.

Ms. Lochtie noted that the remaining budgets would be discussed at the next meeting held on Friday January 20, 2023.

5. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere Seconded by Councillor Purcell That the January 18, 2023, budget meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee adjourn at 12:03 p.m.

Carried