

Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa

Public Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, January 29, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Guelph/Eramosa Township Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Chris White, Councillors Corey Woods, David Wolk, Mark Bouwmeester and Louise Marshall.

Present from Staff: CAO Ian Roger, Director of Finance Linda Cheyne, Director of Public Works Harry Niemi, Chief Building Official Dan Sharina, Fire Chief John Osborne, Deputy Fire Chief Jim Petrik, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services Meaghen Reid and Deputy Clerk Amanda Knight.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Presentation of the Proposed 2018 Budget to the Public.

The Mayor announced that this is a Public Meeting to hear comments from the public with regard to the proposed 2018 Budget for the Township of Guelph/Eramosa.

Linda Cheyne, Director of Finance began her presentation with an overview of the comprehensive list of services that are provided by the Township. Ms. Cheyne provided an overview of the 2018 total spending, sources of revenue, the fiscal environment and proposed changes in the operating and capital budget for each department.

Ms. Cheyne provided an overview of the funds used to support specific departmental services and noted that the Township budget is only a portion of the property tax dollar. Ms. Cheyne noted that for every residential property tax dollar paid, Guelph/Eramosa receives 24 cents.

Department Heads provided an overview of the capital project highlights of the proposed 2018 Budget for the Fire, Public Works, Water and Waste/Water, Building, Parks and Recreation and Administration Departments.

Ms. Cheyne noted that the 2018 Budget provides for a 1.94% increase of the Township portion of property taxes. She indicated that total tax bill impact would be 1.91%, which includes the collection of property taxes for the County of Wellington, the Board of Education, and the Township.

The Mayor thanked staff for the presentation and indicated that he was happy to see that the Township is maintaining services, maintaining infrastructure and increasing revenue. He indicated that the overall increase is below inflation.

3. The Mayor announced that the Public Meeting is now concluded and Council will consider all the matters placed before it prior to reaching a decision.

The Mayor concluded the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Chris White, Mayor

Meaghen Reid, Clerk