

**MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
2021 Budget Committee Meeting**

Record of Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Virtual meeting

1. Call to Order

The Budget Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were: Chair Brock McGregor, Mayor Darrin Canniff, Councillors Mark Authier; Michael Bondy; Anthony Ceccacci; Marjorie Crew; Joe Faas; Amy Finn; Aaron Hall; Melissa Harrigan; Clare Latimer; Jamie McGrail; Carmen McGregor; Steve Pinsonneault; Doug Sulman; Trevor Thompson; Karen Kirkwood-Whyte; and John Wright.

Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Budget & Performance Services, Municipal Clerk, Budget Team members

2. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work in moving these meetings online this year due to the pandemic. He reminded everyone that there will not be any motions as this is an information only meeting. He also highlighted the opportunity for feedback at the upcoming community consultation meetings scheduled for next week.

3. Presentation

The CAO, Chief Financial Officer, and Director of Budget & Performance Services shared in providing an overview of the 2021 draft budget, available online: [2021 Draft Budget Overview](#)

The Director of Budget & Performance Services read out three deputations that had been received to date.

Each General Manager provided a brief overview of the key budget requests within their department.

Cl Bondy joined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

4. Questions and Comments

Administration responded to a number of requests for information and points of clarification. All action items were noted and will be responded to as soon as possible.

Councillor Finn left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

5. Adjournment

Moved by Cl Harrigan / Seconded by Cl Ceccacci that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

This session of the budget committee meeting will recess until 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

As per the Public Notice By-law, Chatham-Kent Council hereby gives public notice of its intention to hold public meetings, and adopt the 2021 Budget immediately following receipt of a recommended budget from the Chatham-Kent Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee also gives public notice of the need to meet in Closed Session at any time during the budget deliberation process, as permitted by the Municipal Act, 2001.

Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
2021 Budget Committee Meeting**

Record of Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Chair B. McGregor, Mayor Darrin Canniff, Councillors Authier, Bondy, Ceccacci, Crew, Faas, Finn, Hall, Harrigan, Kirkwood-Whyte, Latimer, McGrail, C. McGregor, Pinsonneault, Sulman, Thompson, and Wright

Absent: None

1. Call to Order, Opening Remarks and New Information

The Chair called the meeting to order and provided some opening remarks.

2. Disclosures of pecuniary interests, if any (Direct or Indirect) and the general nature thereof

None declared.

3. Community Engagement (Tab 9g)

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the public feedback received through the survey conducted in October 2020 had been included in the binders under Tab 9g. The feedback received through the three recent Facebook Live events was captured and transferred to the Let's Talk CK online engagement tool. Other comments received through email were distributed to the committee prior to today's meeting and were read out (see 5. below).

4. New Information

The Director, Budget & Performance Services, presented new information that had been requested by Council since opening night:

- 2021 Overview by Revenue and Expense
- 2019 Capital Asset Addition Listing
- 2020 Detailed Approved Budget
- 2020 Municipal Grant Budget

5. Deputations

Twenty submissions were read out.

6. Police Service (Tab 3)

The Police Chief gave a presentation which provided service call history, an overview of operating expenses, a municipal comparison of staffing levels, and the history of annual budget increases, noting that this is the lowest in 23 years. The proposed budget reflects an increase of 1.16% over the previous year, and equates to an increase in taxes overall of 0.23%.

The Police Chief responded to several questions from the committee.

Cl. Finn left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Moved by CI Crew / Seconded by Mayor Canniff:

“That the 2021 Police Budget requests on Tab 3 be adopted as presented with a net budget decrease of \$399,637.”

The Mayor put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Not Present	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Not Present	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 16
 No Votes: 0

Motion Carried

7. Infrastructure Lifecycle Strategy (Tab 4)

Moved by CI Harrigan / Seconded by CI Authier:

“That item #8 on Tab 4 for the incremental increase to Storm Sewer Lifecycle be reduced to \$475,000 from \$675,000.”

The Mayor put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	No	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Not Present	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 13
 No Votes: 4

Motion Carried

The Director of Budget & Performance Services, in response to a request for clarification concerning the Police budget motion (a 1.16% increase but a \$399,637 decrease), explained that there are other items not

included that will be covered in closed session such as wages and benefits, as well as corporate provisions which are included in the draft budget elsewhere.

8. Adjournment to closed session

That the Budget Committee move into a Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reasons: identifiable individuals, labour relations, employee negotiations and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege in regard to:

- 2021 labour contracts
- Net job evaluation changes
- Net progression increases per labour contracts

The next open portion of the meeting for the Budget Committee is January 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Also, as per the Public Notice By-law, Chatham-Kent Council hereby gives public notice of its intention to hold public meetings, and adopt the 2021 Budget immediately following receipt of a recommended budget from the Budget Committee.

