Members Present
Mayor Todd Kasenberg  
Councillor Lee Anne Andriessen  
Councillor Neil Anstett  
Councillor Julie Behrns  
Councillor Matt Duncan  
Deputy Mayor Doug Kellum  
Councillor Dave Johnston  
Councillor Matt Richardson  
Councillor Allan Rothwell  
Councillor Terry Seiler

Staff Present
CAO Kriss Snell  
Director of Finance/Treasurer Frances Hale  
Director of Recreation Steve Hardie  
Manager of Environmental Services Mark Hackett  
Manager of Operations Lyndon Kowch  
Fire Chief Ed Smith  
Administrative Assistant Sarah Jamieson  
Deputy Treasurer Becky Belfour  
Library CEO Rebecca Dechert-Sage  
Executive Coordinator/Policy Assistant Jessica Johnson  
Assistant Fire Chief Jason Benn  
IT Coordinator Eric Bauer

1. **SPECIAL 2019 BUDGET MEETING**

1.1 **Call to Order - Deputy Mayor, Doug Kellum, Chair**

Budget Chair Doug Kellum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.2 **Approve or amend the Agenda**

Resolution No. 703.12/18

Moved By Matt Richardson Seconded By Julie Behrns

RESOLVED THAT: The Agenda for tonight's meeting, as amended, be approved.

- Removed Item 2.1
- Added 4.3 OMPF Funding

CARRIED

1.3 **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION**

4. **REPORTS**

4.1 **Public Engagement Survey for the 2019 Budget – Jessica Johnson, Executive Coordinator and Policy Assistant**

Resolution No. 704.12/18

Moved By Dave Johnston Seconded By Neil Anstett

RESOLVED THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receive the results of the 2019 Pre-Budget Survey as information.

CARRIED

4.2 **2019 Budget - Council Visioning Session:**

2019 Budget Visioning Comments/Direction to Listing:
Chair Kellum requested each member of Council to provide their comments and suggestions regarding the 2019 Budget. The comments were as follows:

Councillor Terry Seiler
- move forward with the Binning St. & Albert St. project
- continue with the North East project (Wallace natural plan)
- similar tax increase as last year
- provide paper copy of budget
- members of Perth County Council to bring back the Drayton Road and Road 140 project
- costs of doing parking lot winter maintenance internally instead of subbing it out

Councillor Allan Rothwell
- consider potential challenges facing the municipality based on Provincial changes
- commented on the progress that has been made on the asset management project, would like to continue with that project
- completion of the service delivery review project
- members of Perth County Council to consider to positive impact that a clean water project to improve water quality in North Perth would have on the municipality
- utilize local newspaper as communication tool, not all citizens follow social media
- communicate with citizens why taxes go up even though there is an increase in tax assessment with new construction

Councillor Matt Richardson
- update on sidewalk safety/sidewalk condition and what the value of replacement would be for sidewalks that need repair
- move forward with the North West drainage plan
- move forward with the industrial park
- quarterly construction report brought forward to update council on what projects are ongoing and the status of them

Councillor Dave Johnston
- concerned about responsible spending, would like to show value for the dollars citizens are spending
- increase in rural road maintenance
- more timely road maintenance

Deputy Mayor Doug Kellum
- extension of landfill hours – would like to see the cost of extending hours on Saturday to 4pm and during May – September having the landfill open one evening during the week
- concerned about the plow route on Line 86 – would like a cost analysis on Perth County and Huron County subbing the winter maintenance on Line 86 east and west to North Perth (including liability costs)

Mayor Todd Kasenberg
- report on capital project of Wallace Ave & Main Street intersection
- renovations/updates to AV system in Council Chambers
• replacement of Listowel pool
• each department to consider 5% decrease to budget and 5% increase to budget
• possibility of community connection newsletter expanding from recreation to include business of council as well

Councillor Matt Duncan
• library branch issues resolved
• opportunities to diversify libraries to offer services to more people
• report from staff showing the amount of ownership versus rentals in North Perth and the costs of rental properties in North Perth
  o CAO Snell indicated that a report on affordable housing is currently being prepared and will be presented to council in 2019
• communicate with citizens – FAQ page on website

Councillor Julie Behrns
• consider the OMPF debt load vs. big capital projects
• roundabout on Highway 23 and Line 87
• continue with traffic counts on certain roads
• continue with ongoing projects, update new council members on current projects and their status
• divest of Perth Meadows now that it is doing well to help debt load

Councillor Neil Anstett
• realizes some services are regulated, would like to look into savings in discretionary services
• keep potential tax increase within the cost of living

Councillor Lee Anne Andriessen
• traffic concerns – when improving/creating roads in the future create real shoulders on rural roads for safety reasons
• continue with and possibly increase community engagement for fundraising capital projects, seek partnerships for initial costs and maintenance costs

Resolution No. 705.12/18
Moved By Todd Kasenberg Seconded By Matt Richardson
RESOLVED THAT: the Budget Committee of the Municipality of North Perth instruct staff to complete analysis, through each proposal program budget, that will indicate the impacts of 5% reductions or 5% increases to project budget assuming inflationary increases for 2019:
FURTHER THAT: this information be made available in budget notes made available to the Budget Committee for their consideration at the time of program budget consolidation.
CARRIED

4.3 OMPF Update:

Director of Finance/Treasurer Frances Hale gave an update on status of OMPF funding. Still uncertain what the 2019 amount will be.

Discussion regarding attendance of members of Council at ROMA and possibility to discuss provincial funding further.
5. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

5.1 By-law No.166-2018 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No. 706.12/18

Moved By Matt Richardson Seconded By Terry Seiler

RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 166-2018 being a By-law to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth; be introduced, read and considered read a first, second and third time and be finally passed and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 707.12/18

Moved By Allan Rothwell Seconded By Matt Richardson

RESOLVED THAT: The Budget meeting adjourns to meet again for general Council business on Monday, December 17th, 2018.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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CLERK