

# **Finance Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 13, 2025**

**6:00 pm**

**Hybrid Meeting (Council Chamber and Virtual)**

**Strathroy-Caradoc Municipal Office**

**52 Frank Street, Strathroy, Ontario**

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  
Rob Lilbourne, Director of Community Services  
Doug Payne, Director of Human Resources  
Mark Ortiz, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Jennifer Pereira, Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer  
Brianna Hammer-Keidel, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

- 3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By** Councillor Frank Kennes

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**THAT:** the January 13, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. Finance Committee Reports**

**4.1 2025 Proposed Municipal Budget - FIN-2025-01**

**Moved By** Councillor Sandi Hipple

**Seconded By** Councillor John Brennan

**THAT:** Report FIN-2025-01 “2025 Proposed Municipal Budget” be received for information.

**Carried**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**Seconded By** Councillor Sandi Hipple

**THAT:** Council allocate \$500,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Tri Township Arena.

**Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Brian Derbyshire

**Seconded By** Mayor Colin Grantham

**THAT:** Council remove the \$500,000 request for the Strathroy Caradoc Housing Corporation.

**Carried**

**Moved By** Mayor Colin Grantham

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**THAT:** Council allocate \$450,000 from the Parks Reserves for the following: \$200,000 to the Campbellvale Site Park and \$250,000 to the Southgrove Park.

**Carried**

**Moved By** Councillor Greg Willsie  
**Seconded By** Councillor Brian Derbyshire

**THAT:** Council remove the Council Chambers Upgrades at the cost of \$150,000.

**Defeated**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire  
**Seconded By** Councillor Donna Pammer

**THAT:** Council reduce the IT Transfer to Reserves from \$294,000 to \$150,000.

**Defeated**

**Moved By** Councillor Steve Pelkman  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**THAT:** Council recess.

**Carried**

**Moved By** Mayor Colin Grantham  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**THAT:** Council reduce taxation on the bridges and culverts by \$250,000 and take that \$250,000 from the Gas Tax and take \$250,000 of the \$450,000 for the arena repairs from the Arena Reserves.

**Defeated**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire  
**Seconded By** Councillor Donna Pammer

**THAT:** Council allocate \$100,000 from the Recreation Reserves to offset taxation.

**Carried**

5. **Schedule of Meetings**
6. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor Frank Kennes  
**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Mike McGuire

**THAT:** the January 13, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Clerk