



# The Corporation of The County of Perth

## Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Budget Committee Meeting

Council Present: Councillor Wilhelm  
Councillor Forrest  
Councillor McMillan  
Warden Behrns  
Councillor Aitcheson  
Councillor Schneider  
Councillor Judge  
Councillor French  
Councillor Ehgoetz  
Councillor McKenzie

Staff Present: Bill Arthur, CAO  
Linda Rockwood, Director of  
Emergency Medical Services  
Renato Pullia, Director of  
Corporate Services, Treasurer  
Dave Hanly, Director of  
Planning & Development  
Matt Ash, Director of Public  
Works  
Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Clerk

Others Present: Debbie Gibson, Senior Accountant/Deputy Treasurer

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| <b>1. CALL TO ORDER &amp; ROLL CALL</b> |
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The Regular/Budget Meeting of Perth County Council with Quorum present was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and the roll call conducted.

### **2. OPENING PRAYER**

The Regular/Budget Committee meeting of Perth County Council commenced with Opening Prayer.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest stated.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**2011-38**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz**

THAT the Agenda for the February 10, 2011 Council/Budget Committee Meeting be approved;

Carried

**2011-39**

**Moved By: Councillor McMillan**

**Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson**

**By:**

That the Council of the County of Perth adjourn to convene as the Budget Committee at 9:41 a.m.;

Carried

#### 5. DELEGATIONS

##### **5.1 Sue Gueguen, Past President - Perth County Visitors Association - 2011 Grant Request**

Sue Gueguen, Past President of the Perth County Visitors Association presented the 2011 budget request (\$110,000), past achievements and ongoing projects. Copies of letters of support were circulated to Council members.

**2011-39**

**Moved By: Councillor McMillan**

**Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson**

That the Council of the County of Perth adjourn to convene as the Budget Committee at 9:41 a.m.;

Carried

#### 6. BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### **6.1 2011 Budget Presentation - Renato Pullia, Director of Corporate Services**

Director of Corporate Services, Pullia provided members with a copy of the Budget Binder and explained the budget format. It was noted that the documents circulated with the Budget Committee Agenda in advance of the meeting were

made available in advance of the meeting so that the Committee had an opportunity to review Municipal Liaison Committee reports and grant requests.

The Presentation outlined budget pressures: OMERS increases; Municipal Liability Insurance; Salaries (through grid movement and union contracts); Levy Stabilization Reserve used in 2010 and not budgeted for used in 2011.

**A recess was taken at 10:15 am and the meeting resumed at 10:37 a.m.**

## **6.2 Municipal Liaison Committee 2011 Budgets**

### **6.2.1 Provincial Offences Office**

POA Coordinator, Linda Becker was in attendance. The draft budget was reviewed by the Committee.

### **6.2.2 Stratford Perth Archives**

Archivist, Betty Jo Belton was in attendance. The draft budget was reviewed by the Committee. Staff directed to research the basis of the cost-sharing agreement between the City of Stratford and County of Perth.

### **6.2.3 Emergency Medical Services**

Draft budget reviewed by the Committee. Discussion occurred regarding 'cross-boarder billing', the Agreement with the City of Guelph and the remaining balance of the Cross Boarder Billing Reserve.

**2011-40**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor Ehgoetz**

THAT the 2011 budget submission for Provincial Offences, Stratford Perth Archives and Emergency Medical Services be received; and

THAT the Budget Committee recommend to Council that the draft budgets be presented as reviewed;

Carried

### **6.2.4 Shared Services**

#### **6.2.4.1 Social Services**

Draft budget reviewed by the Committee.

#### **6.2.4.2 Perth District Health Unit**

Draft budget reviewed by the Committee.

#### **6.2.4.3 Spruce Lodge**

Draft budget reviewed by the Committee. It was noted that a review of Spruce Lodge capital reserves and capital needs will be undertaken in 2011. The reserves are severely underfunded.

**A recess was taken at 11:57a.m. and the meeting resumed at 12:53p.m.**

**2011-41**

**Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

THAT the 2011 budget submission for Social Services, Perth District Health Unit and Spruce Lodge be received; and

THAT the Budget Committee recommends to Perth County Councillors on the Municipal Liaison Committee that the draft budgets be supported;

Carried

### **6.3 Grants**

#### **6.3.1 Stratford Perth Museum**

**2011-41**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor Judge**

THAT the Budget Committee recommends to Council that the Stratford Perth Museum be granted \$ 76,131 in 2011 as per the original funding Agreement;

Carried

**2011-42**

**Moved By: Councillor Judge**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

THAT the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the Stratford Perth Museum request for a grant in the amount of the county portion of property taxes, be denied;

Carried

**2011-43**

**Moved By: Councillor Aitcheson**

**Seconded By: Councillor McMillan**

THAT the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the Stratford-Perth Museum request for an interest reduction on the building loan to .5% and term increased to 360 months, and an adjustment of the first mortgage interest from 3% to 1.5% for the next five years, be denied;

Carried

**6.3.2 Perth County Visitors Association**

**2011-44**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

THAT the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the a grant for the Perth County Visitors Association, in the amount of \$ 90,000 be included in the draft 2011 Operating Budget;

Carried

**6.3.3 Other Grant Requests**

The Committee reviewed a listing of grant request made to the County of Perth for consideration in the 2011 budget.

The Committee requested that representatives of the St. Marys Adult Learning Program attend a future Budget Committee meeting to provide members with additional information on the program and funding request.

The Committee supports the following funding requests:

1. North Perth Elderly Persons Grant (EPG) - \$ 8400
2. Perth County 4H Program - \$ 3000
3. Perth County Plowmen's Association - \$ 1250
4. Perth County Science Fair - \$ 200
5. Spruce Lodge Elderly Persons Grant (EPG) - \$ 4240

**2011-45**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor French**

THAT the Budget Committee recommends to Council that the Clean Water Program be granted \$ 25,000 in 2011;

Carried

**2011-46**

**Moved By: Councillor McKenzie**

**Seconded By: Councillor Aitcheson**

THAT the Budget Committee recommends to Council that the funding request by the Perth County Historical Foundation be denied;

Carried

**2011-47**

**Moved By: Councillor McKenzie**

**Seconded By: Councillor Forrest**

THAT the Budget Advisory Committee adjourn and reconvene as Council at 2:25 p.m.;

Carried

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**2011-48**

**Moved By: Councillor Wilhelm**

**Seconded By: Councillor Schneider**

THAT the Council of the County of Perth endorses all recommendations from the February 10, 2011 Budget Committee meeting;

Carried

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**9. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**2011-49**

**Moved By: Councillor Judge**

**Seconded By: Councillor McMillan**

THAT By-law 3231-2011, being a By-law to confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Perth at its regular meeting held on February 10, 2011, be read a first, second and third time. And that the Warden and the Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to sign the same, and attach the Corporate Seal thereto;

Carried

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**2011-50**

**Moved By: Councillor Ehgoetz**

**Seconded By: Councillor Wilhelm**

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:29 p.m.;

Carried

“Original Minutes Signed and Available from the County Clerk”

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Julie Behrns, WARDEN

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Kerri Ann O'Rourke, COUNTY CLERK