

MINUTES

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
MARKSTAY-WARREN
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
FOR THE TERM OF 2022-2026**

**MONDAY, March 11th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
Markstay-Warren Council Chambers
21 Main Street South, Markstay, ON**

1. Opening Remarks and call meeting to order – 6:00 pm

2024-SMC-06

Moved by: Francine Bérubé

Seconded by: Laura Schell

THAT Council opens the Special Meeting of Council at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

2. Roll Call

Mayor: Steven Olsen

Councillor: Rachelle Poirier
Laura Schell
Maurice Turcot
Francine Bérubé

Staff: Kim Morris, CAO/Clerk
Mark Whynott, Fire Chief
Pam McCracken, Treasurer

CARRIED

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
n/a**

4. Approval of Agenda

2024-SMC-08

Moved by: Francine Bérubé

Seconded by: Maurice Turcot

THAT Council accepts the agenda as amended, 5.1 will become 5.2

CARRIED

4. New Business

1. Habitat for Humanity

There was discussion about concerns over who knew what about the Habitat for Humanity proposed build and the gifting of lands by the municipality. There was also noted discrepancies about addresses included in the motion passed March 7, 2024.

2024-SMC-08

Moved by: Francine Bérubé

Seconded by: Maurice Turcot

THAT Council revoke the H4H motion passed on March 7th, 2024 until further notice

CARRIED

2. Fire Department Budget Review

The Treasurer presented the draft budget for the Fire Department. There were several questions regarding the actuals for 2023 as well as the proposed budget for 2024. There was discussion of closing the Awrey Station and keeping the other two, as well as returning some of the purchased trucks.

Councillor Turcot presented this Motion for a vote:

Given the financial situation we're faced with and that we can all agree on can not be corrected simply by tax increases I'm proposing the following.

- 1) Move the 2013 pumper truck from Awrey station 1 to station 4 in Warren
- 2) Sell off the new 2023 pumper that's now in Warren
- 3) Move the tanker truck from Awrey station 1 to Markstay station 3 and sell off the 95 tanker with the defective engine that's now in station 3
- 4) Move the 2020 Ford truck from Awrey station 1 to Warren station 4 and sell off the 07 truck that's now in station 4 Warren
- 5) Move the remainder of the equipment from Awrey and split that between station 3 and 4
- 6) Sell off all remaining assets at station 1 Awrey and close the site
- 7) All proceeds should go into the FD reserve (in an actual bank account) where the municipality can borrow from if need be
- 8) This should reduce the FD budget by about 100,000\$ per year.

Note

There will have to be cuts in other departments!

I have avoided touching salaries but these may be considered also.

DEFEATED

Following the vote, Councillor Turcot gave his letter of resignation from Council to the CAO, effective at midnight that night.

5. **Adjournment**

2024-SMC-05

Moved by: Rachelle Poirier

Seconded by: Laura Schell

THAT Council adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.

CARRIED



MAYOR



CLERK

Minutes endorsed under resolution #2024-52 on March 18th, 2024.