



The Corporation of the Township of Lucan Biddulph

Finance Committee

MINUTES

November 14, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Lucan Biddulph Township Office
270 Main Street P.O. Box 190 Lucan, ON

Present: Cathy Burghardt-Jesson
Daniel Regan

Also Present: Kathryn Langendyk
Ron Reymer
Jeff Little
Darcey Cook
Tracy Loyens
Lisa DeBoer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair C. Burghardt-Jesson called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & NATURE THEREOF**

None

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4. **BUDGET REPORTS**

4.1 **FIN-13-2024 Operating Draft Budget 2025**

- Councillor D. Regan asked for clarity when it comes to the Asset Management line item for \$103,000.00. Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson reminded the Committee that when it comes to Asset Management, the

steps staff and the township take are legislated and we do not have any choice, we must comply.

- Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson wanted clarity when it comes to the lot on Nicoline and where we are in the process. J. Little responded to say we have completed the survey and the goal is to complete the work in 2024 and be available for sale in 2025.
- Councillor D. Regan has reviewed the budget and has the following comments;
 - Reduce the Donation to Lucan Heritage Committee from \$30,000.00 to \$25,000.00
 - Reduce the Lucan Biddulph Fire Department levy to a 20% increase to match the same percentage increase as the Biddulph Blanshard Fire Department levy.
 - Remove the \$4,000.00 line item for the Sun Shades in the Dog Park.
 - Roller equipment buy as opposed to rent?
 - Reduce the admin (ERP) reserve contribution to \$50,000.00
 - Reduce the P&R snow removal line item by \$2,000.00
 - Reduce the P&R Office Supplies by \$1,000.00
 - Reduce the CIP line item by \$15,000.00
 - Reduce expense at the soccer complex?
- Mayor C. Burghardt-Jesson added the following items for consideration;
 - Fund the Asset Management line item from Tax Stabilization
 - Reduce Heritage Donation by \$5,000.00
 - Reduce Fire line by \$12,958.00
 - Reduce the admin reserve (ERP) line item by \$25,000.00
 - Reduce the CIP line item by \$25,000.00
 - Reduce \$33,000.00 from Street Scape reserve
 - Reduce Community Centre grounds by \$5,000.00

- D. Cook advised the cost to buy a used roller is about \$43,000. Therefore, this is not a viable option at this time. Renting is the preferred option at this time.
- J. Little mentioned that we may be able to reduce the sidewalks and curb cuts expense by \$5,000.00 and we can also move the Design guidelines to future (reduce) \$45,000.00.
- Discussion on the various changes took place.
- K. Langendyk has documented all the changes, this will reduce the total budget by \$223,958.00, which brings the shortfall at the 4 to 4.5% tax rate increase range.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. 05-2024

Moved by Daniel Regan

Seconded by Cathy Burghardt-Jesson

THAT the Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

AND THAT the Committee reconvene on November 22, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. to confirm and finalize the recommendation to Council.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk