

TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday March 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Meeting of Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday March 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Attendance:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	Gary McAnulty
Councillor	John Hoyle

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen
Public Works Superintendent	Scott Loos
Fire Chief	Kevin Waito

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor McAnulty declared a pecuniary interest, Page 8 number 342. 2214521 Ont Ltd. does business with the Town of Laurentian Hills and provides garbage and recycle services.

3. **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The Fire Chief, Public Works Superintendent, Treasurer and CAO discussed each department and what is being put forward for inclusion in the 2025 budget.

The Fire Chief presented a list of items that he is proposing to include in the department budget which includes a battery powered positive pressure fan, bunker gear, uniforms, training. The major expenditures proposed is a Kubota (can be used by Public Works and the CBO) and G1 Breathing apparatus. A carry over project for running the hydro underground to the Tower is also included to be completed this year.

The Public Works Superintendent spoke to repairs to the loader and grader as well as a replacement plow. He is waiting for quotes on proposed roads and will bring the numbers back to a subsequent meeting.

The CAO and Treasurer did a review of the revenues expected to be collected this year and reviewed what the currently known expenditures in each department and the total costs of those items and if the item would offset by reserves. The library board and the NRLOB Board budgets have not been finalized and there are some final costings that will be brought back to Council at the next workshop.

Council directed staff to add five thousand dollars for the Joint Police Service Board, draw money from the modernization grant for obtaining a design for a new efficient municipal/public works combined building.

Council reviewed the donations that they provide community groups and went over the various letter of requests for funding received in 2024 and deferred to budget. The requests were not supported to be included in the 2025 budget.

Staff was requested to obtain costs for TLH merchandise that can be given to local businesses in support of their requests for donations of those items.

Council broke for lunch between 11:30 and 12:03. The next meeting will be scheduled once staff has compiled a proposed budget with all the expenditure costings.

4. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

By-Law No. 05-25 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills Special Meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

Resolution 23-25

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

this Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 12:47 pm.

CARRIED

Resolution 24-25

MAYOR

CLERK