

TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 27 April, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Meeting of Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Thursday 27 April, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Attendance:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	Gary McAnulty
Councillor	John Hoyle

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen
Fire Chief	Kevin Waito
Deputy Chief	Joshua Labre
Public Works Superintendent	Scott Loos

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor McAnulty declared a pecuniary interest to Budget line numbers 239, 338, 339 and 41. Being the sole shareholder of 4414521 Ont. Ltd, DBA P&G Pumping, he has a conflict with discussing Recycle & Garbage collection and budgeting, sludge haulage, and being a firefighter with LHFD. He declares a pecuniary interest in discussing firefighter honorariums.

3. **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The CAO reviewed the 2023 municipal revenues that the Town is expected to receive in 2023.

The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief were then asked to review the Fire Departments proposed budget. Proposed for this year is the tanker, radios, remote mic, door / building lighting, tree clearing of the tower line, bunker gear, a burn car, thermal camera, laptop, and paving of the area in front of the drying rack in Chalk River.

The Deputy Fire Chief spoke to the purchasing of who is responding app that the department is currently trialling. Who's Responding allows the department to know immediately who is responding to a call.

The Public Works Superintendent reviewed the proposed Public Works and Recreation budget. Proposed for recreation is the replacement of the Point Alexander building roof and rink boards, the completion of Gutzman Park, the purchase of an additional bench, ball field maintenance, a raft and chemical toilet for the summer at Burke's beach.

Public Works will see the regular maintenance of roads, cold patching, rock blasting, calcium, crushing, and the purchase of winter sand. Road work includes Albert Street, Wylie Road, Moores and Peter Street. Expenditures for equipment include a truck (dump) replacement, and the purchase of an excavator that can be done under a rent to own agreement.

The CAO reviewed all the departments with Council. Scheduled to be completed this year from the Modernization grant is the drainage review, a compensation review, a building design, the joint Upper Ottawa Valley Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and the Town's Comprehensive Zoning by-law review.

Gas Tax funds, OFIC funds and Public Works reserves will be used to offset the proposed expenditures in the budget.

The recreation budget and the water and sewer budget were reviewed. Planned for the WTP is the ROV and an inspection of the tanks and the completion of the baffling and dichlorination system.

Insurance is up 8.9% and the utilities have been increased by 19% in all departments. Vehicle operations have been increased to reflect the increase in fuel/carbon taxes.

The proposed budget will not see an increase in the municipal tax rate.

Staff will make changes identified in the budget (donations, actual insurance numbers that were received today) to the next workshop meeting scheduled for 3 May.

Council gave direction to staff to move forward with the rink boards, the booking of the sweeper, the dump truck and the excavator (rental).

4. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Blimkie

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

By-Law No. 10-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills Special Meeting of Council held on April 27, 2023 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 76 – 23

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

this Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED Resolution 77 - 23

MAYOR

CLERK