



PRESCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MINUTES

Monday, January 6, 2020

9:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

360 Dibble St. W.

Prescott, Ontario

Present Mayor Brett Todd, Councillors Leanne Burton, Teresa Jansman,
Lee McConnell, Mike Ostrander, Gauri Shankar, and Ray Young

Staff Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, Kimberley Casselman,
Director of Administration/Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Todd called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion 01-2019: Burton, Jansman

That the agenda for the Special Council meeting of January 6, 2020, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest - None

4. By-laws

4.1 Tax Rate By-Law Amendment

Motion 02-2020: Young, Shankar

That By-Law 01-2020, being a by-law to amend By-Law 23-2019, being a by-law to adopt tax rates for municipal purposes for the year 2019, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 03-2020: Young, Shankar

That By-Law 01-2020, being a by-law to amend By-Law 23-2019, being a by-law to adopt tax rates for municipal purposes for the year 2019, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

Matthew Armstrong, CAO/Treasurer, spoke to the tax rate by-law amendment. Mr. Armstrong stated that in the course of reconciling property tax revenue for 2019, it became apparent that the provincial system used to generate the yearly tax rates did not calculate correctly. As a result of this, the tax levy increase, which was approved by Council in the Town's 2019 budget, was not included in the tax rates.

Mr. Armstrong added that the amending by-law would correct the rates and that the adjustment would be included on the interim tax bill, which would include a notice explaining the issue to taxpayers. He also stated that a manual calculation would be used going forward.

Discussion was held regarding if other municipalities were experiencing a similar issue with the provincial system, the amount of the adjustment for an average single family home being \$50.14, and how the Town would deal with receiving the adjustment amount from properties that had changed ownership in 2019. Further discussion was held regarding the provincial system and how the adjustment would be reflected on the interim tax bill.

5. Period for Media Questions - None

6. Confirming By-Law – 09-2019

Motion 04-2020: Shankar, Young

That By-Law 02-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting held on January 6, 2020, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Motion 05-2020: Shankar, Young

That By-Law 02-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting held on January 6, 2020, be read a third time, passed and signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Motion 06-2020: Ostrander, Shankar

That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
(Time: 9:14 p.m.)

Carried

Original signed by

Mayor

Original signed by

Clerk