



Township of Southgate

Minutes of Special Council Meeting

November 23, 2021

9 AM

Electronic Participation

Members Present: Mayor John Woodbury
Deputy Mayor Brian Milne
Councillor Barbara Dobreen
Councillor Michael Sherson
Councillor Jason Rice
Councillor Jim Frew
Councillor Martin Shipston (left at 11:28 AM)

Staff Present: Dave Milliner, Chief Administrative Officer
Lindsey Green, Clerk
Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager
William Gott, Treasurer
Bev Fisher, Chief Building Official
Lacy Russell, Librarian CEO
Derek Malynyk, Fire Chief
Terri Murphy, Economic Development Officer
Clinton Stredwick, Planner
Kayla Best, HR Coordinator
Aakash Desai, Asset Coordinator
John Kurian, Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector
Elisha Milne, Legislative Assistant
Holly Malynyk, Customer Service and Support

1. Electronic Access Information

Council recordings will be available on the Township of Southgate [YouTube Channel](#) following the meeting.

2. Call to Order

Mayor Woodbury called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

3. Confirmation of Agenda

No. 2021-684

Moved By Councillor Sherson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Milne

Be it resolved that Council confirm the agenda as amended.

Carried

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No one declared a pecuniary interest related to any item on the agenda.

5. Closed Session

No. 2021-685

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Dobreen

Be it resolved that Council proceed into Closed Session at 9:02 AM in order to address matters related to Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege and Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual (Subject: Recent Court Decision - Verbal Update with Township Solicitor) and Third Party Information Supplied in Confidence Section 239(2)(i) (Subject: An Economic Development Project that the Proponent and Investor require to be Confidential until Property is Purchased and for other Competitive Business Reasons - Verbal Update); and

That Clerk Lindsey Green, Economic Development Officer Terri Murphy, CAO Dave Milliner and Sabatina Vassalli and Taylor Carson of Agro Zaffiro LLP remain in attendance.

Carried

Council recessed at 9:02 AM and returned at 9:07 AM.

Councillor Frew returned at 9:16 AM.

Sabatina Vassalli and Taylor Carson of Agro Zaffiro LLP left the Closed meeting at 10:01 AM.

Economic Development Officer Terri Murphy arrived to the Closed Meeting at 10:01 AM.

No. 2021-686

Moved By Deputy Mayor Milne

Seconded By Councillor Sherson

Be it resolved that Council come out of Closed Session at 10:22 AM.

Carried

Council recessed at 10:22 AM and returned at 10:35 AM.

Councillor Rice returned to the meeting at 10:36 AM.

5.1 Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege and Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual (Subject: Recent Court Decision - Verbal Update with Township Solicitor)

No. 2021-687

Moved By Deputy Mayor Milne

Seconded By Councillor Frew

Be it resolved that Council receive the verbal update regarding a recent court decision as information; and

That Council advises that the Township has not appealed the recent court decision; and

That Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

Carried

5.2 Third Party Information Supplied in Confidence Sec. 239(2)(i) (Subject: An Economic Development Project that the Proponent and Investor require to be Confidential until Property is Purchased and for other Competitive Business Reasons - Verbal Update)

No. 2021-688

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Sherson

Be it resolved that Council receive the verbal update regarding an economic development investment project as information.

Carried

6. Committee of the Whole

6.1 Resolve into Committee of the Whole

No. 2021-689

Moved By Councillor Dobreen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Milne

Be it resolved that Council recess the Special Council meeting at 10:37 AM and move into the Committee of the Whole meeting to allow for fuller discussion regarding the 2022 Budget.

Carried

6.2 Appointment of Chair

No. 2021-690

Moved By Deputy Mayor Milne

Seconded By Councillor Sherson

Be it resolved that the Committee appoint Mayor Woodbury as Chair of the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 23, 2021.

Carried

7. Reports of Municipal Officers

7.1 Treasurer William Gott

7.1.1 FIN2021-037 2022 Budget

No. 2021-691

Moved By Councillor Dobreen
Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Committee of the Whole receive Staff Report FIN2021-037 2022 Budget as information; and
That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council received Staff Report FIN2021-037 2022 Budget as information.

