

Annual Budget Meeting
Community of Warren Grove
Thursday, March 4, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Diane Crozier
Michel Arsenault
Lyndon Mayhew
Destiny Arsenault
Tim Keizer
Janet Howes
Judy Duffy, CAO

General Public: Gerard Arbing
Laurie Turner
John O'Connor

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Crozier called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor D. Arsenault
Seconded by Councillor J. Howes

Motion Carried

3. BUDGET:

Councillor M. Arsenault presented the 2021/2022 Budget to Council and general public present.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mayhew to accept Budget

Seconded by Councillor Keizer

Motion Carried

4. AMALGAMATION:

Mayor Crozier provided an update to her previous discussions with Donna Butler, CAO for the Community of Hampshire and related that they are on the verge of disbanding.

Items discussed at the Annual Meeting included: land permits; subdivision and planning; official plan; tax increases; water and sewer and an active transportation route on Rte. 248.

Deputy Mayor Mayhew noted that the deadline for amalgamation is not 2 years, but 20 months. It is probable to have only 1 council member to wherever we join or if we can join at all. D. M. Mayhew further stated that whatever monies are left or available in our bank account will, more than likely, go to whomever we join with.

Mr. O'Connor asked if Council had reviewed their numbers to see if we employed our own CAO at 20 hours per week, as stated by Government, verses joining another municipality. Councillor Keizer indicated he would like to discuss with MLA J. Fox to ensure we have the correct information and are heading in the right direction.

Deputy Mayor Mayhew advised that the Amalgamation Committee (himself and Councillor Keizer) would be speaking with other communities to see what they can offer, in writing, and these discussions would be directed with councillors and not CAO's as the decision lies with Council. He also suggested inviting the Premier, as our MLA, to a future Council meeting.

Laurie Turner requested further information regarding amalgamation and asked the CAO how much time is spent per week in the position and the monthly salary. Mayor Crozier responded the salary was over \$500. per month. CAO corrected this figure as it is less than \$400. per month and less than minimum wage.

During the meeting, Councillor Keizer initiated contact with MLA J. Fox and a meeting is scheduled for the following week; details to be determined. Mayor Crozier indicated she would be attending this meeting and Councillors expressed interest as well.

Mayor Crozier adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm thanking the general public for attending.

Signed Diane Crozier, Mayor

Dated

Signed Judy Duffy, Administrator

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