



Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in person and via phone.

**1. Opening of Meeting and call to order:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**2. Roll Call:** The Mayor took a roll call

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Stephen McLean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Francine Plante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Jean (John) Truchon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Wendy Weller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Clerk-Treasurer - Karine Pelletier  
Mark Brown – Acting Public Works Superintendent  
Bookkeeper – Debbie Monson  
Clerk-Typist Receptionist – Melanie Jensen  
Fire Chief – Neil Albright  
Fire Dept Treasurer – Yvon Bruneau  
Library Chair – Margo Jolette

Members of the audience present: 7

**3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum.**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**123/2023**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Special Budget Meeting of Council held on May 4, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary of Interest:** None declared

**5. Correspondence, Information:** None

**6. New Business:**

**a) Budget – First review**

- The budget was discussed, and the audience were able to ask questions.
- It was decided that the newsletter would be posted online only, and the staff will only print 25 newsletters. They will be available for pickup at the office for the people who are unable to view them online.
- All the Department Heads and Chairs of Committee will review their budgets again and attempt to cut their expenses by 3% to 5%.
- There was a discussion on raising the water, sewer and debenture rates by 10% to reduce the water deficit.
- The user fee by-law will be reviewed by staff and the by-law will be brought forward with new rates for Council's review.

**7. Passing of By-Laws: None**

**8. Closed Meeting:**

Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**124/2023**  
**Close Meeting**

THAT Council goes into closed session at 8:03 p.m. under the Ontario Municipal Act 2001. C25, s 239 (1), Section (2) the security of the property of the municipality or local board; (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**125/2023**  
**Out of Closed**

THAT Council come out of close session at 8:49 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

126/2023  
Cost-of-living increase Council

THAT Council direct the Clerk give a 5.5% cost-of-living increase to the Mayor and Council and bring the By-Law forward at the next meeting for final approval. The cost-of-living increase will be retroactive to January 1, 2023.

AND THAT the cost-of-living increase be added automatically every year for the term of the current Council 2022-2026.

**Recorded Vote**

**Requested by Mayor McLean**

**Mayor Stephen McLean**  
**Councillor Bonita Culhane**  
**Councillor Francine Plante**  
**Councillor Jean (John) Truchon**  
**Councillor Wendy Weller**

**YES**

**NO**

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Carried

Mayor McLean and Councillor Truchon declined to increase.

Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Francine Plante

127/2023  
Clothing Allowance

THAT Council direct the Clerk to increase the clothing allowance for the full-time public works employees to \$1000.00 per year.

**Recorded Vote**

**Requested by Mayor McLean**

**Mayor Stephen McLean**  
**Councillor Bonita Culhane**  
**Councillor Francine Plante**  
**Councillor Jean (John) Truchon**  
**Councillor Wendy Weller**

**YES**

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Carried

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**128/2023**  
**Cost-of-living increase Employees**

THAT Council direct the Clerk to give a 5.5% cost-of-living increase to the employees and the Custodian. The increase will be across the board. The By-Law will be brought forward at the next meeting for final approval. The cost-of-living increase will be retroactive to January 1, 2023.

AND THAT the cost-of-living increase be added automatically every year for the term of the current Council 2022-2026.

**Recorded Vote**

**Requested by Mayor McLean**

**Mayor Stephen McLean**  
**Councillor Bonita Culhane**  
**Councillor Francine Plante**  
**Councillor Jean (John) Truchon**  
**Councillor Wendy Weller**

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**Carried**

**9. Confirmation By-Law:**

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**129/2023**  
**Confirmation By-Law**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023 and numbered By-Law 2023-19.

**Carried**

**10. Adjournment:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**130/2023**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**Carried**

  
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**MAYOR**

  
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**CLERK-TREASURER**