

**Community of Kingston
Budget Public Consultation Meeting
Emyvale Recreation Center
March 1, 2018**

Present:

Alan Miller, Mayor
Dwight Thompson
Julie Ireson
Joe Dolphin
Keith Boire
Tom Coady

Also Present:

Dianne Dowling, Administrator
Resident Alan Holmes

Regrets:

Jan Holmes

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 7:30 PM.

The Mayor explained the purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed Budget for 2018/19 (15 month Budget) to residents and invite any comments, suggestions, or concerns.

The Mayor explained that the format and advertising of this meeting has changed due to the new MGA that modified the way small Municipalities present the Budget. He noted that there is no longer a requirement to host an Annual meeting of residents to report on the years activities.

He continued to update the resident in attendance about Kingston's Efforts to combine with several other Municipalities to conduct a Municipal growth Study. He said the one thing all of the Municipalities interested in advancing the study have one combined desire and that is to remain a rural Community. There was a brief round table discussion on the intent to join the study group being as a number of Municipalities have now opted out. He circulated the map showing the area impacted by the study and the ramifications of several Municipalities opting out of the study group. It was noted that looking at the map it was obvious that there are now no shared boundaries with the Miltonville area Municipalities therefore based on that it was the consensus that Kingston also opt out of the study. The Mayor indicated he would contact Mayor Parker to advise him of Kingston's decision.

At this point the Mayor passed the floor over to Julie Ireson to review the Budget. Councilor Ireson went through the proposed 15 month Budget line by line and asked if there were any comments. The resident in attendance noted that the Black Fly program is a large expense and asked if it was worth the money. It was discussed that while it may not have a huge impact on that one area of the Community it is definitely working in the Emyvale, Elmwood, and Greenbay areas, that are located closer to streams.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilor Thompson circulated a second application for Gas Tax Funding for EMO preparedness; this application would be listed as the number two priority for Kingston.

Resolution 2018 – 6

“Be it resolved that the GAS Tax – Notional Allocation – Capital Investment Plan Application (GT-NA-CIP) be submitted listing Emergency preparedness (EMO) proposal as being the number two Priority of The Rural Municipality of Kingston and the application for funding be submitted under the Gas Tax Municipal Strategic Component Application (GT-MSA)”

Moved: Councilor Joe Dolphin, seconded: Councilor Dwight Thompson, Motion carried.

Resolution 2018 – 7

“Be it Resolved that the Community of Kingston allocate up to \$ 5,000.00 of the Community’s Capital Reserve Fund to go towards the Emergency Measures Proposal. “

Moved by Councilor Joe Dolphin, seconded by Councilor Dwight Thompson, Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be March 15th, 2018.

Being no further business motion passed to adjourn at 8:45 PM (M) Dwight Thompson.

Submitted,

Dianne Dowling, Administrator