



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday January 16, 2020

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Council Chambers, 7404 Wellington Road 34

**FILE:** Public Meeting – 2020 Budget

**MEMBERS:** Mayor James Seeley – Chair  
Councillor Matthew Bulmer  
Councillor Jessica Goyda  
Councillor John Sepulis  
Councillor Sara Bailey

The Public Information Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Presentation:**

Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer provided an overview of the proposed 2020 budget, including:

- The budget process.
- What do property taxes pay for in the Township?
- How the budget has changed from 2019
- The impacts of the proposed budget on taxpayers
- What is included in the operating budget
- The 2020 Capital Budget and Long-Term Forecast
- The Township's Discretionary and Restricted Reserves

Mayor Seeley then invited members of the public to provide comments.

### **Comments:**

Kathy White: Why was the decision made to combined the discretionary funds into one fund?

Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer indicated that all the previous asset replacement discretionary reserves were compartmentalized on a departmental basis. The 2019 Asset Management Plan recommended a consolidated Asset Management Discretionary Reserve to fund 100% of asset replacement costs in the Township's Capital Budget and Forecast. As part of the 2020 budget, staff have reallocated all departmental capital discretionary reserves related to asset replacement into a consolidated Asset Management Discretionary Reserve. Staff have also funded 100% of the costs of asset replacement projects in the 2020 Capital Budget and Forecast by the Asset Management Discretionary Reserve. This approach provides a better reflection of the total dollars required to be contributed to this discretionary reserve in order to meet the Township's funding obligations associated with its current infrastructure.

Kathy White: Can you provide more detail about the Township's animal control services regarding the costs and the services. The current service level does not include wild animals. Is it time to look at the wild life services as well?

Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer indicated that the Township issued a Request for Proposal for Animal Control Services in early 2019 and the successful proponent was Cambridge and District Humane Society. The Township also obtained cost estimates for increasing its service level for animal control services and the costs were quite significant.

### **Adjournment:**



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The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.