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Council Briefs

The following actions were taken at the Committee and Council meetings of Tuesday, November 5, 2019:

**Finance & Administration Committee:
Fixed Asset Policy (PSAB 3150)**

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Finance and Administration Committee adopts the Fixed Asset Policy (PSAB 3150), as presented.

Carried

Aquatic Centre Funding Application

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Finance and Administration Committee accepts the staff report presented and recommends Council approve a funding application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream for a new aquatic fitness and community centre.

Carried

2020 O.P.P. Billing

Explanatory Note:

Staff have received the 2020 Annual Billing Statement for O.P.P. policing services. The contract will decrease 1% from 2019 to \$4,251,282, and will be further reduced by \$35,097 due to a 2018 year-end reconciliation adjustment. The cost per property is estimated to be \$607.33.

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Commercial and Industrial Sub-Class Reductions

Explanatory Note:

Following direction from Council to inform ratepayers and solicit feedback on potential changes to the commercial and industrial sub-class reductions, staff will be taking action in the form of hosting an open house on Nov. 21 from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at City Hall and contacting each ratepayer with a property in the affected classes by mail advising them of the potential change and the open house.

The current reductions for vacant land and excess land in the commercial and industrial class is 30% and 35% respectively. The Municipal Act prescribes the tax rates in these sub-classes shall be reduced by not less than 30%, and not more than 35%. Council expressed an interest to reduce the sub-class reductions by 10% in 2020, 20% in 2021 and eliminate the reductions in 2022. Following the feedback gathering, if Council moves forward with changing the reductions, a request for a regulatory change will be submitted to the Minister of Finance.

Planning & Development Committee:

Main Street Revitalization Initiative

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Planning and Development Committee approve that the remaining Main Street Revitalization Initiative funding of \$22,387.30 be placed in the Community Improvement Plan for applicants.

Carried

Municipal Accommodation Tax

Explanatory Note:

After hearing from the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association and accommodation sector, Committee has directed staff to provide a report on how a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) could be developed to promote tourism locally if Council decided to implement the program.

Council Meeting:

Resolution No. 024 – Aquatic Centre Funding Application

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note

In order to take advantage of an opportunity to access up to 77.3% funding dollars from senior levels of government for this project, Council approved the funding application for the Canada Infrastructure Program; Community Culture and Recreation Stream (ICIP) in the amount of \$25,242,500.00 for a new aquatic, fitness and community centre.

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**Resolution No. 025 – Local Health Care Services
Passed and Enacted
Explanatory Note**

Council endorsed the Town of Kingsville's resolution to encourage the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes.

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