



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held in the Council Chambers
French River Municipal Complex
Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 6pm

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Tammy Mitchell, Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp, Dean Wenborne

Members Excused:

Officials Present:

Mélanie Bouffard, Acting CAO/Clerk
Julie Bouthillette, Treasurer/Tax Collector

Guests:

5 Guests

1. Call to order, roll call and adoption of the agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Dean Wenborne

Resol. 2015- 142

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as distributed.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

3. Budget Deliberation

3.1 Action Report - OPP Levy Options

The goal of the third Budget Deliberation was to present Council with options to levy the new OPP billing model costs and to share information on the impacts of shifting the costs from being levied as part of the tax rate to a separate levy.

In 2014, it was announced that the OPP billing model in Ontario would change for the billing year of 2015 to a cost per household which would equalise costs through the Province.

For the Municipality of French River this resulted in a cost increase of \$109,871 (from \$526,100 in 2014 to \$635,971 in 2015). The new billing model has two main components; a base service cost of \$200.51/household and a calls for service cost of \$40.39 per household.

At previous Budget Meeting, Council directed staff to levy the OPP costs per household for the 2015 Budget.

The OPP billing model uses the 2012 household data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). The list was reviewed for accuracy and three anomalies were found. Most properties in the recreational trailer park category containing multiple households (camping sites) are counted as one while three are counted as having multiple households(camping sites). For example, one recreational trailer park property containing 105 camping sites is identified as one household while another containing 88 camping sites is identified as having 88 households.

The household data is prepared by MPAC and the timing is unknown when the rest of the household counts for recreational trailer park properties will be adjusted.

The Treasurer presented the options outlined in the report found in the agenda package and answered questions from Council.

Since the MPAC data is likely to eventually represent the accurate household counts for all recreational trailer park properties, another option was brought up as compromise for this year to alleviate the burden to those properties presently being levied for each camping site.

Moved By: Gisèle Pageau
Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2015- 143

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to establish an OPP Levy at a cost of \$206.81 per household to equalise on the same basis as the new OPP Billing Model;

AND THAT the three anomalies identified in the report dated April 29, 2015 be charged the OPP Levy with a household count capped at 50% as stated by MPAC for 2015 and be levied at the full household count for subsequent years and that they be notified.

Motion to Amend

Moved By: Dean Wenborne
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

To add the following:

WHEREAS the list of households was reviewed and three anomalies were found in the recreational trailer park category that contain multiple households as each campsite has been counted as a household while the other recreational trailer park properties containing campsites are counted as either one or two households;

Amendment Carried

Resolution now reads:

WHEREAS the list of households was reviewed and three anomalies were found in the recreational trailer park category that contain multiple households as each campsite has been counted as a household while the other recreational trailer park properties containing campsites are counted as either one or two households;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to establish an OPP Levy at a cost of \$206.81 per household to equalise on the same basis as the new OPP Billing Model;

AND THAT the three anomalies identified in the report dated April 29, 2015 be charged the OPP Levy with a household count capped at 50% as stated by MPAC for 2015 and be levied at the full household count for subsequent years and that they be notified.

Recorded Vote

Councillor Michel Bigras requested a Recorded Vote.

	FOR	AGAINST
COUNCILLOR Michel Bigras		x
COUNCILLOR Ron Garbutt	x	
COUNCILLOR Tammy Mitchell	x	
COUNCILLOR Gisèle Pageau	x	
COUNCILLOR Denny Sharp	x	
COUNCILLOR Dean Wenborne	x	
MAYOR Claude Bouffard		x

Carried

The Treasurer outlined the status of the Final Draft Budget:

- a reduction of \$10,000 to the library
- an addition of \$25,000 from sanitary sewer reserve for our portion of the funding application for a feasibility study of a wetland lagoon
- 10.45% average assessment increase
- -5.83% tax rate decrease totaling an average of 4.14% residential increase in taxes (net of tax rate decrease and assessment increase)

The Council Presentations of the 2015 Final Draft Budget will be held on the following dates: (dates to be confirmed, will be advertised)

May 11th at 7-8pm at the Alban Community Centre

May 12th at 6-7pm at the Monetville Public School

May 12th at 7:30-8:30pm at the Municipal Complex

The 2015 Municipal Budget will be considered for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting of May 13th, 2015.

Moved By: Denny Sharp
Seconded By: Tammy Mitchell

Resol. 2015- 144

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting be adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK