



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD
PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

CL 6-2023

February 8, 2023

Council Chamber / Video Conference

City of Thorold, City Hall, 3540 Schmon Parkway, Thorold, ON

Council Members Present in the Council Chamber: Mayor Ugulini, Councillors D'Angela, De Divitiis, Dekker, DeRose, Handley, Longo, O'Hare, Sentance

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: D. Baldoni, Acting Manager, Community Services, M. Dilwaria, Chief Administrative Officer, T. Dixon, Director, Fire & Emergency Services/Fire Chief, S. Dunsmore, Engineering Manger, S. Hansen, Legislative Assistant, G. Holman, Director, Public Works & Community Services, M. Mauro, Director, Finance/Treasurer, K. Scholtens, Manager, Economic Development, J. Simpson, Director, Development Service, M. Trennum, City Clerk, M. Watson, Manager, IT

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ugulini called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor O'Hare read the land acknowledgement.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Dekker

Seconded by: Councillor D'Angela

That Council Agenda CL 6-2023, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Report DF 2-2023, respecting Budget 2023

5.1.1 Ron Devereux, Resident

Ron Devereux, resident, spoke on Report DF 2-2023 respecting Budget 2023.

6. Items for Consideration

6.1 CAO 2-2023

Application to the Rural Economic Development Program

Moved by: Councillor De Divitiis

Seconded by: Councillor Sentance

That Report CAO 2-2023, dated February 8, 2023, respecting Application to the Rural Economic Development Program, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the addition to the capital budget of the deferred \$88,000 for improvements to the Lock 7 Viewing Centre, **BE APPROVED** in principle, subject to the successful receipt of the grant;
2. That should the grant application be successful, that the required City portion of \$61,600 **BE FUNDED** from the Municipal Land and Building Reserve; and
3. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to apply to the Rural Economic Development Program.

CARRIED

6.2 PWCS 1-2023

Adopt-A-Road Program Policy Review

Moved by: Councillor Handley

Seconded by: Councillor Dekker

That Report PWCS 1-2023, dated February 8, 2023, respecting Adopt-A-Road Program Policy Review, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the City's Adopt-A-Road Program Policy No. 640-06, **BE REPEALED**;
2. That two (2) annual City-wide Clean-Up day events, to be coordinated by Public Works and Community Services staff with community volunteers, **BE APPROVED** in place of the repealed program; and
3. That funding for these two (2) Special Events in the amount of \$5,000 **BE REFERRED** to the 2023 Operating Budget for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

6.3 PWCS 4-2023

Ormond St. Pedestrian Cross-Over (PXO) and Sidewalk Extension

Moved by: Councillor Sentance
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Report PWCS 4-2023, dated February 8, 2023, respecting Ormond St. Pedestrian Cross-Over (PXO) and Sidewalk Extension, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the installation of a Pedestrian Cross-Over on Ormond Street (\$50,000) between Portland St. and Lyndon Avenue, **BE APPROVED** in principle;
2. That the extension of a new sidewalk (\$30,000) on the east side of Ormond St. and north side of Lyndon Avenue **BE APPROVED** in principle; and
3. That the Construction costs for these projects **BE CONSIDERED** as part of the 2023 Capital budget deliberations.

CARRIED

6.4 PWCS 7-2023

Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Fund

Moved by: Councillor Sentance

Seconded by: Councillor Handley

That Report PWCS 7-2023, dated February 8, 2023, respecting Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Fund, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to submit applications to the Government of Canada under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program for the Proposed Fire Station/New Museum Project under the Retrofits, Repairs and Upgrades stream; and,
2. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to submit applications to the Government of Canada under the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program for the Thorold Library Expansion Project under the New Community Buildings stream; and,
3. That staff **REPORT** to Council on the status of the success of the respective applications with recommendations on the appropriate next steps.

CARRIED

6.5 CL-C 4-2023

Councillor Information Requests from the Budget Meeting Held on January 31, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Dekker

Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That Report CL-C 4-2023 respecting follow up information- budget meeting no. one, **BE RECEIVED**, for information.

CARRIED

6.6 DF 2-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor D'Angela

That Report DF 2-2023, dated January 31, 2023, respecting Budget 2023 - REVISED, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the proposed estimates on the attached Departmental schedule entitled "Operating Budget Summary 2023" **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the attached 2023 Departmental Capital Budgets **BE APPROVED**;
3. That the 10-year forecasts **BE RECEIVED** for information;
4. That the Reserve and Reserve Fund schedules **BE APPROVED**;
5. That any general surplus/deficit resulting in 2023 **BE ALLOCATED** in equal shares to the Municipal Land and Building Reserve, the Municipal Development Reserve, the Capital Asset Reserve, and the Capital Asset Transportation Reserve funds;
6. That 75% of any surplus, to a maximum of \$50,000.00 in the 2023 Winter Control Operating Budget, **BE ALLOCATED** to the Winter Control Stabilization Reserve, provided that this allocation does not create or magnify a deficit at year-end for 2023;
7. That Report DF 2-2023 **BE APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** to meet the requirements of Ontario Regulation 284/09, with respect to expenses that have been excluded from the 2023 budget, assuming no further changes to Capital provisions;
8. That all other aspects of Report DF 2-2023 **BE APPROVED**; and
9. That the Director of Finance **BE AUTHORIZED** to finalize the 2023 City Budget Estimates, with the appropriate Rating By-law presented to Council.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by: Councillor Longo

That \$20,000 **BE ADDED** to the budget for a competitive pay rate increase and proper equipment for crossing guards.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by: Councillor O'Hare

That \$10,000 **BE ADDED** to the tree planting budget.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor DeRose
Seconded by: Councillor D'Angela

That \$5,000 **BE ADDED** to the budget moving the Port Robinson lights from the deferral list to using the Parkland reserve.

CARRIED

7. By-law(s)

Moved by: Councillor Dekker
Seconded by: Councillor De Divitiis

That the following Bills **BE NOW READ** and **DO PASS**:

Bill 12-2023

A by-law to adopt the operating and capital budgets 2023

Bill 21-2023

A by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of City Council at its special budget meeting held on February 8, 2023

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Terry Ugulini
Mayor

Per: Sydney Hansen
Legislative Assistant

Per: Matthew Trennum
City Clerk