Moved by CI Bondy / Seconded by CI Harrigan that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:49 pm.

**MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
2021 Budget Committee Meeting**

Record of Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Chair B. McGregor, Mayor Darrin Canniff, Councillors Authier, Bondy, Ceccacci, Crew, Faas, Finn, Hall, Harrigan, Kirkwood-Whyte, Latimer, McGrail, C. McGregor, Pinsonneault, Sulman, Thompson, and Wright

Absent: None

1. Call to Order, Opening Remarks and New Information

The Chair called the meeting to order and provided some opening remarks.

2. Disclosures of pecuniary interests, if any (Direct or Indirect) and the general nature thereof

None declared.

3. Follow up from Previous Meeting

The Chair read out the motions from the Budget Committee closed meeting of January 28, 2021.

Conflicts of Interest Declared:

- Mayor Canniff re Unsettled Labour Contracts as an immediate family member is a non-union employee with Chatham-Kent
- Councillor Crew re Unsettled Labour Contracts as an immediate family member is a non-union employee with Chatham-Kent
- Councillor B. McGregor re Unsettled Labour Contracts as an immediate family member is a non-union employee with Chatham-Kent
- Councillor Pinsonneault re Unsettled Labour Contracts as an immediate family member is a non-union employee with Chatham-Kent

Moved by CI Finn / Seconded by CI Harrigan:

“That That the Budget Committee direct administration to bring forward in the 2021 budget provisions:

1. Annual requirement for:

- a. **Settled labour contracts \$142,659 (Tab 6, Item #55)**
- c. **Net job evaluation/pay equity changes \$256,682 (Tab 6, Item #59)**
- d. **Net Progression increases per contracts \$9,726 (Tab 6, Item #60)**

2. Employment & Labour Relations reserve one-time labour related authorizations (\$1,081,121).”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	No
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 15
 No Votes: 3

Motion Carried

Moved by CI Hall / Seconded by CI Harrigan:

“That That the Budget Committee direct administration to bring forward in the 2021 budget provisions:

1. Annual requirement for:

b) Unsettled labour contracts \$2,373,847 (Tab 6, Items #56, #57)”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	Conflict
Crew	Conflict	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	Conflict
Finn	Yes	Sulman	No
Hall	Yes	Thompson	No
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	Conflict

Yes Votes: 10
 No Votes: 4

Motion Carried

4. Deputations

Four submissions were read out.

5. Previously Approved Items (Tab 5)

Moved by Ceccacci / Seconded by CI Pinsonneault:

“That item #14 on Tab 5 for winter control salt materials be reduced from \$125,000 to \$62,500 for this year and the next 3 years.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	No
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	No	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 13
No Votes: 5

Motion Carried

Moved by CI Pinsonneault / Seconded by CI Finn:

“That item #16 on Tab 5 for the incremental \$162,400 increases for future funding of community needs be removed from this year’s budget. Further, that as a result, these incremental increases for years 6 through 10 be deferred to the 2022 budget and beyond.”

The Mayor put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 17
No Votes: 1

Motion Carried

Moved by CI Pinsonneault / Seconded by CI Finn:

“That item #17 on Tab 5 for the incremental \$162,400 increases for future funding of facility needs be removed from this year’s budget. Further, that as a result, these incremental increases for years 6 through 10 be deferred to the 2022 budget and beyond.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	No
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 14
 No Votes: 4

Motion Carried

6. Items Recommended (Tab 6)

Moved by CI Harrigan / Seconded by Mayor Canniff:

“That item #24 on Tab 6 be increased from a one-time amount of (\$300,000) to a one-time amount of (\$1,000,000).”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	No
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 17
 No Votes: 1

Motion Carried

At 7:32 pm the Committee took a 10 minute break.

Administration responded to various questions presented by committee members.

Moved by CI Ceccacci / Seconded by CI Authier:

“That item #70 on Tab 6 in the amount of \$75,000 for Tree Replacement program be changed to a two year pilot program in the amount of \$150,000 and funded from the Emerald Ash Borer reserve. Further, that this base budget request be considered again as part of the 2023 budget process.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	No
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 17
 No Votes: 1

Motion Carried

Moved by CI Pinsonneault / Seconded by CI Wright:

“That item #69 on Tab 6 in the amount of \$200,000 to increase support for affordable housing projects be removed from this year’s budget.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	No
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	No
Crew	No	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	No	Sulman	Yes
Hall	No	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	No	Wright	Not Present
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	No

Yes Votes: 4
 No Votes: 13

Motion Defeated

CI Harrigan noted that she was unsure how her vote was entered, however it should be a No vote.

