



**Special Meeting of Council**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Unico Community Centre**

**37 Beech Street**

**Kingsville, ON N9Y 1A9**

Members of Council    Mayor Dennis Rogers  
                                 Deputy Mayor Kimberly DeYong  
                                 Councillor Tony Gaffan  
                                 Councillor Debby Jarvis-Chausse  
                                 Councillor Sheri Lowrie  
                                 Councillor Thomas Neufeld  
                                 Councillor Larry Patterson

Members of  
Administration        CAO, John Norton  
  
                                 Acting Clerk, Angela Toole  
                                 Deputy Clerk, Natalie Sharp

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Rogers called the Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**B. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

Mayor Rogers reminded Council that any declaration is to be made prior to each item being discussed and to identify the nature of the conflict, if any, as the agenda items come forward. None were noted.

**C. Delegations**

**1. Chad Nantais, Strong Towns Kingsville**

Chad Nantais, Strong Towns Kingsville, appeared before Council and requested that Council abstain from reducing any line items related to sidewalk or crosswalk installation, repair or replacement, including the proposed acquisition of a sidewalk grinder, which would allow for faster repair of sidewalk deficiencies.

**D. Presentations**

**1. Ryan McLeod, Director of Finance and Corporate Services/Treasurer**

Ryan McLeod, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, provided a high-level overview of the Draft 2025 Budget that proposes a 3.3% tax levy increase, which represents an increase of \$11.97 per month (or \$143.63 annually) for the average household in Kingsville.

**1-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong

Seconded by Councillor Lowrie

That the OPP Police Contract amount (01-122-072-60120) **be increased** by \$201,733 in response to the 2026 OPP Billing Statement received on December 5, 2025.

For (7): Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, Councillor Lowrie, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Patterson

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**2-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong

Seconded by Councillor Gaffan

That the General Insurance expense in the Legal Department (01-113-099-60312) **be reduced** by \$45,000.

For (7): Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, Councillor Lowrie, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Patterson

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**3-12102025**

Moved by Councillor Lowrie

Seconded by Councillor Neufeld

That Parks – Salaries & Wages (01-171-072-60120) **be increased** by \$25,000 to fill the Manager of Parks and Facilities vacancy with a Director of Parks and Recreation.

For (4): Mayor Rogers, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Lowrie, and Councillor Neufeld

Against (3): Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, and Councillor Patterson

**Carried (4 to 3)**

**E. 2026 Budget Deliberations**

**1. Capital Budget Schedule - Tax Supported**

Margaret Schroeder, Manager of Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer & Customer Service, and Tim Del Greco, Senior Manager, Capital Projects and Engineering, presented an overview of the 2026 Major Capital Projects.

**4-12102025**

Moved by Councillor Gaffan

Seconded by Councillor Lowrie

That Council **recesses** for 5 minutes at 10:46 am.

**Carried**

**5-12102025**

Moved by Councillor Patterson  
Seconded by Councillor Lowrie

That Council **resumes** its Special Meeting - Budget Deliberations at 10:57 pm.

**Carried**

**2. Operating Budget - Tax Supported**

Margaret Schroeder, Manager of Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer & Customer Service, presented an overview of each divisional operating budget for the Town.

**a. Council**

**6-12102025**

Moved by Councillor Gaffan  
Seconded by Councillor Neufeld

That Line Item 60253 respecting Council - Conventions **be reduced** by \$5000.00.

For (1): Councillor Gaffan

Against (6): Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, Councillor Lowrie, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Patterson

**Lost (1 to 6)**

- b. Office of the CAO**
- c. Public Works**
- d. Garbage Collection & Disposal**
- e. Cemetery**
- f. Capital Projects & Engineering**
- g. Fire Department**
- h. Police Department**
- i. Building Department**
- j. By-law Department**
- k. Parks & Facilities**

**7-12102025**

Moved by Councillor Neufeld  
Seconded by Councillor Gaffan

That Line Item 60315 respecting Facility Maintenance - Marina **be increased** by \$15,500.

For (4): Mayor Rogers, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Patterson

Against (3): Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, and Councillor Lowrie

**Carried (4 to 3)**

**I. Programs and Events**

**8-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong  
Seconded by Councillor Jarvis-Chausse

That revenue generated by the Pollinate Kingsville Committee's plant sales, including that generated in 2025, **be dedicated** to a reserve for future use in naturalization projects.

For (7): Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, Councillor Lowrie, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Patterson

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**9-12102025**

Moved by Councillor Jarvis-Chausse  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor DeYong

That Council **recesses** its Special Meeting - Budget Deliberations for 45 minutes for lunch.

**Carried**

**10-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong  
Seconded by Councillor Gaffan

That Council **resumes** its Special Meeting - Budget Deliberations at 1:19 pm.

**Carried**

**m. Planning Department**

**n. Financial Services**

**11-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong  
Seconded by Councillor Lowrie

That the Property Acquisition & Development - Reserve Contribution (03-112-440-80300) **be reduced** by \$200,000.

For (7): Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, Councillor Lowrie, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Patterson

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**o. Clerks Department**

**p. Legal Department**

**q. Information Technology**

**r. Animal Control**

**3. Capital Budget Schedule - Water/Wastewater Rate Funded**

**4. Operating Budget - Water/Wastewater**

**5. Kingsville Business Improvement Area (BIA)**

Margaret Schroeder, Manager of Financial Services/Deputy Treasurer & Customer Service, presented an overview of the Kingsville Business Improvement Area Budget.

**F. 2026 Budget Adoption**

**12-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong  
Seconded by Councillor Patterson

That the Roads – Lifecycle Reserve Contribution for 2026 (03-130-440-80300) **be reduced** by \$203,500;

And that the Bridges – Lifecycle Reserve Contribution for 2026 (03-130-440-80300) **be reduced** by \$51,000.

For (4): Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, and Councillor Patterson

Against (3): Mayor Rogers, Councillor Lowrie, and Councillor Neufeld

**Carried (4 to 3)**

**13-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong  
Seconded by Councillor Lowrie

That the vacant Communications Assistant position **be increased** from Part-Time to Full-Time at a cost of \$46,000.

For (5): Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Lowrie, and Councillor Neufeld

Against (2): Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, and Councillor Patterson

**Carried (5 to 2)**

**14-12102025**

Moved by Deputy Mayor DeYong  
Seconded by Councillor Lowrie

That the 2026 Municipal Budget for the Town of Kingsville, as amended, calculated at a tax rate increase of 5.9% which includes a 2.1% increase in the OPP Contract and a \$126.07 increase on a home assessed at \$250,000.00, **be approved**.

For (7): Mayor Rogers, Deputy Mayor DeYong, Councillor Gaffan, Councillor Jarvis-Chausse, Councillor Lowrie, Councillor Neufeld, and Councillor Patterson

**Carried (7 to 0)**

**Adjournment**

**15-12102025**

Moved by Councillor Patterson

Seconded by Councillor Neufeld

That Council **adjourn** its Special Meeting at 2:46 pm.

**Carried**

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Mayor, Dennis Rogers

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Acting Clerk, Angela Toole