Carried

Councillor Rice moved the following motion.

No. 2021-692

Moved By Councillor Rice
Seconded By Councillor Dobreen

Be it resolved that Council proceed past noon.

Carried

Councillor Shipston left the meeting at 11:28 AM and did not return.

7.1.2 FIN2021-038 2022 Cost of Living Index

Moved By Councillor Dobreen
Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole receive Staff Report FIN2021-038 2022 Cost of Living Index as information; and

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the application of a cost of living index of ____%, effective January 1, 2022 to affected agreement fees and reimbursements, and effective January 8, 2022 to the Wage/Salary Grid; and

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the 2022 Wage Grid Option ____ as presented in Attachment 1.

Council recessed at 12:13 PM due to technical difficulties and returned at 12:17 PM.

Deputy Mayor Milne moved the following amendment to the main motion.

Mayor Woodbury requested a recorded vote on the amendment to the main motion.

Amendment:

No. 2021-693

Moved By Deputy Mayor Milne

Seconded By Councillor Frew

Be it resolved that Council amend the second clause of the motion to state that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the application of a cost of living of 3%.

Yay (3): Mayor Woodbury, Deputy Mayor Milne, and Councillor Frew

Nay (3): Councillor Dobreen, Councillor Sherson, and Councillor Rice

Absent (1): Councillor Shipston

Failed (3 to 3)

Councillor Rice moved the following amendment to the main motion.

Mayor Woodbury requested a recorded vote on the amendment to the main motion.

Amendment:

No. 2021-694

Moved By Councillor Rice

Seconded By Councillor Sherson

Be it resolved that Council amend the second clause of the motion to state that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve the application of a cost of living of 2%.

Yay (2): Councillor Sherson, and Councillor Rice

Nay (4): Mayor Woodbury, Deputy Mayor Milne, Councillor Dobreen, and Councillor Frew

Absent (1): Councillor Shipston

Failed (2 to 4)

Deputy Mayor Milne moved the following amendment to the main motion.

Amendment:

No. 2021-695

Moved By Deputy Mayor Milne

Seconded By Councillor Dobreen

Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole amend the motion to recommend that Council defer the approval of the 2022 cost of living index to a future Council meeting.

Carried

Motion as Amended:

No. 2021-696

Moved By Councillor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that the Committee of the Whole receive Staff Report FIN2021-038 2022 Cost of Living Index as information; and

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council defer the approval of the 2022 cost of living index to a future Council meeting.

Carried

8. Resolve back to Council

No. 2021-697

Moved By Councillor Frew
Seconded By Councillor Sherson

Be it resolved that the Committee resolve back to the Special Council meeting at 12:26 PM.

Carried

9. Motions Resulting from Committee of the Whole

9.1 Staff Report FIN2021-037 2022 Budget

No. 2021-698

Moved By Councillor Dobreen
Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report FIN2021-037 2022 Budget for information.

Carried

9.2 Staff Report FIN2021-038 Cost of Living Index

No. 2021-699

Moved By Councillor Frew
Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that the Council receive Staff Report FIN2021-038 2022 Cost of Living Index as information; and

That Council defer the approval of the 2022 cost of living index to a future Council meeting.

Carried

10. Confirming By-law

Mayor Woodbury requested a recorded vote on the main motion.

No. 2021-700

Moved By Deputy Mayor Milne
Seconded By Councillor Dobreen

Be it resolved that by-law number 2021-173 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate at its special meeting held on November 23, 2021 be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the by-law book.

Yay (6): Mayor Woodbury, Deputy Mayor Milne, Councillor Dobreen, Councillor Sherson, Councillor Rice, and Councillor Frew

Absent (1): Councillor Shipston

Carried (6 to 0)

11. Adjournment

No. 2021-701

Moved By Deputy Mayor Milne

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Carried

Mayor John Woodbury

Clerk Lindsey Green