

Corporate Services Committee Action Report for the March 15th, 2016 meeting held in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Antonakos, Deputy-Mayor Flynn, Councillor Black, Councillor Doucett, Councillor Redmond, Councillor Trimble, Joanna Bowes, Manager of Development Services, Duncan Rogers, Clerk, Les Reynolds Director of

Protective Services, Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer

1) DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – now or anytime during the meeting

- 2) REGISTRATION OF PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK
- 3) PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS
- 4) IF THERE IS AN ADDENDUM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2.4 (OF STRIKING REPORT) DOES THE COMMITTEE WISH TO APPROVE THIS ADDENDUM?

The following items are for information only and will not be discussed unless the Committee chooses to do so. The Chair will entertain a motion to receive and file for those items not pulled out for discussion.

COMMUNICATION 127102

Received from MPAC
Addressed to Treasurer

Date February 16, 2016

Topic Assessment Update & Property Notices

SUMMARY

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MPAC has identified the different zones for preliminary residential market change values across the Province. The average market change values in Eastern Ontario are showing a 4% increase. The other 6 zones have average market change values of 7%, 10%, 13%, 20%, 21% and 29%.

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COMMENT

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive and Record

COMMITTEE DECISION

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COMMUNICATION 127103

Received from Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Addressed to Treasurer

Date February 19, 2016

Topic Annual Repayment Limit

SUMMARY

The Town of Carleton Place is currently utilizing 14.6% of its debt capacity. The remaining annual limit of \$3,870,710 would fund \$48 million of debt for a 20 year debenture at 5% interest.

The current \$5 million of debt the municipality has will be fully paid by 2025. We are forecasting from 2025 to 2035 incurring approximately \$27 million of expenditures to deal with Water Plant, Sewage Plant and Water Reservoir Expansions. Approximately \$10 million will be funded from reserves and the balance of \$17 million funded by debt.

COMMENT

For Council's Information

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Receive and Record

COMMITTEE DECISION

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Received from AMO & MFOA Addressed to Phil Hogan

Date February 25, 2016
Topic 2016 Provincial Budget

SUMMARY

Province is projecting a deficit of 5.7 billion for 2015/2016 and 4.3 billion for 2016/2017 with an annual balanced budget after that. The Ontario economy is forecasted to grow.

OCIF funding to increase to \$300 million per year by 2018/2019 with 2/3 of these funds to be formula based and the balance application based.

Total OMPF envelope of funds to remain unchanged for 2017

Assessment notices to be sent earlier to allow appeals so that the delivered rolls in December are more accurate and earlier resolution of assessment issues.

Ministry of Finance has initiated a review of the vacant unit rebate. Concerns have been raised regarding the appropriateness of the lower tax rate.

Province identified a number of Provincial-Municipal Partnerships that are ongoing and include:

Sharing Provincial Gas Tax, OMPF, OPP Billing Model, OCIF, Connecting Link Program, review of the Municipal Act, and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

COMMENT

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMMITTEE DECISION

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Received from Municipal Affairs & Housing

Addressed to Corporate Services
Date March 2, 2016

Topic Disaster Recovery Assistance Program

SUMMARY

Program is in place to offer financial assistance to qualifying municipalities that have sustained significant costs as a result of a natural disaster such as a tornado or severe flooding.

This program only comes in to effect if a disaster costs greater than 3% of the annual own purpose tax levy. For Carleton Place 3% of our own purpose levy amounts to \$270,000. If our disaster costs are less than 3% of the levy no assistance is provided. If the disaster was to cost 10% of our annual levy or \$900,000 we would receive Provincial funding equal to 75% on \$270,000 and 95% on the remaining balance.

A municipality must apply for this funding within 120 days of the disaster by a resolution of Council.

COMMENT

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMMITTEE DECISION

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TO BE DISCUSSED

COMMUNICATION 127068

Received from Phil Hogan, Treasurer Addressed to Policy Review Committee

Date February 3rd 2016
Topic 10 Year Capital Plan

SUMMARY

Treasurer is working on the annual update to the Town's 10 Year Capital Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMMITTEE DECISION

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