

MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HAY LAKES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023  
IN THE HAY LAKES VILLAGE RECREATION CENTRE

PRESENT: Mayor Ron These; Deputy Mayor Cliff Heinz; Councillor Levi Blanchard; and Councillor Paul Patterson

ABSENT: Councillor Paige Berkholtz

MUNICIPAL RECORDER: Shannon Yearwood

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES: Rod Griffiths & Beth Oglivie

PUBLIC PRESENT: No public present

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor These called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

RES 233-2023: Moved by Deputy Mayor Heinz to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

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Rod Griffiths led the Council through the 3 Year Operating Budget and answered questions as the committee proceeded.

The major points for Council were:

- That the Provincial Government has not yet announced the new funding agreement with municipalities for the replacement of the MSI program;
- Reserve funding for the Village infrastructure and equipment;
- Fire Department and Telegraph Park budgets being based on 2023 budgets;
- Telegraph Park lower sales revenue and possible reasons;
- Policing costs having a major increase in cost to be paid in 2024;
- Administration salaries going down due to Rod Griffiths working less hours;
- Cost of living increase for staff wages; and
- Sewer and water costs not covering any repairs for future.

Council discussed lagoon repair and remediation in the future and administration explained that the next major initiative for the lagoon would be the expansion to accommodate population growth.

Also discussed was the need to raise taxes and utilities to keep up with current rates of inflation. This was balanced against the possibility of cutting services such as compost and recycling services.


Council and administration agreed that the major needs for consideration stemmed from the Infrastructure Report completed in 2022/2023. These being the Lift Station rehabilitation; relining the sewer lines throughout the Village; a new Public Works Building. Other notable expenditures were the Fire Department needing funding for a new truck and the expansion of the Fire Hall; sidewalk repair and boulevard trees.

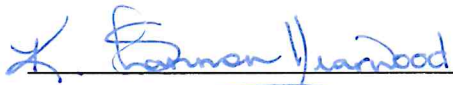
Council discussed the 2024 Operating Budget and passing the interim budget at the December meeting of Council.

Finally, the 5 Year Capital Plan was discussed but no changes were made at this time as it was noted that once we had the infrastructure plan solidified, we would then be changing this budget significantly anyway. This will be revisited early in 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of Council, Mayor These declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at the Recreation Centre and will be a Regular Meeting of Council.

  
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Mayor These

  
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K. Shannon Yearwood  
Chief Administrative Officer