

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2017

Approved Minutes

DATE: December 5, 2017

TIME: 12:05 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.

PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Randy Cooper; Councillors Gail MacDonald; Gary Clow; Steve Ogden; Jody Jackson; Keith MacLean; Robert Hughes, and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Nil

CHAIR: Mayor David Dunphy

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dunphy called the Special Council Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Resolution CW011 – 2017 Revenue Sharing Agreement

Moved by Deputy Mayor Randy Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Steve Ogden

WHEREAS the province transferred tax room in the amount of \$.20 per \$100 of assessment to Stratford in 1995 when Stratford was amalgamated to compensate Stratford for services provided by the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Ppovince repealed the tax room transfer in 2008 and replaced it with the Municipal Support Grant, which caused a significant loss in revenue for Stratford and some other municipalities since that time, particularly from those with strong assessment growth; and

WHEREAS the province and the affected municipalities negotiated a new Revenue Sharing Agreement to replace the Municipal Support Grant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the province and affected municipalities, including Stratford, be hereby approved and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town.

Discussion: Mayor Dunphy suggested that the rate that we will get initially be included - which is 13.1 cents/per \$100 of assessment and the effective date which is April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2022.

Both the mover and seconder approved of the suggested amendment and it will read as follows:

WHEREAS the Province and the affected municipalities negotiated a new Revenue Sharing Agreement to replace the Municipal Support Grant, *with a transfer tax in the amount of 13.1 cents per \$100 of assessment with an effective date of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2022.*

Question on
Amendment

CARRIED

The resolution will now read as follows:

WHEREAS the Province transferred tax room in the amount of \$.20 per \$100 of assessment to Stratford in 1995 when Stratford was amalgamated to compensate Stratford for services provided by the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Province repealed the tax room transfer in 2008 and replaced it with the Municipal Support Grant, which caused a significant loss in revenue for Stratford and some other municipalities since that time, particularly from those with strong assessment growth; and

WHEREAS the Province and the affected municipalities negotiated a new Revenue Sharing Agreement to replace the Municipal Support Grant, *with a transfer tax in the amount of 13.1 cents per \$100 of assessment with an effective date of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2022.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Province and affected municipalities, including Stratford, be hereby approved and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town.

Discussion: Deputy Mayor Cooper reluctantly agreed. Councillor Ogden noted that the loss of revenue means a loss of sidewalks and a loss of programs for children. Mayor Dunphy added that we are losing approximately a half a million dollars a year.

Question on

Amended Resolution:

CARRIED

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Mayor David Dunphy

Robert Hughes, CAO