

Gogama Local Services Board
2018-2019 Budget & Proposed User Fees Public Meeting
November 27, 2018
Gogama Community Centre at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order and Roll Call

The Chairperson, Daniel Mantha, presiding, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present

Daniel Mantha – Chairperson
Gilles Veronneau – Vice Chairperson
Rachelle Minarik – Board Member
Andre Jodouin – Board Member

Natalie Gaudette – Bookkeeper
Christine Bedard – Secretary

Absent with Regrets

Paul Derkacz

Thirty-three (33) members of the public in attendance.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and thanked the members of the public in attendance for coming out. He advised everyone that the meeting being held was for the sole purpose of presenting the public with the Board's approved budget and the proposed user fees for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Chairperson stated that the Board would not be hearing and questions or concerns other than those directly related to the budget being presented.

The Chairperson introduced Ms. Natalie Gaudette, the Board's Bookkeeper of record and turned the floor over to her to proceed with the 2018-2019 Budget and Proposed User Fees.

2. 2018-2019 Budget & Proposed User Fees

Ms. Gaudette thanked the Chairperson and provided the members of the public in attendance with an outline of how the presentation would role out. She stated that she would be presenting each individual budget and allowing some time for questions and answers after each budget presentation. She also advised that there would be three budgets being voted on as they presented either increases or decreases.

Ms. Gaudette asked the public to vote, by show of hands, whether they wanted the budget voting to be carried out by show of hands vote or by secret ballot vote.

1. Vote by show of hands – 30
2. Vote by secret ballot vote – 3

Having voted, majority ruled , Ms. Gaudette announced that the public voting would take place by show of hands vote.

Ms. Gaudette brought to the public's attention the first page titled "2018-2019 User Fees – with Carry Overs from Previous Years". She explained the difference between a User Fee and Service Fee and proceeded to present the water fee for residential and business showing a proposed decrease of -1.5%, the Sewage Fee for residential and business showing a 0% increase, Garbage Collection for residential and business showing an increase of 1.6%, Fire Protection Services for residential and business showing an increase of 10%, Recreation Fee for residential only showing a 0% and finally the Administration Fee for residential and business showing an increase of 0.8%.

Ms. Gaudette advised the public in attendance that the Water, Fire and Administration User Fees would be the only User Fees being voted on this evening.

Having no questions from the public, Ms. Gaudette continued with the presentation of the following individual budgets;

Administration Operating Budget: Ms. Gaudette stated that the proposed increase for this User Fee pertained to a 2% increase in insurance cost, an \$8000.00 additional cost for auditing due to the Board moving from low risk to high risk due to questionable activities during the 2016/2017 fiscal year, a 2.6% increase for Secretary Honorarium and legal fees incurred by the Board last fiscal year.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next User Fee.

Helipad Budget: Ms. Gaudette stated that every year, the Board receives \$3500.00 from ORNGE to be used for repair and maintenance of the emergency helipad landing site. She went on to state that since the Board does not have repair and maintenance costs every year, these dollars are carried over from year to year until there is a need. She stated that the Board has a repair and maintenance project planned for the spring of 2019.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next User Fee.

Garbage Budget: Ms. Gaudette reminded the members of the public in attendance that the cost for this service is 100% funded by the public as it was not one of the original powers undertaken when the Board was first established. She explained that the Garbage Contractor has requested a 2% increase in rates for the 2018-2019 fiscal year that would help with rising costs of insurance, equipment repair and maintenance as well as permits. She stated that this increase was represented by the 1.6% increase presented earlier.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next User Fee.

Library with Fundraising: Ms. Gaudette stated that this budget was not part of the User Fees as the Library fundraised all their dollars. She explained the carry overs from year to year and went through the minimal operating costs.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next User Fee.

Fire Operating Budget: Ms. Gaudette stated that out of all budgets being presented tonight, the Fire Operating Budget was the highest increase that would be voted on later in the meeting. She went on to state that the reason for the increase was due to the repairs having to be made as a result of a high number of deficiencies cited to the Board by the Office of the Fire Marshal Emergency Management (OFMEM), the increase to snow removal costs, increase in utilities costs and the increase requests made by the Fire Department. She explained that the Board contributed \$14,580.00 of its carry over monies from previous years in order to reduce the increase proposed to the taxpayers.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next User Fee.

Recreation Operating Budget: Ms. Gaudette explained that the recreation operating budget was not to be confused with the Recreation Committee as these were two separate entities. She stated that the Board's Recreation Budget was for the cost of maintaining and operating the Community Centre which houses the Library, Nursing Clinic, Hall, rink and Board Office. She stated that the proposed User Fee increase of 0.8% was due to the increase in cost of propane, snow removal and Manager Custodian Contract. She also explained that this year saw the addition of a Maintenance Contractor to which the costs were covered through repair and maintenance budgets.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next User Fee.

Water Budget: Ms. Gaudette explained that for several years the Board had been budgeting higher in water so that should there be any water infrastructure breaks, there would be monies there to cover those. Also, she stated that the Ministry of Agriculture and Foods and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) had provided an initial grant of \$25,000.00 which was then raised to \$50,000.00 and extended for three additional years. The Board has been using this grant money to pay a part of the costs of contracting Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for the operation and management of the water and sewer infrastructures. She stated that the Board was currently in year 2 of 3. The Board felt that since there has been a substantial carry over of monies for the past few years, the User Fee could be decreased and proposed a User Fee decrease of -1.5% to be voted on later in the meeting.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next User Fee.

