

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 Terry Seiler
Members Absent	Councillor Matt Richardson Councillor Allan Rothwell
Staff Present	CAO Kriss Snell Clerk Patricia Berfelz Director of Finance/Treasurer Frances Hale Manager of Environmental Services Mark Hackett Manager of Operations Lyndon Kowch Fire Chief Ed Smith Deputy Treasurer Becky Belfour Library CEO Rebecca Dechert-Sage Executive Coordinator/Policy Assistant Jessica Johnson Assistant Fire Chief Jason Benn Interim Manager of Recreation Amy Gangl

1. SPECIAL 2020 BUDGET MEETING

1.1 Call to Order - Mayor, Todd Kasenberg, Chair

Budget Chair Todd Kasenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.2 Approve or amend the Agenda

Resolution No. 574.10/19

Moved By Doug Kellum **Seconded By** Neil Anstett

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

CARRIED

1.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Councillor Julie Behrns indicated a conflict of interest with the Child Care Spaces Portion of Agenda Item 4.2 and Agenda Item 5.1 because her grandchildren attend North Perth-Spinrite Child and Family Centre.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION

4. REPORTS

4.1 Public Engagement Survey for the 2020 Budget – Jessica Johnson, Executive Coordinator and Policy Assistant

Jessica Johnson, Executive Coordinator and Policy Assistant presented the results from the pre-budget survey concerning the 2020 Budget.

Resolution No. 575.10/19

Moved By Terry Seiler **Seconded By** Dave Johnston

RESOLVED THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receive the results of the 2020 Pre-Budget Survey as information.

CARRIED

Moved By Dave Johnston **Seconded By** Lee Anne Andriessen

RESOLVED THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth temporarily suspend the procedural rules to allow relaxed debate for the Agenda Items 4.2 and 4.3.

CARRIED

4.2 Thematic Opportunities – Mayor Kasenberg

Chair Kasenberg invited each member of Council to make comments on the following themes:

1. By-law Enforcement and Staffing
 - Evident more assistance is required
 - OPP is requesting a Full Time Enforcement Officer
 - Concerns for the cost's vs revenue
 - More data is required before a decision can be made
 - Suggesting for a Part Time vs Full time position
2. Disposition Approach to Listowel Memorial Arena
 - Council needs to make a final decision about the arena (respecting the history) – a memorial tribute is a must
 - Need to take time on making the decision – Council needs to be in full control
 - Need to look at the cheapest option
 - A decision needs be made by the end of the year
3. Renewal of Main and Wallace Intersection
 - Dependent on the future of the buildings downtown
 - Need for repairs to the intersection are immediate
 - Consider using concrete as an option
4. Rural Road Maintenance
 - Staff need to revisit on how we presently fix the roads
 - Why apply maintenance gravel in the fall?
 - Some Council Members expressed the present road program is going in the right direction and its working
 - Staff were encouraged to continue with the increased gravel application
 - A Road Network Plan is required
5. Library Projects – Atwood and Listowel
 - Listowel Branch – keep the Carnegie designated portion and demolish the remainder of the building
 - Others questioned the need to keep the Carnegie portion and requested more information on Carnegie Libraries
 - What would be the cost difference? (with or without the Carnegie Portion)
 - Concerns for Atwood Library if the Municipality is unsuccessful with the Application for funding

6. Child Care Spaces

- The need for child care spaces is a concern and it is important to support the labour force with creating more spaces

7. Truck By-pass

- Where will it go and how does a by-pass impact the rural roads
- Need for data on traffic, intersection repairs and length of time this diversion would take
- Need for a roundabout at Rd 164 and Line 87
- Use Rd 147 as a truck by-pass
- Municipality needs a new plan dealing with the roads in North Perth

8. Listowel Ward Streets

- Need to look at the Infrastructure Studies and Traffic Study
- More immediate concerns at this time is the speed vehicles are travelling at
- Subdivision agreements should include road speeds and traffic calming measures

9. Facilities Management – Integrated Approach

- This position needs to be filled
- Suggested this could be a shared service with the other Perth County lower tier municipalities and the County of Perth

10. Recreation Business Model

- Council would like to see a model before the 2020 Budget deliberations
- All Departments should be developing Business Plans not just Recreation

11. Communications Consolidation

- This would be an opportunity to consolidate all the Advertising budgets
- Better way to advertise

12. Councillor Training and Support

- Consider an increase to the Council Training Budget
- More in-house Council training is required

13. IT Advancement and “Smart City”

- Concerns for cyber attacks
- Not confident in how we are presently protecting the Municipal data
- Need to move forward with a 1-year IT plan

4.3 2020 Budget - Council Visioning Session:

2020 Budget Visioning Comments/Direction:

Chair Kasenberg requested each member of Council to provide their comments and suggestions regarding the 2020 Budget. The comments were as follows:

Councillor Matt Duncan

- Continued support for the Conservation Authorities
- Further investigation of the Galbraith Camp by the Recreation Department
- More Green Initiatives (Tree Planting)

Councillor Julie Behrns

- Requesting a cost per household per each municipal service

Councillor Neil Anstett

- Department Reviews concerning hiring
- By-law Enforcement new position – Financial impact
- More Shared Services

Councillor Lee Anne Andriessen

- Need for a Facilities Management Position
- Economic Development – more effort and investment (attracting and retaining)
- Need for a Fundraising Facilitator Position

Councillor Terry Seiler

- Requesting an update on all Capital Projects
- Add another Pedestrian Crossover in 2020
- Staff to present a reasonable taxation increase for 2020

Councillor Dave Johnston

- Common sense - no frills budget
- Be more proactive vs reactive
- Build on the positive
- More emphasis on user fees to lower property taxes

Deputy Mayor Doug Kellum

- Bi-weekly recycling and garbage pick up
- Green Box program
- Relocate outdoor pool (what is the cost)

Mayor Todd Kasenberg

- Affordable housing
- New Pool – 1st steps
- Increase By-law Enforcement Services

Julie Behrns left the meeting.

5. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

5.1 By-law No.112-2019 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No. 576.10/19

Moved By Doug Kellum **Seconded By** Matt Duncan

RESOLVED THAT: By-law No. 112-2019 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

Julie Behrns returned to the meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 577.10/19

Moved By Matt Duncan **Seconded By** Terry Seiler

RESOLVED THAT: The Budget meeting adjourns to meet again for general Council business on Monday, October 28th, 2019.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK