

**Minutes Of The Public Meeting
Held Monday, September 24, 2012
Re: Budget**

Present:

Mayor McDonald, Councillors Lawlor, Anthony, Bain, Maroosis, Vaillancourt, Mayne, Mendicino, Campbell, Koziol, Vrebosch.

Councillor Lawlor explained the purpose of the meeting.

1. James Brien

210 Parsons Avenue, North Bay

- Copy of Presentation Provided
- Opposed to any additional tax increases

2. Don Rennick

392 Surrey Drive, North Bay

- Fire Department
 - 2011 expenses were 60% higher than Sudbury
- Water and Wastewater Facility
 - Council was advised by Staff that the in-house operating costs for this facility would be 3.3 million which would be a \$134,000.00 savings to the City
 - The actual costs as of June 2012 are 3.5 million which is higher than the OCWA contract
 - The City took on the additional commitment of 12 new unionized employees
 - Council need to readdress this matter immediately.
- North Bay Hydro
 - Hydro needs to stop paying dividends to the City for imaginary costs.
 - In 2012 North Bay Hydro has overcharged their customers 3 million dollars.
- Employee Compensation
 - The 2006 employee compensation was 11.2%

A zero percent increase is feasible if Council believes it is.

3. Stuart Kidd

601 Anita Avenue, North Bay

- The ability of people to pay is getting less and less.
- The loss of the ONTC will have a great impact on the City.
- North Bay's tax rate is 54% higher than Callander's; 79% higher than East Ferris; 4% higher than Sudury; 88% higher than Huntsville and 18% higher than Peterborough.
- Our ability in this community to pay is less than other communities.
- This will come home sooner than later.

4. Isabelle Corbeil

185 Fourth Avenue, North Bay

- ONTC loss has put the City in a bad situation.
- As a taxpayer and senior she will loose her house if the taxes keep increasing.
- Why are you giving the Heritage Festival \$40,000.00 and then asking the taxpayers to dig deeper in their pockets?

5. Jean Marc Fillion

135 West Peninsula Road, North Bay

- North Bay has the highest quality of life
- The more people that live in the City the less the taxes are.
- The City offers fishing/clean water/forests/cross country skiing/snowshoeing.
- We are a hub to Sudbury/Ottawa/Toronto.
- Why can't we be more like Elliott Lake.
- May be we are not promoting North Bay enough.

Mayor Allan McDonald

Deputy City Clerk Karen McIsaac