



Municipality of Port Hope Council Meeting December 19, 2017

For Immediate Release

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 - Port Hope, ON

Below is a summary of key items discussed at the Municipality of Port Hope regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. The full agenda and staff reports are available on the [Council Portal](#).

2018 Draft Budget Presentation

Director of Finance, Mr. David Baxter, gave a [presentation on the 2018 draft budget](#) for the Municipality.

Highlights from the presentation included:

Decreasing Demands on Levy

- \$125,000 reduction in legal fee costs
- \$187,000 reduction in tax reduction adjustments
- \$71,850 increase in planning & development revenues

Increasing Demands on Levy

- \$179,000 Parks, Recreation & Culture staffing costs due to legislative changes
- \$150,000 increase for storm water facility maintenance
- \$71,800 return to five rural roads staff

General Municipal Capital (7 of 23 Projects)

- Garden Hill Fire Station upgrades and park washrooms
- Percival Street resurfacing
- Rural roads resurfacing
- Tandem axle snow plow
- Municipal Class EA & design – Choate Street extension
- Auto extrication / rescue equipment
- Municipal class EA & design – Pemberton Drive extension

Utilities: Water and Wastewater (7 of 10 projects)

- Sanitary sewer and watermain replacement – Trefusis Street
- Watermain replacement – Elias Street
- Sanitary sewer relining – Hayward Street
- Road reconstruction design – Lakeshore Road
- Street reconstruction design – Brown Street
- Sanitary sewer twinning – Lake Street
- Welcome Water Initiative design

The [2018 budget](#) was passed by resolution and will be implemented beginning January 1, 2018.

A full media release with more details about the approved budget will be issued in the New Year.

Fees and Charges By-Law Approval

Council authorized the Fees and Charges By-law, which will come into effect January 1, 2018. The fees and charges improve cost recovery for services or activities rendered. In turn, this reduces the requirement for all

taxpayers to pay for specific services directly impacting certain individuals or businesses. A schedule of the fees and charges can be found on the [Fees and Charges webpage](#).

Agreement with Intelivote

Council passed a By-Law to authorize an Agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc. to provide an internet and telephone voting system and service for the [2018 Municipal Election](#). The election will take place on October 22, 2018 and will be done by telephone and internet voting for the first time in the Municipality of Port Hope. More information about this process is forthcoming in the New Year.

Minutes from this meeting will be available pending approval at the next Council meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at which point they will become the official record of the meeting.

A recording of the December 19, 2017 Regular Council meeting and the Committee of the Whole meeting is available at porthope.ca/council-communications.

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