



**MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

The Council Budget Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Aberfoyle.

1. **ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Dennis Lever  
Councillor Matthew Bulmer  
Councillor Susan Fielding  
Councillor Ken Roth  
Councillor John Sepulis

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk
2. Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer
3. Don Creed, Director of Public Works and Parks
4. Robert Kelly - Chief Building Official
5. Luis Gomes, Deputy Fire Chief

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

None

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:**

None

3. **REPORTS** ≠

**Finance Department**

(1) Report FIN-2016-026 – 2017 Proposed Budget ≠

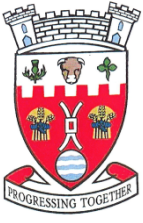
Council directed staff to incorporate a 1.50% cost of living adjustment to the base budget.

Council directed staff that grant funding for Badenoch in the amount of \$2,000 be transferred to Corporate Legal to obtain legal advice for incorporation.

Council directed staff to have Puslinch Lake Conservation Association make a presentation to Council regarding the progress on dredging of the lake and the timing for completion of the project.

Council directed staff to include grant funding at 2016 levels as follows:

Aberfoyle Agricultural Society	\$3,000
Community Oriented Policing	\$500
Friends of Mill Creek – Grand River	\$1,250
Puslinch Lake Conservation Association	\$25,000
Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre	\$2,500
Wellington County Farm and Home Safety Association	\$125
Wellington County Plowmen's Association	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,475</b>



**Resolution No. 2016-395:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

**That Report FIN-2016-026 regarding the 2017 Proposed Budget be received.**

**CARRIED**

**4. 2016 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS**

(a) Corporate

(b) Administration

Council directed staff to work with the Optimist Club and the Heritage Committee on Canada 150 celebrations.

(c) Council

(d) Elections

(e) Finance

Council requested the percentage of residents utilizing pre-authorized and online tax payment options.

Council requested staff to inquire of Local Authority Services whether it is feasible to consolidate all of the Township's hydro accounts and whether there are any financial savings. Staff were also requested to consider the consolidation of facility maintenance costs.

(f) Building

Council requested staff to include funding in the Capital Forecast for septic inspections that are required to be completed every five years. Staff were also requested to report back on the recovery of these costs by the City of Guelph through the Source Water Protection discussions.

(g) Source Water Protection

Staff advised that Kyle Davis is to provide the Township with estimated costs for 2017. Staff advised that the resourcing of a Risk Management Inspector will be discussed at a future meeting.

(h) Planning

(i) By-Law

(j) Public Works

(k) Parks

(l) Optimist Recreation Centre

Staff advised that the ORCP Committee will be considering a report regarding recommended changes to the operation of the Optimist Recreation Centre which may have budgetary implications. The report will be submitted to Council no later than November 22, 2016.

(m) Puslinch Community Centre



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Council directed staff to determine a cost per hour for the operation of the Optimist Recreation Centre and the Puslinch Community Centre.

(n) Fire and Rescue Services

Council requested staff to provide a summary of the clothing purchased by Fire and the rotation cycle of the clothing.

(o) Library

(p) Badenoch

(q) Committees

Council requested at the time of finalizing the budget, consideration be given to setting aside additional funding to contribute to reserves.

5. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW:**

**Resolution No. 2016-396:**

Moved by Councillor Roth and  
Seconded by Councillor Bulmer

That the following By-law be taken as read three times and finally passed in open Council:

(a) By-Law **076/16** being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch at its Budget meeting held on the 26th day of October, 2016.

**CARRIED**

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Resolution No. 2016-397:**

Moved by Councillor Bulmer and  
Seconded by Councillor Roth

That Council hereby adjourns at 10:39 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Dennis Lever, Mayor

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Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk