



**TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN  
SPECIAL (BUDGET) MEETING**

**December 11, 2019  
TOWNSHIP HALL**

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT:** Normand Riopel, Mayor  
Peter Barton, Councillor  
Troy Carkner, Councillor  
Jacques Lacelle, Councillor  
André Roy, Councillor  
Michel Lalonde, Councillor  
Violaine Tittley, Councillor  
Sarah Bigelow, Councillor  
Gérard Miner, Councillor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paula Knudsen, CAO  
Alison Collard, Clerk  
Kevin Tessier, Treasurer  
James McMahon, Director of Public Works  
Lisa Burroughs, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jennifer Laforest, Senior Planner  
Marie Pageau Handfield, Daycare Coordinator  
Jennifer Drury, Director of Daycare Services  
Jacques Gauthier, Chief Building Official  
Cynthia Martin, Head Librarian

**OPENING - 1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None noted for this meeting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was

**Resolution 2019-560**

**Moved By:** Sarah Bigelow

**Seconded By:** Michel Lalonde

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the December 11, 2019  
Special (Budget) Meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**BUDGET 2020**

The Treasurer welcomed Council to their first 2020 Budget meeting. The Treasurer provided an outline of the 2020 preliminary budget which represents a 5.18% increase

in the amount of tax that will be collected, which translates into a 3.9% increase in the tax rate.

The Treasurer ran through the highlights of the draft budget which included changes in revenues, namely the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) grant, the Federal Gas Tax Funds, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and the Grant for Public Works from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. The Treasurer then ran through key changes in expenditures, such as major investments in roads, reallocation of salaries on paper, insurance costs; as well as significant costs borne by the accumulated surplus in 2019, and those to be paid from the Reserves in 2020. He also highlighted some key expenses for 2020, the changes to the Township's long-term debt in 2020 and the Reserves and Reserve Funds for 2020.

The Treasurer presented the proposed 2020 Capital budget summary by department, which included a number of options.

*Note: There was a short break in the presentation from 2:27 p.m. to 2:36 p.m.*

Council asked a number of questions regarding the capital projects list.

It was

**Resolution 2019-561**

**Moved By:** Sarah Bigelow

**Seconded By:** Gérard Miner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Public Works Capital Project - Storm Water Management - St Denis Street and Stephens Street, Option 2.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-562**

**Moved By:** Gérard Miner

**Seconded By:** Sarah Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the purchase of a pick-up truck for the Public Works Department.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-563**

**Moved By:** Sarah Bigelow

**Seconded By:** Jacques Lacelle

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the purchase of a sport utility vehicle (SUV) for the Building Department.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-564**

**Moved By:** Gérard Miner

**Seconded By:** Peter Barton

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve an additional contribution to the Fire Reserve for 2019 in the amount of \$140,804 to pay for a rescue truck for Station 1 (Vankleek Hill).

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-565**

**Moved By:** Peter Barton

**Seconded By:** André Roy

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Administration obtain a second opinion regarding the Library Building.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-566**

**Moved By:** Sarah Bigelow

**Seconded By:** Gérard Miner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** 1% of the tax levy be transferred to the Road Reserve and this contribution be maintained.

**CARRIED**

Council will consider the allocation of community grants at the next Budget meeting. The current budget calculation includes the total amount requested.

Council asked to see a new draft of the budget, including all the changes mentioned, prior to the next meeting which is scheduled for December 19, 2019.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Subsequently, it was

**Resolution 2019-567**

**Moved By:** Gérard Miner

**Seconded By:** Sarah Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Special (Budget) meeting of December 11, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Special (Budget) meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

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NORMAND RIOPEL, MAYOR

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ALISON COLLARD, CLERK