



Committee of the Whole

Minutes - November 10, 2008

Special Session

GODERICH, ONTARIO



The SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE met in the Goderich Council Chambers at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Councillors N. Vincent, B. Van Diepenbeek, B. Siemon, D. Shewfelt, J. Seili, M. Scott, B. MacLellan, J. Grace and B. Dykstra.

1. 2009 Draft Budget

The departmental Operating Budgets and Capital Budgets were presented. The capital budget will be presented following the Asset Management Plan as received earlier in the year. No items will be brought forward from a future year to the 2009 year. Both the capital budgets and the operating budgets, as directed by Council, were prepared using 2008 as the base year utilizing the modified zero-base budget approach. Each department presented Committee with full and complete justification for any cost increase(s) over the base, which are included and outlined within the budget narrative.

Presentations were conducted as follows: Health Unit, Homes for the Aged, Social Services, Library, and Museum.

At the November 4, 2008 Special Committee of the Whole meeting staff were directed to bring back the Accessibility Budget to allow the Accessibility Coordinator to answer questions of Council regarding remuneration.

Department / Division	Topics of discussion questioned and/or noted.
Health Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that budget presented does not include the Board of Health motion of Dec.10/08 regarding MOH recruitment to come out of the Health Unit budget. • IT purchased services (1 time) 60,000 Web Contract
Homes for the Aged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding benefits.
Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider waiving taxes for Social Housing • Request that the Education portion of taxes be waived • Department using patterns and trends when preparing budgets
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is funding available for retro-fits but no other funding available • It was noted that members have volunteered and conducted meetings without pay
Library & Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunlop tomb interpretive panels will be installed • Planned enhancement for 2009 reproduction gate at tomb approximately \$650 • Increase that represents 1% of the levy

**Moved by G. Robertson
Seconded by N. Rintoul**

That the preliminary reviews of the presented budgets be received.

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2. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

3. Adjournment

**Moved by J. Dietrich
Seconded by D. Johnston**

That the meeting adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

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Chair