



— TOWNSHIP OF —  
ASHFIELD - COLBORNE - WAWANOSH

## **Council Minutes**

### **April 14, 2020**

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Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council met in special session on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020, at 9:00 a.m. through Zoom, a Video Conferencing Platform.

This meeting was held electronically as the crisis of COVID-19 allows Councils to conduct their meetings remotely to empower municipalities to respond quickly and continue to function when in-person meetings cannot be held, and Council decisions need to be made.

The following individuals were participants during the Council Meeting:

Mayor  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillors

Glen McNeil  
Roger Watt  
Gloria Fisher  
Wayne Forster  
Jennifer Miltenburg  
Anita Snobelen  
Bill Vanstone

Staff Present

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Chief Building Official  
Public Works Superintendent

Mark Becker  
Brett Pollock  
Brian Van Osch

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM (Viewing and Observing Only):  
Ellen McManus and Anita Frayne.

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was called to review the preliminary budget report for 2020.

#### **2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Jennifer Miltenburg – Director at St. Joseph's Kingsbridge Community (budget deliberations, grants to organizations)

Declaration of Interest Form was received for the Public Disclosure Registry.

#### **3.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

We have provided Council with a binder which includes all the information required and proposed budget for 2020. Staff reviewed the budget binder with Council at which time Council made a few amendments to the draft.

**ACTION:** Council instructed staff to make the few minor amendments to the draft budget. Council agreed to a 0.5% increase to the 2019 tax rate, which converts to a 7% increase in the municipal levy from 2019, which raises an additional \$ 308,049.

Based on the assessment of an average home in 2019 and comparing it to the assessment of an average home in 2020, the taxes would increase by approximately \$ 60 a year.

Staff will bring the Final Budget back to Council at an upcoming meeting for official adoption.

4.0 **ADJOURN**

Moved by Miltenburg  
Seconded by Watt

ADJOURN #1

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council does now adjourn to meet again on April 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.

Carried.

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Original signed by  
Mayor, Glen McNeil

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Original signed by  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Becker