

**The Corporation of the Town of Deep River**

**MINUTES**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mayor  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillors

David Thompson  
Mary MacCafferty (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)  
Daniel Banks  
Christopher Carroll  
Ronald Desrochers  
Terry Myers  
Councillor Ruth Syme

**Absent:**

CAO/Clerk Michelle Larose

Guests:

Bob McLaren  
Larrie Thomson

Staff:

Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk  
John Walden, Director of Planning & Development  
Louise McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thompson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He stated the public meeting has been called to discuss the 2011 Budget for the Corporation of the Town of Deep River.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

NIL

**3. 2011 BUDGET**

Deputy Clerk, Dawn Recoskie, advised an advertisement was placed in The North Renfrew Times on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 giving notice of a public meeting scheduled for May 18, 2011 to discuss the 2011 Budget. The advertisement was also placed on the Town's website on May 3, 2011 and posted on both entrances to the Town Hall on May 3, 2011.

Treasurer, Brian Quibell, provided an overview of two scenarios of the budget. Scenario #1 provided a reduction in levy of 7.2% and Scenario #2 provided a levy reduction of 8.09%.

Discussion took place regarding reducing municipal expenditures by \$38,000. It was suggested to take out the \$5,000 allocated for the ski hill and \$23,500 for the arena roof which would bring the expenditures within \$10,000 of a zero percent increase. The costs for the arena roof could be spread over a three year period as opposed to a two year period as well.

Councillor Carroll, Chair of the Budget Committee, provided a verbal report on the budget scenarios and was comfortable with the line by line analysis conducted by the Budget Committee.

Deputy Mayor MacCafferty voiced her concern regarding a zero percent increase in levy this year which may require a significant increase next year to balance the budget.

Mayor Thompson asked to hear from anyone in the audience who wished to comment on the 2011 Budget. Mr. Bob McLaren provided an overview of his concerns regarding ways council could cut the budget. Some suggestions included considering charging for some services the municipality provides to the public, re-evaluating the cost of sludge haulage and look at gas commodity contracts, among other suggestions.

Mr. Larrie Thomson voiced his concern regarding the long term sustainability of the town and questioned if council had a long term plan. He also questioned whether the budget contained any provisions for the costs pertaining to the opening of the town hall lobby to the public. Mr. Quibell explained that those costs would fall under the capital budget.

Mayor Thompson then asked anyone with written submissions to leave them with the CAO/Clerk and if anyone wants to receive further notice to sign the list provided.

There were no written submissions received.

A copy of the sign in sheet is attached to these minutes for the public record.

Mayor Thompson indicated Council will consider all matters placed before it.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2011-114**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Syme  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Myers

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council hereby adjourns the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor David Thompson

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Deputy Clerk – Dawn Recoskie