



Council Budget Committee
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Elgin County Administration Building
Webex
January 26, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.

ATTENDEES: Warden Tom Marks (Budget Committee Chair)
Councillor Mary French (Budget Committee Member)
Councillor Ed Ketchabaw (Budget Committee Member)
Councillor Dominique Giguère (Budget Committee Member)
Jim Bundschuh, Director of Financial Services
Julie Gonyou, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian Lima, Director of Engineering Services
Michele Harris, Director of Homes and Seniors Services
Nancy Pasato, Manager of Planning
Jennifer Ford, Senior Financial Analyst
Katherine Thompson, Supervisor of Legislative Services
Carolyn Krahn, Legislative Services Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Council Budget Committee met this 26th day of January, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Councillors and staff participated electronically.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Giguère
Seconded by: Councillor French

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Giguère
Seconded by: Councillor Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2021 be approved.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS

6.1 Presentation – Budget Committee Meeting #6 – Director of Financial Services

The Director of Financial Services provided an update on tax rate options and the associated tax increase on the average home. In 2020, the average home was assessed at \$259,243. The Committee agreed to update this figure to \$350,000 and to remove the word *average*.

Moved by: Councillor Giguère
Seconded by: Councillor Ketchabaw

RESOLVED THAT a 2.9% tax increase be presented to Council on February 9, 2021 along with associated operating budgets, capital budgets and tax rate schedules.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
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Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee will meet again on February 9, 2021 to review the promotional materials related to the 2021 Budget.

The Committee agreed to continue meeting through the year to support Council in making decisions on major expenditures.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor French
 Seconded by: Councillor Giguère

Resolved that we do now adjourn at 1:45 p.m. to meet again on February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Recorded Vote

	Yes	No
Councillor French	Yes	
Councillor Giguère	Yes	
Councillor Ketchabaw	Yes	
Warden Marks	Yes	
	4	0

- Motion Carried.

Julie Gonyou,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Tom Marks,
Chair.