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COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 2012 – 6:45 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CROSSHILL

Pages

1	Admin./Finance 15/12 – Administration & Finance Committee minutes from meeting held January 31, 2012 – Motion required
2	Admin./Finance 16/12 – Finance Budget minutes from meeting held January 24, 2012 – Motion required
3-4	Admin./Finance 17/12 – Ministry of Finance re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) 2012 Allocations – For information

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 31, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CROSSHILL**

Chair: Ross Kelterborn

Members Present: Shelley Wagner, Herb Neher, Jim Olender, Paul Hergott

Staff: Susan Duke, Executive Director Corporate/Clerk
Will McLaughlin, Executive Director Operations
Fire Chief Andrew Lillico
Grace Kosch, Deputy Clerk

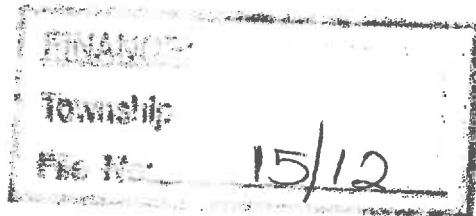
Admin./Finance 11/12 – Region of Waterloo re: Update on the Retail Water and Wastewater Rate 2012 – For information

Admin./Finance 12/12 – Thank you from the Rose Family – For information

Admin./Finance 13/12 – Letter from Canada Post re: Mail Service for Residents in Heidelberg – For information

Admin./Finance 14/12 – Correspondence from Concerned Residents re: Mail Service in Heidelberg – For information

Mayor Kelterborn asked if an email trailer or auto signature should be put on Councillors out going email to commemorate the 170th anniversary of the first survey of Wellesley Township (1842/43) and the 160th anniversary of the incorporation in Waterloo County. Consistent wording to be developed by staff. Future trailers may be included for the International Plowing Match and the Doors Open Waterloo Region.



TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY

FINANCE MEETING MINUTES

Present: Mayor, Ross Kelterborn,
Council – Shelley Wagner, Jim Olender, Herb Neher, Paul Hergott
Staff - Susan Duke, Executive Director Corporate/Clerk
- Will McLaughlin, Executive Director Operations
- Diane Lorbetski, Director of Finance & Administration
- Rik Louwagie, Chief Building Official
- Kevin Beggs, General Manager of Community Services
- Brad Voisin, Director of Facilities
- Fire Chief Andrew Lillico

A Finance Meeting was held at the Administration Office Boardroom in Crosshill on January 24, 2012 at 9:00am with all members in attendance. The Finance Meeting was to discuss the 2012 draft budget. Diane Lorbetski, Director of Finance & Administration addressed the attendees with an overview of changes that are reflected in the “look” of the 2012 budget as well as changes due to the reorganization in June 2011.

Diane Lorbetski stated “the 2012 budget has been presented with a 6.41% Levy Increase = \$219,637.12. This morning we were notified that the OMPF funding has been increased by \$18,300.00 to \$599,400.00. This reduces the Tax Levy Increase by 0.54% it will now be 5.87% or \$201,337.12. The budget impact of the implementation of the Council’s re-organization is a 3.84% increase, or \$150,000.00. The remaining balance of the increase is 2.03% or \$61,429.60.”

Each Director and Department Head spoke to their budget, commenting on overall increases or decreases starting with Revenue followed by Expenditures. Council members were encouraged to ask questions or make comments throughout this process.

- 1 Moved by: Herb Neher – Seconded by: Jim Olender
That staff be directed to return with a maximum increase in the 2012 Budget of 2%.
Carried

The Finance Meeting was adjourned to enable staff to discuss options to reduce the overall budget to 2% as requested by Council members. The Finance Meeting reconvened. Executive Director Corporate/Clerk presented a list of potential changes to the draft budget to achieve the 2% directed by Council. These included \$50,000.00 reduction in Future Roads Contribution to Reserves, \$20,000.00 reduction in Recreation Contribution to Reserves. A total of \$8,500.00 reduction in the Fire Department budget and \$15,000.00 reduction in the IT Services segment of the Corporate budget for a total cut of \$93,500.00.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Executive Director Corporate/Clerk – Susan Duke

Mayor – Ross Kelterborn

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January 23, 2012

Dear Head of Council:

We are writing to announce the release of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations for 2012.

We are pleased to confirm that we remain committed to the upload of municipal costs in accordance with the timetable agreed to through the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review.

In 2012, we will continue the phased upload of Ontario Works (OW) benefit costs and begin to phase in the upload of court security and prisoner transportation costs. This builds on our previous uploads of Ontario Drug Benefits (ODB) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). In addition, we have also uploaded over \$170 million in support of municipal OW administration costs. These uploads have ensured that more property tax dollars are available for important municipal priorities, including investments in infrastructure and economic development.

In 2012, we will provide over \$1.8 billion to municipalities through the combined benefit of OMPF and provincial uploads. The OMPF will total \$583 million in 2012. Combined with the \$1.2 billion in provincial uploads, this is almost three times the level of funding provided under the previous program.

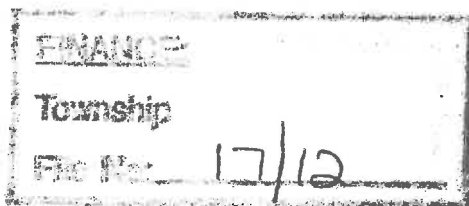
In addition, we will also provide \$15 million in transitional assistance to municipalities to ensure a guaranteed level of support for 2012.

The Ministry of Finance's (MOF) Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal Treasurers and Clerk-Treasurers with further details on the 2012 OMPF, including the provision of transitional assistance. This information and other supporting materials will be posted in both English and French on the MOF website:

<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2012/>
<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/fr/budget/ompf/2012/>

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Given the current global economic uncertainty, the provincial economy faces significant challenges. We will meet these challenges through fundamental reforms to the way government works. In this context, the *Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services*, chaired by Mr. Don Drummond, is expected to recommend that the target for spending growth should be one per cent or less.

The government will consider the Commission's recommendations along with other advice in the coming months. However, in order to address the province's fiscal situation, it is clear that we must remain committed to achieving greater efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of public services. This commitment will also be required from all our partners, including municipalities.

Our government has a very strong record of supporting and working with municipalities. Together with other provincial initiatives, we will provide municipalities with ongoing support of approximately \$3.2 billion in 2012 — almost three times the level provided in 2003. We look forward to building on our partnership with municipalities as we move forward to address our shared challenges.

Sincerely,



Dwight Duncan
Deputy Premier
Minister of Finance



Kathleen Wynne
Minister
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

