



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
1:00 p.m.
Regional Council Chamber
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: Chair T. Galloway, J. Brewer, T. Cowan*, D. Craig, J. Haalboom, B. Halloran, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, K. Seiling, S. Strickland J. Wideman and C. Zehr

Members absent: L. Armstrong, R. Deutschmann and C. Millar

MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by J. Wideman

THAT the meeting reconvene into Open Session.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE *MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT*

None declared

REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no requests to remove items from the Consent Agenda.

T. Galloway referenced agenda item 5d), Recent Board of Director Appointments, and he congratulated staff for their professional involvement and enhancing the profile and credibility of the Region.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS OR RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

MOVED by R. Kelterborn
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the following items be received for information:

- F-13-018, Emergency Purchase of Main High Voltage Transformer - 250 Strasburg Road Transit Depot
- F-13-019, Implementation of Mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- F-13-020, Capital Grant to Conestoga College School of Health Sciences
- F-13-021, Recent Board of Director Appointments

CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA RESUMES

REPORTS - FINANCE

a) F-13-022, 2013 Budget Implementation Update

Craig Dyer, Chief Financial Officer, provided highlights of the report, identifying some of the issues that are still in progress. He advised that a follow-up report will be coming back to the Committee.

Lucille Bish, Director, Community Services, responded to a Committee question regarding the reduction in operating hours at the Museum and the other noted Regional cultural sites, advising that staff determined hours with least amount of impact on operations. The planned and pending reductions in operating hours will be communicated to the public via social media and Regional websites.

John Hammer, Director, Transportation, responded to Committee concerns about the financial impact on the lower-tier municipalities with regards to weed cutting on Regional roads. He stated that Regional staff has met with municipal staff and that the finalization of the implementation details is pending.

Received for information

b) F-13-023, 2013 Tax Ratios and Subclass Rate Reductions

T. Galloway commented that the tax ratios are in line with the comparator groups.

Angela Hinchberger, Director of Financial Services, responded to Committee questions about the property classes and heritage tax rebates.

* T. Cowan left the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo establish the following tax ratios for the 2013 property tax year:

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| Residential | 1.0000 |
| New Multi-residential | 1.0000 |
| Multi-residential | 1.9500 |
| Commercial | 1.9500 |
| Industrial | 1.9500 |
| Pipeline | 1.1613 |
| Farmland | 0.2500 |
| Managed Forest | 0.2500 |

AND THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo set the tax rate reductions for the commercial and industrial property subclasses at 30% effective for the 2013 taxation year;

AND THAT the necessary by-laws to implement the approved 2013 tax ratios, 2013 subclass tax rate reductions and 2013 regional tax rates be prepared;

AND FURTHER THAT the Area Municipalities be notified accordingly. [F-13-023]

CARRIED

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OTHER BUSINESS

Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List was received for information.

Gary Sosnoski, Commissioner, Corporate Resources, provided an update on the building graffiti on Weber Street, advising that it will be painted over.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 9, 2013**ADJOURN**

MOVED by J. Brewer
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:21 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, *T. Galloway*

COMMITTEE CLERK, *S. Natolochny*