



Committee Report

The Blue Mountains

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date: January 17, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Administration, Corporate & Financial Services - To be chaired by Deputy Mayor Bordignon

B. Staff Reports and Public Comments

B.2 Staff Reports

B.2.1 2025 Proposed Budget, CFS.25.001

THAT Council direct that the following 2025 Proposed Request (Addition to the Budget) be added to the 2025 Draft Budget:

1. IDEA Committee Training - \$21,714

for consideration in the draft 2025 budget

CARRIED

THAT Council direct that the following 2025 Proposed Request (Addition to the Budget) be added to the 2025 Draft Budget:

1. FOI Legal Services - \$15,250

for consideration in the draft 2025 budget

CARRIED

THAT Council receive verbal update 'Additions to the Budget from Staff Report CFS.25.001, entitled "2025 Proposed Budget";

AND THAT Council directs Senior Management Team to review the "2025 Budget Requests Above the Base" (page 11 of the proposed 2025 Budget) and bring any options for cost saving opportunities within those approved requests directly to the January 27, 2025 Council meeting.

CARRIED

That Council approve the proposed Fees and Charges for inclusion in the 2025 Draft Budget, with the following amendments:

1. Returned NSF Fee to be increased to \$50
2. Increase "Mattress" fee to \$30
3. Increase Screening No Show Fee to \$250
4. Increase Hearing No Show Fee to \$500
5. Increase Response to Homeowner False Security Alarm fee, first occurrence to \$300, second occurrence to \$400, third occurrence to \$600
6. Community Halls, Ravenna and Craigleith Community Centre - fee to be reviewed
7. Reduce Pickleball Subsidy, Beaver Valley Community Centre to 10%
8. Consider Full Day Pickleball Rental Rate
9. Consider Increase in Tomahawk Golf Round Fees, and provide options
10. Increase Standard Cemetery Lot fee to \$1120
11. Review Harbour fees, and increase to round figure amounts
12. Review Harbour Hydro Rate fees and increase in accordance with current Hydro rate increases of 8%

for consideration in the 2025 draft budget

CARRIED

C. New and Unfinished Business

C.2 Additions to the Agenda

C.2.1 Proposed 2025 Operating Studies and status of 2024 operating studies, page 112 of the 2025 draft budget book

Moved by: Councillor Porter

Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT Council direct the Acting CAO, in coordination with the Senior Management Team and the Finance Department to review the Operating Studies included in the Proposed 2025 Budget, to prioritize and assess if there is staff capacity to initiate the studies, and to complete in 2025, and to report back to Council at the January 27, 2025 Council Meeting

CARRIED

C.2.2 Respective Increases in Consulting Fees Listed on Pages 15, 16 and 37 of the 2025 draft Budget Book

Moved by: Councillor Porter

Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

THAT, Council direct staff to provide a breakdown of the Consulting Fees on pages 15, 16, and 17, as included in the draft 2025 Budget, by Department

CARRIED