

Corporation of the Township of Selwyn

**Special Council Meeting
Draft 2025 Budget (Operations)
Thursday, February 6, 2025**

A special meeting of the Council of the Township of Selwyn was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 to discuss the 2025 draft Taxation Budget, Planning fees and Fire Equipment.

Council Present: Mayor Sherry Senis
Deputy Mayor Ron Black
Councillor John Boyko
Councillor Mary Coulas
Councillor Brian Henry

Staff Present: Janice Lavalley, Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Chittick, Manager of Community & Corporate Services /Clerk
R. Lane Vance, Manager of Finance/Treasurer
Mike Richardson, Manager of Recreation Services
Gord Jopling, Fire Chief
Robert Kelly, Manager of Building and Planning
Sarah Hennessey, Chief Librarian/ CEO
Adam Tobin, Manager of Public Works
Howie Jinkerson, Deputy Fire Chief
Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

The Council meeting commenced at 1:00 PM with Mayor Senis in the Chair.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Minutes

None.

Deputations and/or Invited Persons and/or Public Meeting

None.

Question Period

None.

Municipal Officers & Staff Reports – Direction

Resolution No. 2025 – 008 – Planning Application Fee Increases

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor Mary Coulas –

That the report from the Manager of Building and Planning related to planning application fee increases be received for information; and

That Council endorse the Planning Application Fee Rates Table phase in, as amended, for the final year 2025; and that the Schedule A - Section 3 of By-law 2016-026, being the Tariff of Fees By-law for the Township of Selwyn, be updated to include the new planning fee structure effective March 1, 2025, and

That a review of the revenue generated by the fee rate changes be conducted in the 4th quarter of 2025 to determine whether the desired cost recovery rate is being achieved.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2025 – 009 – Bunker Gear Drying Cabinet

Deputy Mayor Ron Black – Councillor John Boyko –

That the report from the Deputy Chief regarding the Fire Protection Grant be received for information; and

That the Township proceed with the purchase of the of the Bunker Gear Drying Cabinet, at an estimated cost of \$13,000, as part of the 2025 capital budget program; and

That staff be authorized to proceed with the purchase of the Bunker Gear Drying Cabinet.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2025 – 010 – Taxation Budget 2025 – Review

Deputy Mayor Ron Black – Councillor John Boyko –

That the request to endorse an application to the Active Transportation Fund that is included in the staff recommendation be pulled and dealt with separately; and

That staff be directed to review the proposed 2025 Taxation Budget to achieve a tax rate increase of 5% or less.

Councillor Mary Coulas – No
Councillor Brian Henry – No
Mayor Sherry Senis – No
Deputy Mayor Ron Black – Yes
Councillor John Boyko – Yes

Lost.

Resolution No. 2025 – 011 – Taxation Budget 2025 – Draft Final

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor Mary Coulas –

That the report of the Manager of Financial Services regarding the Taxation Budget 2025 – Draft Final be received for information; and

That Council endorse the submission of an application to the Active Transportation Fund for the development of the pedestrian corridor as part of the Ward Street enhancement project that would include a multi-purpose pathway, sidewalk, and amenities such as benches, garbage and recycling containers, bike racks, etc; and

That Council supports the allocation of unused CIP program funding to a new CIP Public Realm Reserve effective 2024 and as presented in the 2025 Taxation Budget narrative for department # 7; and

That staff bring forward a report for Council to consider activating the Building Improvement Grant and the Residential Grant as new financial incentive programs in accordance with the approved CIP: and

That Council supports the adoption of the 2025 Taxation Budget based on the final draft budget package as presented and discussed, inclusive of the updated Capital Project Narrative, on February 6, 2025; and

That the Manager of Financial Services prepare a PSAB Compliance Report for the February 25, 2025 meeting of Council for the formal adoption of the 2025 Taxation and Area Rate Budget.

Councillor Brian Henry – Yes
Mayor Sherry Senis – Yes
Deputy Mayor Ron Black – No
Councillor John Boyko – No
Councillor Mary Coulas – Yes

Carried.

Consent Items

None.

Petitions

None.

Other, New & Unfinished Business

Resolution No. 2025 – 012 – Schedule Special Meeting – Official Plan and Zoning Amendment – Lakefield South

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

That a special Council meeting be scheduled for March 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM to conduct a public meeting pertaining to Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for the Triple T Development in the Lakefield South Development Area.

Carried.

By-laws

Resolution No. 2024 – 013 – Confirming By-law

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

That By-law 2025-006, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special meeting of Council held on February 6, 2025 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024 – 014– Adjournment

Councillor Brian Henry – Deputy Mayor Ron Black –

That the meeting be adjourned. (4:08 PM)

Carried.