Moved by CI Ceccacci / Seconded by CI Thompson:

“That item #75 on Tab 6 in the amount of (\$41,586) for the discontinuance of the seasonal bus service be changed to continue the service on Saturdays, holiday weekends (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) and July 1st and July 3rd for a period of 1 year period with a net cost of \$19,748 and funded from OW Corporate Initiatives reserve starting on Victoria Day and ending Labour Day.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	No
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	No

Yes Votes: 16
No Votes: 2

Motion Carried

7. Items recommended through other funding (Tab 7)

No motions were received.

8. Items not recommended (Tab 8)

No motions were received.

Current tax impact is at 3.12%

9. Adjournment

The next open portion of the meeting for the Budget Committee is February 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Also, as per the Public Notice By-law, Chatham-Kent Council hereby gives public notice of its intention to hold public meetings, and adopt the 2021 Budget immediately following receipt of a recommended budget from the Budget Committee.

Moved by CI C McGregor / Seconded by CI Kirkwood-Whyte that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 9:24 pm.

**MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
2021 Budget Committee Meeting**

Record of Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Chair B. McGregor, Mayor Darrin Canniff, Councillors Authier, Bondy, Ceccacci, Crew, Faas, Finn, Hall, Harrigan, Kirkwood-Whyte, Latimer, McGrail, C. McGregor, Pinsonneault, Sulman, Thompson, and Wright

Absent: None

1. Call to Order, Opening Remarks and New Information

The Chair called the meeting to order and provided some opening remarks.

2. Disclosures of pecuniary interests, if any (Direct or Indirect) and the general nature thereof

CI Harrigan declared a conflict of interest re Physician Recruitment due to employment with CKHA.

3. Deputations

Two deputations were read out.

4. Questions & General Motions

Administration responded to various questions presented by committee members.

Moved by CI Hall / Seconded by CI C McGregor:

“That

- 1. Item #8 on Tab 4 for the incremental increase of \$475,000 for Storm Sewer Lifecycle be removed from this year’s budget.**
- 2. Further, a minimum amount of \$300,000 be allocated to Storm Sewer Lifecycle from the Lifecycle Asset Management Plan amount totaling \$1,624,000 indicated on line Item #9.”**

It was requested that the recommendations be voted on separately.

The Chair put Recommendation #1

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	No
Crew	No	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	No	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 12

No Votes: 6

Motion Carried

The Chair put Recommendation #2

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	No
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	No
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 15
 No Votes: 3

Motion Carried

Moved by CI Thompson / Seconded by CI Finn:

“That items #67 and #68 on Tab 6 in the amount of \$99,480 and \$1,739 respectively for the Case Manager Housing Services position be removed from this year’s budget.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	No
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	No
Crew	No	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	No	Sulman	Not Present
Hall	No	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	No	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	No

Yes Votes: 4
 No Votes: 13

Motion Defeated

Moved by CI Latimer / Seconded by CI McGrail:

“That one-time funding in the amount of \$184,000 be made available from the Together CK reserve regarding 2020 surpluses for these grants and be used to reduce this year’s budgeted tax increase.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	No
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	No
Crew	No	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	No
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	No	Thompson	No
Harrigan	No	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	No

Yes Votes: 5
 No Votes: 13

Motion Defeated

At 7:50 pm, the Committee took a 10 minute break.

Current tax impact is at 2.83%

Moved by CI Latimer / Seconded by CI Authier:

“That item #72 on Tab 6 be changed to a 2 year supplementary item in the total amount of \$200,000 for Physician Recruitment and funded from the Strategic Development Reserve.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes
Hall	Yes	Thompson	No
Harrigan	Conflict	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 14
 No Votes: 3

Motion Carried

Current tax impact is at 2.76%

Moved by Mayor Canniff / Seconded by CI Bondy:

“That item #63 on Tab 6 for proposed Lifecycle Inflation be reduced from 1.5% inflation or \$887,100 to 1.0% inflation or \$591,400.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	No
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	No
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	No	Sulman	Yes
Hall	No	Thompson	No
Harrigan	No	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 10
 No Votes: 8

Motion Carried

Current tax impact is at 2.58%

Moved by CI Pinsonneault / Seconded by CI Wright:

