

**March 22, 2016**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

On Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 the Council for the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin held a Preliminary Budget Meeting.

Present – Mayor Jane Dumas	Staff - Sue Klatt, CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Councillor John Brown	Dave Gatley, Roads Superintendent
Councillor Joe Florent	Natasha Hinze, Deputy Treasurer-Recording Secretary
Councillor Dave Harper	Tracy Cannon, Operations Clerk
Councillor Bill Rodnick	
Councillor Linda Thom	

Regrets - Councillor Richard Shalla

**1. OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Bill Rodnick, Chair of the Finance Committee called to order the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin at 7:00 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None declared.

**3. PRELIMINARY BUDGET--DRAFT 2**

Discussed and reviewed the overall budget prepared by staff, which has been balanced with a 2% increase. The Deputy Treasurer reviewed the municipal act which states any surplus of any year is to be included in the budget. The total cumulative surplus has been estimated at \$266,000 (per auditor – this will be finalized once our 2015 audit is complete) with approximately \$50,000 of that from 2015 and the remaining from previous years.

The Deputy Treasurer also reviewed regulation 284/09 with regards to budgeting for amortization, post-employment benefits and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses. As per this regulation, we do not have to budget for these items, however, council must adopt a report by resolution which provides an estimate of the change in the accumulated surplus of the township at the end of the year resulting from these exclusions and an analysis of the estimated impact of these exclusions on the future tangible capital asset funding requirements of the township.

Taking into account the increase in policing and loss of OMPF funding, tax rates would have to increase 7% (after factoring new assessments) to cover this shortfall. Discussion was done about how much of that the municipality should absorb without sacrificing services to residents. There was a consensus at the table for a 4% increase of the municipal tax rate. Staff was directed to adjust budget accordingly and prepare the By-Law which will be presented and voted on at the April 21, 2016 council meeting.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

To adjourn the Special Preliminary Budget Meeting of March 22, 2016 at 8:46 p.m.

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Councillor Bill Rodnick

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Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk Treasurer

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Natasha Hinze, Deputy Treasurer-  
Recording Secretary