

TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 3 May, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Meeting of Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 3 May, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Councillor	John Hoyle
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Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen
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 Public Works Superintendent was present to speak to the Public Works budget and the proposed purchase of an excavator.

Since the last meeting he has spoken to contractors and two municipalities about brushing and went to Whitewater to see and use their excavator. While in Ottawa he stopped and spoke to John Deere representatives and has gathered additional information. Due to the modifications required on the excavator they are looking for a commitment from the Town that this is a rent to purchase contract.

The Superintendent was asked to bring back information on costs that may be assessed against the Town should we not enter into a rent to purchase contract.

The CAO then reviewed the revisions to the budget that were identified at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The changes were highlighted in purple and also include a decreased cost for the dump truck as well as the adjusted costs for the excavator/39,000 dollar rental and changes to the Reserve funds.

While reviewing the budget the Mayor spoke to staff retention and suggested that the 1.5% increase in the budget for salaries could be offset with a bonus. Consensus was the 1.5% increase would be given to employees with a one-time bonus pay out of 2.5% for 2023. Staff will be given flexibility with the bonus pay out and time in lieu.

The budget will be adjusted to include the bonus pay out and a decrease in a donation recorded as \$7,500.00 and should read \$6,000.00. Once the adjustments were made any balance would be allocated to the unallocated funds line item 186 on page 4 of the budget.

The budget presented will see a zero percent increase in the municipal tax rate.

Council recommended that the budget with the aforementioned two changes be presented in a public format at a Special Meeting of Council to be held at 9:30 am on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

4. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillor McAnulty  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

**Be it Hereby Resolved That:**

By-Law No. 11-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills Special Meeting of Council held on May 3, 2023 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 78- 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 10:55  
am.

**CARRIED** Resolution 79 - 23

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**