

# Town of Greater Napanee Budget Session Highlights

Special Meeting of Council for January 26, 2023

## Budget Deliberations

Council held a dedicated budget session on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Previous budget deliberations were held on October 19, 2022, December 19, 2022, and December 20, 2022.

## Items Discussed During Budget Session

- Budget changes from 2022 to 2023
- Options to fund the operating shortfall for waste collection services, including a special tax levy or bag tag fee increases
- Proposed staffing changes and staffing costs
- Future maintenance costs for the Town's buildings and facilities
- Alternative options for the Big Bright Light Show
- Options for future use of Town Hall as a community space, and associated costs
- Funding, donations and other forms of support provided to community organizations

## Disposition of Buildings

Council passed a resolution to declare as surplus the properties at 11, 12, and 13 Market Square and begin the process to dispose of these properties, which will be done through the process laid out in the Town's Sale of Land By-law.

## Investment in Infrastructure

Council directed that a revised facility maintenance report be brought back based on work priorities and recommended building disposals.

## Proposed Waste Collection Levy

Council requested a more detailed report regarding the logistics and implications of a proposed waste collection levy before making a decision. The staff proposal would see a special tax levy equal to the value of one bag tag per week placed on each residential tax bill. Through this program, residents would then have the cost of their first bag of garbage each week covered through their tax bill and would only require bag tags if they needed to dispose of two or more bags of garbage.

## Downtown Core Funding

Council stated that decisions on funding and oversight of the downtown core area would be discussed in further detail at the January 31, 2023 regular meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings

- The meeting was adjourned before discussion of the draft capital budget, which will be done at the next budget meeting on February 16, 2023.
- An additional final budget meeting was also scheduled for March 2, 2023.

**Take a Look at the [Agenda and Minutes](#) from the January 26, 2023 Special Session of Council**