Sewer Budget: Ms. Gaudette explained that although there was an increase in cost for utilities and snow removal, the Board chose to carry over \$5,583.00 from previous years in order to provide the taxpayers with a 0% increase in this budget.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she moved on to the next items.

Ms. Gaudette explained that the next items are not user fees but are budgets maintained by the Board as a result of grants successfully obtained and donations generously given.

Clean Water WasteWater Funding (CWWF): This grant was obtained by the Board for the purpose of funding 5 individual water/sewer related projects. These projects consisted of replacement of 35 year old pumps at the WellHouse, Inspection/Cleaning/Repair of Clearwells which had never been done since installed, upgrades to monitoring equipment in the water treatment plant, watermain rehabilitation and lagoon/monitoring well deforestation.

OCIF – TOP UP: This is a grant obtained by the Board for the purpose of replacing aging water infrastructure in what is known to residents as the MNR Compound. She explained that this is the final section of infrastructure to be upgraded and the project will begin in the spring of 2019 and will be done in phases.

Donations: This is where the Board tracks donations, more specifically the CN donation of \$80,000.00 which was used to renovate the community centre kitchen and upgrade the stove with external venting to allow cooking, the re-shingling of the community centre roof and the insulating of the roof over the community centre hall and offices.

MIII Asset Management Plan: This was a grant provided to the Board to establish an asset management plan which is now a requirement in order to obtain grants of any kind.

Ms. Gaudette asked if there were any questions. Receiving no questions, she concluded her presentation and announced to the public that they would now proceed to the voting by show of hands.

WATER USER FEE DECREASE – Approve – 30
Reject – 3

User Fee Decrease of -1.5% approved.

FIRE PROTECTION INCREASE – Approve – 31
Reject – 2

User Fee increase of 10% approved.

ADMINISTRATION INCREASE – Approve – 31
Reject – 2

User Fee increase of 0.8% approved.

GARBAGE INCREASE – Approve – 31
Reject – 2

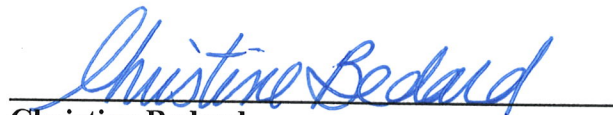
User Fee increase of 1.6% approved

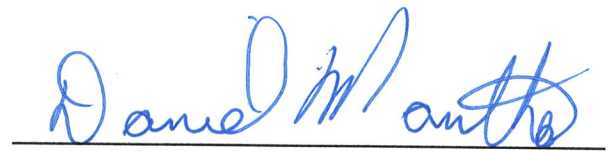
Ms. Gaudette returned the floor to the Chairperson.

3. **Adjournment**

Having concluded the 2018-2019 Budget and Proposed User Fees meeting, the Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn the 2018-2019 Budget and Proposed User Fees meeting at 7:35 P.M was moved by Andre Jodouin and seconded by Gilles Veeronneau. **Motion Carried**


Christine Bedard
Secretary


Daniel Mantha
Chairperson

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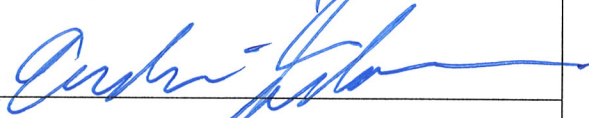
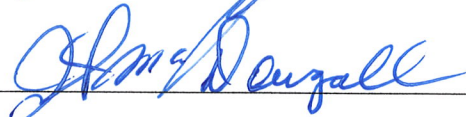
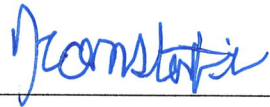
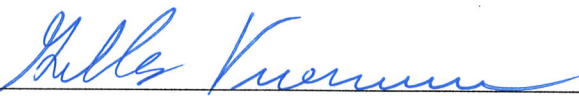
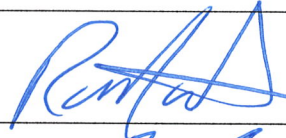
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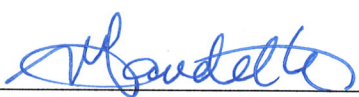
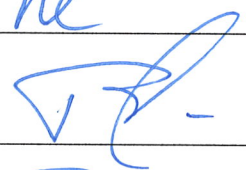
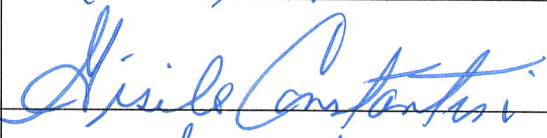
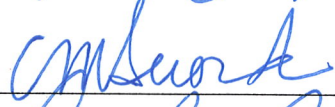
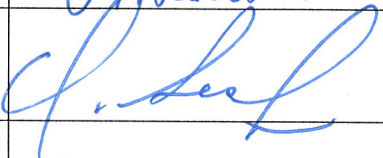
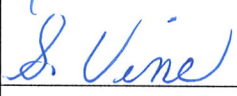
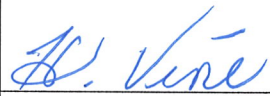
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