“That item #9 on Tab 4 in the amount of \$1,624,000 for the Lifecycle Asset Management Plan be reduced to \$1,124,000.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	No
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	No
Crew	No	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	No	Sulman	Yes
Hall	No	Thompson	No
Harrigan	No	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	No

Yes Votes: 4
 No Votes: 14

Motion Defeated

Moved by CI Sulman / Seconded by CI Bondy:

“That one-time funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 be made available from the OW Future Economic Downturn Reserve to be used to reduce this year’s budget tax increase.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	No
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	No

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	No
Crew	No	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	No
Finn	No	Sulman	Yes
Hall	No	Thompson	No
Harrigan	No	Wright	No
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	No

Yes Votes: 2
 No Votes: 16

Motion Defeated

Moved by CI Faas / Seconded by CI Harrigan:

“That the Budget Committee adopt the 2021 Budget as amended throughout the evenings of January 27th, January 28th and February 2nd of 2021 with a tax impact of 2.58% and adjourn budget deliberations.”

The Chair put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	No	McGrail	No
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	No
Finn	No	Sulman	No
Hall	Yes	Thompson	No
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	No
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 8
 No Votes: 10

Motion Defeated

Moved by CI Bondy / Seconded by CI Latimer to extend the meeting to 10:30 pm. Carried

5. Adjournment

The next open portion of the meeting for the Budget Committee is February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Also, as per the Public Notice By-law, Chatham-Kent Council hereby gives public notice of its intention to hold public meetings, and adopt the 2021 Budget immediately following receipt of a recommended budget from the Budget Committee.

Moved by CI Finn / Seconded by CI Authier that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 10:19 pm.

**MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
2021 Budget Committee Meeting**

Record of Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Chair B. McGregor, Mayor Darrin Canniff, Councillors Authier, Bondy, Ceccacci, Crew, Faas, Finn, Hall, Harrigan, Kirkwood-Whyte, Latimer, McGrail, C. McGregor, Pinsonneault, Sulman, Thompson, and Wright

Absent: None

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Disclosures of pecuniary interests, if any (Direct or Indirect) and the general nature thereof

None declared.

3. Deputations

Three deputations were read out.

4. Opening Remarks

The Chief Administrative Officer gave an overview of the current proposed 2.58% tax increase:

- Cost of maintaining existing services and investing in our community – 0.94%
- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – 0.21%
- Investing in our Infrastructure – 1.43%

The Chief Financial Officer advised that a report will be presented at the March 1 Council meeting recommending that Chatham-Kent apply to the Municipal Modernization Program for funds to conduct an independent efficiency review of operations.

5. Questions & General Motions

Administration responded to various questions presented by committee members.

Moved by CI Pinsonneault / Seconded by CI Thompson:

“That \$300,000 be removed from the base budget at Administration’s discretion as to which department, with no reduction in current services, to be used to offset this year’s tax impact.”

The Mayor put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	No
Crew	No	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	Yes
Finn	Yes	Sulman	Yes

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Hall	No	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	No	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	No	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 10
 No Votes: 8

Motion Carried

Moved by Mayor Canniff / Seconded by CI Latimer:

“That up to the \$300,000 from Councillor Pinsonneault’s motion come from the Strategic Development Reserve for 2021 with administration coming back in the fall of 2021 with permanent savings found through service reviews.”

The Mayor put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	Yes	Latimer	Not Present
Bondy	Yes	McGrail	Yes
Ceccacci	Yes	B. McGregor	Yes
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	No
Faas	No	Pinsonneault	No
Finn	Yes	Sulman	No
Hall	Yes	Thompson	No
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	Yes
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 12
 No Votes: 5

Motion Carried

Current tax impact is 2.4%
Current commercial reduction impact is 6.5%

Moved by CI Faas / Seconded by CI Crew:

“That the Budget Committee adopt the 2021 Budget as amended throughout the evenings of January 27th, January 28th, February 2nd and February 3rd of 2021 with a tax impact of 2.40% and adjourn budget deliberations.”

The Mayor put the Motion

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Authier	No	Latimer	Yes
Bondy	No	McGrail	No
Ceccacci	No	B. McGregor	Yes

Councillor	Vote	Councillor	Vote
Crew	Yes	C. McGregor	Yes
Faas	Yes	Pinsonneault	No
Finn	No	Sulman	No
Hall	Yes	Thompson	Yes
Harrigan	Yes	Wright	No
Kirkwood-Whyte	Yes	Mayor Canniff	Yes

Yes Votes: 10
No Votes: 8

Motion Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by CI C McGregor / Seconded by CI Bondy that the meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:58 pm