

CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE



Ad Hoc Budget Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held

Tuesday, May 6, 2019

6:30 pm

CITY HALL

Council Chambers

Members Present

N. Mann, Chair
D. Marchisella, Member
E. Pearce, Member
S. Finamore, Member - arrived at 6:35 pm
C. Patrie, Member
T. Turner, Member

Regrets

L. Cyr, Member

Staff Present

D. Gagnon, Chief Administrative Officer
M. Paquette, Consulting Treasurer KPMG
J. Thomas, Director of Protective Services
D. Halloch, Director of Public Works
T. Dunlop, Director of Recreation and Culture
A. Vlahovich, Economic Development Coordinator
N. Ottolino, Manager of Human Resources

1. ROLL CALL

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Mann declared a conflict of interest for any item that may be raised re. specialized transit services given the program is delivered by his employer.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

April 30, 2019 - Unavailable

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair read into the record the following letter from ARIEL.

As you are all well aware, The Gallery at the Centre has been forced to find a new location since the roof collapse at Civic Centre. The ongoing search has resulted in an opportunity to rent space in a downtown storefront on a temporary basis. The advantages are visibility and a suitable space for a temporary renewable lease. However, there are challenges for which we are asking financial support of \$3000 from the City for 2019.

ARIEL, which operates the Gallery, usually breaks even each year after paying all the necessary administrative expenses. We will be paying more rent for a smaller space. We need to do some leasehold upgrades, especially lighting, and we need to spend some money on promotion, advertising of our new location. The total amount we are asking for is as follows:

Increase in rent (7 months at \$150) above our budget \$1,050 (June –December)

Leasehold upgrades (lighting, painting) \$1,000

Promotion, advertising, new signage \$1,000

We really appreciate the support of City Council and staff during this difficult time for arts groups.

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. May 3, 2019 Draft Municipal Budget

Mr. Gagnon provided a brief overview of the draft budget.

The committee chose to review the list of capital projects and defer the operational budget to a later meeting.

Mr. Gagnon briefed Council on the news that the Centennial Arena roof and other wooden structures was needing repairs at a minimum cost of \$600,000.

A discussion ensued about the impact of the potential loss of the arena to ice users and the proposed hub project.

The CAO was directed to pursue all avenues to seek emergency funding and explore pre-fabricated or pre-engineered building construction methods and report as soon as practical on opportunities to mitigate the loss of the arena.

The committee reviewed the list of capital projects and requested that the table indicate the sources of funding (i.e. reserves, grants, tax levy as needed) for the next meeting.

7.2. May 3, 2019 Memo from the Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO briefed Council on the desire to apply for 83.33% grant funding for the road surface / sidewalks on Hillside Drive North generally in front of the Fire Hall.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Mike Thomas requested if proposed crosswalks could be funded from an accessibility reserve, if applicable. It was noted that this would be explored further at the next meeting.

8. CLOSED SESSION

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADDENDUM

12. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 13th, 2019 3:30 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Chris Patrie

Seconded By: Tom Turner

Resolution 4/19

That the meeting be adjourned at the hour of 9:23 PM

Carried