

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: January 9, 2014
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor Leo Jobin and Councillors David Hodgins
Susan Major, and Cec Reid
Glenn Tunnock, Tunnock Consulting Ltd.
Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier and
Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler
Members of the Public – Les Milton, Ashley Muttart and Romeo
and Louise Courville

ABSENT: With regret - Councillor Teresa Miller and Public Works
Supervisor Real Gauthier

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leo Jobin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., welcomed everyone to the meeting, and then turned the meeting over to Consultant Glenn Tunnock to facilitate.

2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of the meeting was to review revisions made to the draft Asset Management Plan as a result of discussions at the December 5th meeting. The first draft of the Asset Management Plan, reflecting an infrastructure deficit of \$8.6 million, had everything being replaced at the end of its useful life, at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million annually, which would not be affordable for Chisholm Township, even with long term debt.

Mr. Tunnock reviewed with Council Table 1E – *Expenditure Forecasts*, which replaced previously unattainable levels of expenditures for capital assets with more realistic ones. However, specific expenditures were itemized in the table, which created a problem in that the township has a history of maintaining its vehicles and equipment well, which results in using them long past their useful life.

Mr. Tunnock then reviewed Table 1F – *Yearly Revenue and Expense Summary*, with Council. Concern was expressed by Council as to the amount of long-term debt forecasted in the summary.

After some discussion, it was decided that a specific dollar amount would be set aside for capital expenditures in Table 1E, without naming the expenditures. Mr. Tunnock noted that a regular amount of funds are now being set aside in specific categories each year.

Council took a break at 7:35 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

3. OPEN FORUM

Mayor Jobin, with the approval of Council, took the opportunity to seek input from the public on the proposed plan. The general consensus was not to borrow unless absolutely necessary as people are having a hard enough time as it is out there. It was also mentioned that building permits and development in the township were down considerably in 2013, and that Council should look at structuring the tax base.

Council decided to review the information provided by Mr. Tunnock at its next Public Works Committee meeting. Mr. Tunnock requested that Council provide him with a decision on a specific percentage of its annual debt capacity to use in Table 1F so that figures in the *Yearly Revenue and Expenditure Summary* could be reworked. It is hoped that the document can be finalized by the end of January.

Mr. Tunnock advised Council that the Plan will be new, and can be changed as necessary. However, once the Plan is adopted, Council should commit to the plan as best it can, and the document should be reviewed on a regular basis, i.e. every two years, to ensure that it is working.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2014-01

David Hodgins – Susan Major: Be it resolved that we do now adjourn this special Council meeting. **‘Carried’**

Time: 8:12 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer