

**United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
Projects Committee Budget Minutes**

February 9, 2007

The Projects Committee met on February 9, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room "A", 25 Central Avenue West, Brockville, Ontario to discuss the Projects Committee Budget for 2007

Members Present: Bill Thake, Chair, Waste Management,
Frank Kinsella, Chair, Economic Development
John Conley, Chair, 9-1-1 Civic Addressing
Warden J. Douglas Struthers, Ron Holman, Jim Pickard, Roger
Haley, Larry Dishaw, Mel Campbell

Staff Present: Steve Fournier, CAO
Nigel White, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer,
Lisa Severson, CAO Support (Recorder)

Mr. Pickard called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and stated that after the Projects Committee Budget Meeting the Public Works Committee would meet to review the initial draft of the Public Works 2007 Budget.

2007 INTERNAL CHARGEBACKS

Mr. White stated as a result of the Corporate Services 2006 Service Delivery Review, Council approved the implementation of full cost recovery of Corporate Services costs beginning in 2007. Council recognized that the services provided to all Divisions by the Corporate Services Division are core services that are required by every division and as such, 100% of the costs for these core business functions should be allocated to all divisions. It was also recognized that this methodology would benefit the county budget as a whole even though this would result in an increase in expenditures for individual departmental/divisional budgets. Mr. White added that this information will appear on each Divisions' budget. Each Division and separated municipalities have been notified of the change.

Mr. White stated in 2006 only 50% of the cost of some of the services performed by Corporate Services for the various Divisions were charged back.

Mr. Kinsella reviewed the summary of charge backs and stated he was not comfortable with the CAO/Clerks amount being listed as the salary of an individual should not be listed. Mr. White stated that the amount of \$112,787 was a combined total of the Clerk's and CAO's position and only reflects a portion of their wages. This figure also

includes benefits etc. making it difficult for anyone to determine the actual amounts individuals are being paid.

Mr. Fournier stated that with the new system there will be a 2.5% increase and questioned how we approach starting with this 2.5% increase and how to approach and present this increase publically. Mr. White stated that there will be no change to the levy and is an internal accounting system.

Mr. Holman stated that the bottom line of the divisional budgets will show a substantial increase

4.0 Adjournment

Motion

**Moved by Mr. Kinsella and seconded by Mr. Campbell
THAT the Projects Committee Meeting be adjourned. Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Chair, Waste Management

Chair, Projects/Economic Development Initiatives

Chair, 9-1-1 Civic Addressing