

Gogama Local Services Board
Public Budget Estimates Meeting – November 17, 2016
Gogama Community Centre at 7:00 p.m.
AGENDA

Call meeting to order and Roll Call – 7:05 PM

Present

Mike Benson – Chairperson
Tracey Smith – Vice Chairperson
Mark Smith – Member
Richard Gravelle – Member
Christine Bedard – Secretary
Natalie Gaudette – Bookkeeper

Absent with regrets

Michel Veronneau - Member

Members of the Public in attendance – 4 persons

2. Chairperson's report

Chairperson, Mike Benson thanked the public for their attendance and proceeded to explain to the people attending the purpose of the meeting and how the meeting would unfold.

- Presentation of the 2016-2017 User Fees and Budget Estimates to be presented by the Bookkeeper, Ms. Natalie Gaudette.
 - Library Budget
 - Administration Budget
 - Recreation Budget
 - Fire Protection Budget
 - Water Budget
 - Sewer Budget

The chairperson announced to the members of the public in attendance that there would be no increase to user fees for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and that there would be no discontinuation of services provided. Having said this, the Chairperson asked the public in attendance if they would like the Bookkeeper to proceed with the Budget presentation or forego the presentation entirely. A member of the public stated that he had no issues with agreeing with the rest of the public that the presentation by the Bookkeeper be skipped providing that the Chairperson and the Board would be open to answering a few questions. The Chairperson agreed that all questions would be answered. All members of the public agreed to forego the Bookkeeper's presentation.

Library Budget: No questions from the public

Administration Budget: No questions from the public

Recreation Budget: No questions from the public

Fire Protection Budget: No questions from the public

Water/Sewer Budgets:

Question regarding Consulting Fees. As outlined in the Budget, the total amount listed is \$60,000.00. Is this the total cost for OCWA's services?

Response: No, the Board will be using the \$50,000.00 OCIF Formula Funding for the next three years and applying it against the remaining cost of consulting fees.

Question: Can the OCIF Formula Funding monies not be outlined in the individual water and sewer budgets for better public understanding?

Response: Yes. Since the OCIF Formula Funding is being used only for this purpose, the Board can discuss having it outlined in the respective budgets for clearer understanding by the public.

Question: How much money was transferred into the Reserve Account and will it affect the fees?

Response: Currently, the Board is making application for various grants. Since some grants require a portion paid for by the community, some of the monies that would otherwise be transferred to the Reserve Account would be used to pay this. In this budget, the fees were not affected.

Question: Having no increase to user fees again this year, does this mean the public will be hit with a big increase next year?

Response: Carry over monies from previous years is currently being used this fiscal year in order to avoid any user fee increase. If the carry over monies were removed from the 2016-2017 proposed budget, user fees in five budgets would need to be increased in order to balance. Having said this, since the carry over monies is being used up in the 2016-2017 fiscal budget, this may mean that there will need to be an increase to user fees next year.

Having no further questions from the members of the public in attendance, the Chairperson asked the public to move to a vote to approve the 2016-2017 Proposed User Fees and Budget Estimates as prepared for the Board by the Bookkeeper.

- Approval by the public of the proposed 2016-2017 User Fees By-Law
The Chairperson proceeded to call for a vote from the people in attendance on the proposed 2016-2017 User Fees.

The vote, by show of hands from the public was unanimous to accept the 2016-2017 proposed user fees.

Motion Carried

- Approval by the public of the proposed 2016-2017 Budget Estimates
The Chairperson proceeded to call for a vote from the people in attendance on the proposed 2016-2017 Budget Estimates.

The vote, by show of hands from the public was unanimous to accept the 2016-2017 proposed budget estimates.

Motion Carried

The Chairperson addressed the members of the public and asked if there was any other business. A member of the public thanked the Chairperson and the Board for the work being done.

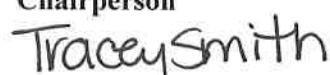
Adjournment

Having no more business to discuss, The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 P.M was moved by Tracey Smith and seconded by Richard Gravelle.

Motion Carried


Christine Bedard
Secretary


Mike Benson
Chairperson

Tracey Smith
Vice chairperson

Gogama Local Services Board
Special Meeting – November 17, 2016
Gogama Community Centre at 7:25 p.m.
AGENDA

Call meeting to order and Roll Call – 7:25 PM

Present

Mike Benson – Chairperson
Tracey Smith – Vice Chairperson
Mark Smith – Member
Richard Gravelle – Member
Christine Bedard – Secretary
Natalie Gaudette – Bookkeeper

Absent with regrets

Michel Veronneau - Member

Members of the Public in attendance

Diane Secord

2. 2016-2017 Budget amendment

The Chairperson called the special meeting to order and turned the floor to the Bookkeeper, Ms. Natalie Gaudette to explain to the Board the amendment requested by a member of the public during the public proposed 2016-2017 User Fees & Budget Estimates meeting. The public's request to have the OCIF Formula Funding grant of \$50,000.00 be eliminated from its current line in the budget and allocated to the water & sewer revenue/expense lines for clearer understanding by the public. This amendment would ensure that no one would misinterpret the total cost of the OCWA consulting fees. The Bookkeeper went on to explain that this amendment could be easily made since the entire OCIF Formula Funding grant was being used for this one purpose.

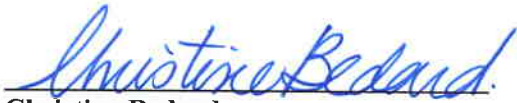
Having no questions or issues with the proposed amendment to the budget, the Chairperson asked for a motion from the Board to approve the change.

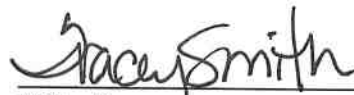
A motion to eliminate the OCIF Formula Funding line from its current line in the budget and allocate it to the Water & Sewer revenue/expense line was moved by Richard Gravelle and seconded by Mark Smith. **Motion Carried**

3. Adjournment

Having no more business to discuss, The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 P.M was moved by Mark Smith and seconded by Richard Gravelle. **Motion Carried**


Christine Bedard
Secretary


Mike Benson
Chairperson
Tracey Smith
Vice Chairperson