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Special Public Meeting

Wednesday November 29, 2023
7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers and Teleconference

Council Members Present

Mayor Trevor Croft (via teleconference)
Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard
Councillor Alan Richards
Councillor Ralph Carey
Councillor Gerard Dunne
Councillor Margaret Swain

Staff Present

Jennifer Aspell, CAO

Regrets

Councillor Jacob Hayden

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard called for the adoption of the agenda for November 29, 2023.

MOTION: 2023-207 Councillor Ralph Carey / Councillor Alan Richards

MOVE TO adopt the agenda for November 29, 2023.

The Motion was carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Trevor Croft, Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard, Councillors Alan Richards, Gerard Dunne, Ralph Carey, Margaret Swain)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

3. Adoption of the Town of Witless Bay 2024 Budget

RESOLUTION: 2023-208 Councillor Alan Richards / Councillor Ralph Carey

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Witless Bay adopt the proposed Budget as presented for the year 2024 effective January 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Witless Bay, as per Section 77 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999* accepts and adopts the 2024 Municipal Operating Budget with total Revenues of \$2,362,690.00 and total Expenditures of \$2,362,690.00.

Taxes will be imposed as per Section 101 and the due date for the same will be June 30, 2024.



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An 8% payment discount shall be granted to residential property tax accounts paid in full by May 31, 2024, in accordance with Section 108.

Simple interest will be applied as per Section 107.1 of the *Municipalities Act, 1999* at a rate of 1.5% per month or 18% per annum.

Residential Property Tax shall be imposed at 5.0 mils.

Commercial Property Tax shall be imposed at 10.0 mils.

Minimum Property Tax shall be \$450.00.

Minimum Vacant Land Tax shall be \$250.00.

Business Tax shall be imposed as per Sections 120,121,122,123, and 124

Minimum Business Tax shall be \$500.00 as per Section 125

Utility Tax shall be applied at 2.5% of gross revenue and in accordance with the applicable legislation.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Trevor Croft, Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard, Councillors Alan Richards, Gerard Dunne, Ralph Carey, Margaret Swain)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

4. Adoption of the Town of Witless Bay 2024 Tax and Fee Structure

RESOLUTION: 2023-209 Councillor Alan Richards / Councillor Ralph Carey

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Witless Bay accepts and adopts the Tax and Fee Structure as presented for the year 2024, to take effect January 1, 2024.

The Motion was carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Trevor Croft, Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard, Councillors Alan Richards, Gerard Dunne, Ralph Carey, Margaret Swain)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0



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5. Adjournment

7:35 p.m. Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard called for adjournment as there was no further business of the Council.

MOTION: 2023-210 Councillor Gerard Dunne/ Councillor Alan Richards

MOVE TO adjourn.

The Motion was carried unanimously.

For Motion: 6 (Mayor Trevor Croft, Deputy Mayor Lorna Yard, Councillors Alan Richards, Ralph Carey, Gerard Dunne, Margaret Swain)

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Croft".

Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Byrnes".

CAO

November 30, 2023

Date