

**Finance Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

**5:00 pm**

**Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person)**

Present: Mayor Colin Grantham  
Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire  
Councillor John Brennan  
Councillor Brian Derbyshire  
Councillor Donna Pammer  
Councillor Frank Kennes  
Councillor Steve Pelkman  
Councillor Sandi Hipple  
Councillor Greg Willsie

Also Present: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer  
Bill Dakin, Director of IT & Financial Services/Treasurer  
Jennifer Pereira, Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer  
(Recorder)  
Brianna Hammer-Keidel, Deputy Clerk/Communications Co-ordinator (Acting Clerk)

**1. Roll Call**

The Clerk confirms all members are in attendance.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By** Councillor Frank Kennes

**Seconded By** Councillor Sandi Hipple

**THAT:** the December 12, 2023 - Finance Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. Other Business**

Mayor Grantham and Council discussed budget priorities.

Mayor Grantham called for a recess at 5:41 p.m. While in recess, Councillor Derbyshire left the meeting and the meeting convened.

**4.1 2024 Budget – Strathroy-Caradoc Budget Foundations & Priorities - CAO-2023-13**

After some discussion, Mayor Grantham indicates that Chief Administrative Officer will circulate a schedule of potential meetings dates in order to achieve a completion end date of March 2024.

**Moved By** Councillor John Brennan

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**THAT:** Staff bring back a percentage increase for the operating budget that is designed to maintain existing services in operation for 2024.

**Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Steve Pelkman

**Seconded By** Councillor Frank Kennes

**THAT:** staff be directed to come back with a 5% tax increase.

**Carried**

**5. Schedule of Meetings**

- Monday, January 08, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

**6. Adjournment**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**Seconded By** Councillor Frank Kennes

**THAT:** the Finance Committee Meeting of December 12, 2023 adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Acting Clerk