



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

**December 19, 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
Michel Martin, Fire Chief, District 1
Richard Sincennes, Fire Chief, District 2

OPENING - 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened at 1:18 p.m. following the temporary adjourned of an In Camera meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None noted for this meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was

Resolution 2019-571

Moved By: Peter Barton

Seconded By: Violaine Tittley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda of the December 19, 2019 Special (Budget) Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

BUDGET 2020

Council reviewed the applications for the 2020 Community Grants. It was noted that a couple of organisations did not apply this year. The Treasurer confirmed that there is \$2,000 in the 2020 Budget for miscellaneous grants, however, \$1,500 has already been conditionally approved for the Alzheimers Society.

It was

Resolution 2019-572

Moved By: Gérard Miner

Seconded By: Peter Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following Community Grants:

	Name	Amount
#1	Vankleek Hill Sunshine Euchre Club	\$ 150.00
#2	Vankleek Hill Skating Club	\$ 750.00
#3	Ski-Vent-Clic	\$ 1,000.00
#4	Arbor Gallery Cultural Centre	\$ 700.00
#5	Vankleek Hill Curling Club	\$ 500.00
#6	Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society	\$ 4,000.00
#7	Vankleek Hill & District Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00
#8	Higginson Tower Committee	\$ 4,000.00
#9	Porchfest Vankleek Hill	\$ 700.00
#10	Banque Alimentaire de L'Original	\$ 1,000.00
#11	Ancienne Prison de l'Original Old Jail	\$ 5,000.00
#12	Patrimoine L'Original-Longueuil Heritage (PLLH)	\$ 2,115.00
#13	Vankleek Hill Sports Club	\$ 900.00
#14	Eastern Prescott Russell Minor Hockey Association	\$ 999.00
#15	Vankleek Hill Fiddle & Dance Association	\$ 300.00
#16	Seniors Christmas Gala	\$ 350.00
		\$ 26,464.00

CARRIED

Council reviewed the applications for the 2020 Community Facility Usage Grants. Following the discussion, Council made a couple of amendments to the amounts presented. It was

Resolution 2019-573

Moved By: Peter Barton

Seconded By: Gérard Miner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Community Facility Usage Grants to the following organizations:

	Name	Amount
#1	Canadian Cancer Society-Russell Gauley Breakfast	\$1,215
#2	Vankleek Hill & District Horticultural Society	\$1,426

#3	Services communautaires de Prescott et Russell	\$2,453
#4	Club des aînés Inc.	\$1,326
#5	Eastern Prescott Russell Minor Hockey Association	\$205
#6	Breakfast with Santa	\$325
#7	Vankleek Hill Fiddle & Dance Association	\$1,215
#8	Seniors Christmas Gala	\$285
#9	Vankleek Hill Sports Club	\$909
#10	Paroisse St-Jean Baptiste	\$121
#11	Club du Réveil Vankleek Hill	\$227
		\$9,706

CARRIED

The Treasurer presented a revised 2020 budget, as per Council's instructions at the Budget meeting held on December 11, 2019. He highlighted those changes in the budget, as well as the impacts and results of those changes on the Budget. The Treasurer presented the Operating Summary, the Capital Budget; the Unfinanced Capital Outlay; the Reserves and Reserve Funds; Long Term Debt payments; as well as projection of the debt payments.

The Treasurer informed Council that the United Counties of Prescott, who set the tax ratios, intend to reduce the tax ratio for the industrial, large industrial and multi-residential classes. The impact of this will be an increase of the tax rate on residential properties to 4.9%. The Treasurer proposed a maximum tax increase of 4.7% for the residential class, which will cover part of the increase resulting from the ratio change; the balance could be taken from the Reserves and will be approved through the revised budget.

Following the discussion, it was

Resolution 2019-574

Moved By: André Roy

Seconded By: Peter Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2020 Budget, as presented by the Treasurer and as amended by Council, be received and that Council approve an overall increase in the Municipal Levy of 4.7%.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

Council decided to resume the In Camera meeting that was held prior to this meeting and temporarily adjourned at 1:09 p.m. in order for this meeting to take place. It was

Resolution 2019-575

Moved By: Gérard Miner

Seconded By: Michel Lalonde

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go in-camera for the purpose of discussing the security of the property of the municipality; the potential disposition of land; as well as negotiations as provided under sections 239.(2)(a), (c) and (k) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

CARRIED

The In Camera meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Subsequently, it was

Resolution 2019-577

Moved By: Sarah Bigelow

Seconded By: Peter Barton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special (Budget) meeting of December 19, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

NORMAND RIOPEL, MAYOR

ALISON COLLARD, CLERK