

REPORT

COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE

March 4, 2019

A special meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Council was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on March 4, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:26 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Hallikas, Chairperson; Mayor J. Caul, Councillors M. Behan, W. Brunetta, R. Wiedenhoeft and J. McTaggart.

ALSO PRESENT: D. Brown, CAO, E. Slomke, Clerk, D. Galusha, Treasurer, A. Bisson, Deputy Treasurer, T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities, J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services, T. Moffit (Item 2.2), T. Dennis (Item 2.2)

**1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
(Session No. 010)

1.1 Call to Order at 1:00 p.m.

1.2 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof - None.

**2. Administration and Finance Division**

2.1 2019 Draft Operating Budget

- Draft Operating Budget Changes
- Draft Operating Budget Summary
- Consumer Price Index Data Sheet
- Tax Rate Information- Starting Ratios
- Tax Rate Information- Revenue Neutral Ratios
- Vacancy Rebate Program & Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Information

The Treasurer provided Council explanation on above information. Direction was provided to reduce Vacancy Rebate and Vacant & Excess Land Subclasses by 15% in 2019 and further phase out the program entirely in 2020.

2.2 2019 Draft Capital Budget

- Fire H&S Washer & Dryer - a verbal explanation was provided by T. Moffit, Fire Chief/CEMC
- MSC Capital Work - a verbal explanation was provided by T. Dennis, CBO/Municipal Planner
- Vehicle Tender Report - a verbal explanation was provided by T. Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities
- Version 1: Capital Budget Changes since last meeting
- Versions 2&3 Changes dependant on OCIF Top-up Funding
- Reserve Fund Projections- Based on Version #3

The Treasurer provided Council explanation on Capital Budget and Reserves.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

3.1 The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

024 Behan - Wiedenhoeft: THAT this special meeting of the Committee of the Whole of Council of the Town of Fort Frances be now closed.

CARRIED

A. Hallikas, Chairperson

E. Slomke, Clerk