

**City of Port Colborne**  
**Committee of the Whole - Budget Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** M. Bagu, Councillor  
E. Beauregard, Councillor  
R. Bodner, Councillor  
G. Bruno, Councillor  
W. Steele, Mayor (presiding officer)  
M. Aquilina, Councillor  
T. Hoyle, Councillor  
D. Elliott, Councillor

**Members(s) Absent:** F. Danch, Councillor

**Staff Present:** S. Luey, Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Boles, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
S. Lawson, Fire Chief  
N. Rubli, Acting City Clerk  
S. Tufail, Acting Deputy Clerk  
S. Shypowskyj, Director of Public Works

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steele called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By Councillor T. Hoyle  
Seconded By Councillor M. Bagu

That the agenda dated December 07, 2022 be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

4. **Staff Reports**

4.1 **2023 Capital and Related Project Budget, 2022-248**

Moved By Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded By Councillor M. Aquilina

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council:

That the Corporate Service Department, Financial Services Division,  
Report No. 2022- 248 Subject: 2023 Capital and Related Projects Budget,  
**BE RECEIVED**; and

That the recommended project changes, closures and funding transfers  
for projects approved prior to this report as outlined in Report No. 2023-  
248, Appendix C, **BE APPROVED**; and

That the 2023 Capital and Related Projects Budget as outlined in Report  
No. 2022-248, **BE APPROVED** and that the projects identified in the 2023  
Capital and Related Projects Budget be permitted to begin immediately  
where feasible.

Carried

**Amendment:**

Moved By Councillor G. Bruno

Seconded By Councillor T. Hoyle

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the  
proposed Council composition, remuneration and ward boundary review  
project remain funded in 2023 capital budget but the work not commence  
until 2024.

Carried

4.2 **2023 Levy Budget, 2022-245**

Moved By Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded By Councillor E. Beauregard

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council:

That the Corporate Services Department, Financial Services Division,  
Report No. 2022-245 Subject 2023 Levy Budget **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the sustainability and working capital reserve funds be funded, up to the Reserve Fund policy target, as outlined in Report No. 2022-245; and

That \$2,000,000 resulting from contractual settlement related to a previous sale of land, as outlined in Report 2022-245 be transferred to the infrastructure reserve; and

That the 2023 Levy Budget as outlined in Report No. 2022-245, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

#### **4.3 2023 Rates Budget, 2022-246**

Moved By Councillor D. Elliott

Seconded By Councillor M. Bagu

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council:

That Corporate Services Department Report 2022-246, **BE RECEIVED**; and

That the 2023 Rates Budget as outlined in Appendix B to Corporate Services Department Report 2022-246, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

#### **4.4 2023 Rates Setting, 2022-247**

Moved By Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded By Councillor M. Aquilina

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council:

That Corporate Services Department Report 2022-247, **BE RECEIVED**;

That the 2023 Water and Wastewater Rates as outlined on page 3 of Corporate Services Department Report 2022-247, **BE APPROVED**; and

That the 2023 Storm Sewer Rates as outlined on page 5 of Corporate Services Department Report 2022-247, **BE APPROVED**; and

That the draft by-law attached as Appendix A of Corporate Services Report 2022-247 be brought forward to Council for consideration.

#### **4.5 2023 Proposed User Fees and Charges, 2022-244**

Moved By Councillor R. Bodner  
Seconded By Councillor M. Bagu

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council:

That Corporate Services Department Report 2022-244 **BE RECEIVED**;

That the 2023 Proposed User Fees and Charges schedules attached as Appendices A to R of Corporate Services Report 2022-244 **BE APPROVED**; and

That the draft by-law attached as Appendix S of Corporate Services Report 2022-244 be brought forward to Council for consideration.

**Amendment:**

Moved By Councillor R. Bodner  
Seconded By Councillor M. Bagu

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council:

That Corporate Services Department Report 2022-244 **BE RECEIVED**;

**That the 2023 Proposed User Fees and Charges schedules attached as Appendices A to R be approved, except Appendix O - Cemetery Fees which are to remain at the 2022 rate; and**

**That the Committee of the Whole refers Appendix O dealing with Cemetery Fees to Staff for more information and a fee comparison with other local area municipalities; and**

That the draft by-law **as amended** attached as Appendix S of Corporate Services Report 2022-244 be brought forward to Council for consideration.

Carried

5. **Correspondence Items**
6. **Presentations**
7. **Delegations**
8. **Procedural Motions**
9. **Information Items**
10. **Adjournment**

Mayor Steele adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:45 p.m.

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William C. Steele, Mayor

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Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk