

TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Friday 12 April, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Meeting of Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Friday,  
12 April, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Councillor	John Hoyle
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Also Present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor McAnulty declared a pecuniary interest. P&G Pumping 2214521 Ont Ltd. does business regarding garbage pick up, recycling pick up, sewage haulage and portable toilet rentals.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

The next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, c.25 S.O. 2001 as amended as the subject matter being considered is personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

CARRIED

Resolution 80– 24

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does now move out of closed session to rise and report.

CARRIED

Resolution 81– 24

Rise and Report: The Mayor reported that discussions were on identifiable persons including municipal employees and their compensation - direction was given.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Fire Chief presented his proposed 2024 budget. The main item in the budget is the new truck that was received this year. The Chief is looking to add steps for pumper cross lay, EV safety plug, NHS jet siphons, 2 auto-ex cutters, nozzles and a monitor. Also proposed for this year is exterior lighting, the installation of a new generator and the removal of overhead hydro to run underground cabling to the tower.

The meeting recessed from 12:08 to 12:33.

The Public Works Superintendent reviewed the proposed Public Works and Recreation budget. Proposed for recreation is the completion of Gutzman Park, a pergola for Mountainview subdivision and a new rink board system. Upgrades to the Point Alexander Park and the rink building siding and a chemical toilet at Burke's beach.

Public Works' planned activities include the regular maintenance of roads, cold patching, rock blasting, calcium, crushing, and the purchase of winter sand. Planned road work includes Bob Sequin Drive, Blimkie Street east, Meeker Street, Cook Street, Pine Street, Moores Road, a section of the Wylie Road as well shouldering driveway ends. Expenditures for equipment include a dump trailer and a gravel spreader and the new truck ordered last year and received this year.

The CAO reviewed the revenues and expenditures in all departments for 2024 with Council. The recreation and water and sewer budgets were also reviewed.

Hydro costs in all departments have been increased by 8% and vehicle operations have been increased 15% to reflect increases in fuel/carbon taxes. The main office expenditure in 2024 will be for upgrades to the Town's software management systems. Legal expenses include costs associated with additional applications that may be required under the MCIA Act.

Staff will make the changes identified in the budget review (mayor discretionary fund, donations, the addition of a chemical toilet at Tee Lake, the expenditure of the SCADA from OCIF funds, the addition of funding for By-law enforcement services, and a reduction to the library grant which reflects the insurance being paid for by the Town. The changes will be brought back to the next workshop meeting scheduled for 19 April, 2024.

During budget discussions Councillor McAnulty vacated and returned to Council Chambers at the following times:

Vacated at 11:38 a.m. - returned at 11:47 a.m.

Vacated at 2:04 p.m. - returned at 2:09 p.m.

Vacated at 2:35 p.m. - returned at 2:41 p.m.

5. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

**Be it Hereby Resolved That:**

By-Law No. 12-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills Special Meeting of Council held on April 12, 2024 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 82 – 24

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
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 2:44 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Resolution 83- 24

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**