

Budget Meeting Motions

2023				
Meeting Date	Motion/ Amendment/ Referral/ Staff Report	Maskell's Vote	Vote result	Commentary
February 15, 2023	Voted to add an Additional Full-Time Parking Officer to the Town's Municipal Law Enforcement (By-Law)	In favor	Approved (9-0)	
	Voted to remove the 2.0% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Councilors and the Mayor.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	
	Tabled a motion to Increase the Amount under the Snow Removal Assistance Program for Seniors from \$350 to \$500.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	Council also requested staff to review the costs and implementation of a windrow clearing program and to report back to Council on viable options before the 2024 budget.
	Tabled a motion to double the amount under the Low-Income Older Adults (65+) and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities Tax Relief Program from \$525 to \$1050.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	The original budgeted increase for the program was \$10.
February 28, 2023	Tabled a motion to fund Capital Project 23-153, Economic Development Master Plan, in the amount of \$200,000 from the Taxed Funded Capital Contingency Reserve instead of through the tax levy.	In favor	Defeated (5-4) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan D. Sheen M. Russo	This would have resulted in a \$200,000 reduction in the tax levy.
	Tabled a motion to remove the Operating Expense Related to the Attendance of Members of Council at Charitable Events in the amount of \$12,000.	In favor	Defeated (8-1) Opposed: A. Groves M. Russo C. Napoli T. Rosa N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan D. Sheen	The Town allocates these funds to purchase tickets for members of Council to attend charitable events in the community. Councilors receive \$5700, which is added to their salary, however, it is to be used to support community events.

2024				
Meeting Date	Motion/ Amendment/ Referral/ Staff Report	Maskell's Vote	Vote result	Commentary
February 14, 2024	Tabled a motion to reverse a staff request for a one-time draw from the Tax Funded Operating Contingency Reserve in the amount of \$1, 644, 038.	In favor	Approved (7-2) Opposed: N. DeBoer L. Kiernan	According to By-Law 2022-046, Reserve Funds , a withdrawal from this reserve must be done through Council direction in the form of a motion. This was a Finance Department request, not a Council direction.
	Tabled a motion to remove capital project 24-030, Library Strategic Plan Tax Savings \$50,000	In favor	Approved (5-4) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan D. Sheen	
	Tabled a motion to use monies from the Fitness Equipment Replacement Reserve to purchase new equipment rather than from a tax levy Tax Savings \$20,000	In favor	Approved (8-0) Absent: L. Kiernan	
	Tabled a motion to remove Capital Project 24-062 which was to hire a consultant to conduct a ward boundary review and a Council composition review as the ward boundaries had been approved in 2022: Tax Savings \$80,000	In favor	Approved (9-0)	
	Tabled a motion to fund the Bridge and Culvert Design Program from the Tax Funded Capital Contingency Reserve rather than from a tax levy: Tax Savings \$650,000	In favor	Approved (5-4) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan D. Sheen	

	Tabled a motion to fund the construction of the Bolton Bandshell from the Payment in Lieu of Parkland Reserve rather than from a tax levy: Tax Savings \$450,000	In favor	Approved (9-0)	
	Tabled a motion to fund playground improvements in parks across Caledon from the Tax Funded Capital Contingency Reserve rather than from a tax levy: Tax Savings \$670,000	In favor	Approved (5-4) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan D. Sheen	
	Tabled a motion to add additional staffing resources to the Caledon Public Library budget: Tax Levy Impact +\$30,555	In favor	Approved (9-0)	
	Tabled a motion to add an additional Heritage Planner (Contract) to the budget Tax Levy Impact +66,355	In favor	Approved (9-0)	
	Tabled a motion to add Capital Project: Caledon East Dog Park Improvement Plan to construct a shade structure, benches and other amenities. Funding to come from Development Charges Reserve: Tax Levy Impact \$0.00	In favor	Approved (9-0)	
	Tabled a motion to remove the 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) salary increase for the Mayor and Councillors from the budget.	In favor	Defeated (8-1) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan D. Sheen C. Napoli T. Rosa M. Russo A. Groves	

2025				
Meeting Date	Motion/ Amendment/ Referral/ Staff Report	Maskell's Vote	Vote result	Commentary
December 10, 2024	Tabled a motion for Capital Project: Purchase and Installation of New Trail Access Gates and Signage along Caledon Trailway.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	This project will make the trail safer and more accessible. It is funded from Canada Community Building Reserve (\$175,000). Tax Levy Impact \$0.00
	Tabled a motion to fund a Caledon Earth Hour Community Event	In favor	Approved (9-0)	Funding from Tax Funded Operating Contingency Reserve: \$20,000 This event was held on March 22, 2025. Over 300 people attended, and it was a great success. Tax Levy Impact \$0.00
	Tabled a motion to withdraw funds from the Tax Stabilization Reserve to reduce the 2025 tax increase.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	Tax Levy Impact: -\$815,803 (savings)

2026				
Meeting Date	Motion/ Amendment/ Referral/ Staff Report	Maskell's Vote	Vote result	Commentary
November 18, 2025	Tabled a motion to install four (4) benches at James Walker Park in Caledon East.	In favor	Approved (7-2) Opposed: N. DeBoer L. Kiernan	Tax Levy Impact +\$18,000
	Tabled a motion to change the Funding Source for Capital Project 2025-136 Town Hall Improvements from a \$405,000 debenture to Caledon Asset Replacement Reserve (CARR).	In favor	Approved (6-3) Opposed: N. DeBoer L. Kiernan D. Sheen	A debenture is a loan negotiated with an external lender with a fixed term of interest and term. The CARR is a reserve that was established after the sale of Caledon Hydro. Any “withdrawals” from this reserve must be paid back by the Town to the reserve fund in a specified term and at a nominal rate of interest. Essentially, it is “borrowing from ourselves”. Tax Levy Impact: \$0
	Tabled a motion to amend the Funding Source for Capital Project 2025-216 Accessibility Listening Devices from tax levy to the Accessibility Reserve.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	Tax Savings: \$25,000
	Tabled a motion to amend the Funding Source for Capital Project 2026-075: Sport Park Facilities Upgrade from tax levy to Caledon Asset Replacement Reserve (CARR).	In favor	Approved (5-4) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan D. Sheen	Tax Savings: \$200,000

	Voted for a motion to reduce the allocated budget amount for a feasibility study/business case for a Caledon Performing Arts Centre from \$1.5 million to \$750,000.	In favor	Approved (7-2) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early	
November 24, 2025	Tabled a motion to amend the Funding Source for Capital Project 26-173 Sports Park: State of Good Repair from a \$600,000 debenture to the Caledon Asset Replacement Reserve (CARR).	In favor	Approved (6-3) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan	Tax Impact: \$0
	Tabled a motion to amend the Funding Source for Capital Project 26-175 Parks: State of Good Repair from a \$600,000 debenture to the Caledon Asset Replacement Reserve (CARR).	In favor	Approved (6-3) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early L. Kiernan	Tax Impact: \$0
	Tabled a motion to remove Capital Project 26-050 - Refresh: Strategic Plan 2023-2035.	In favor	Approved (6-2) Opposed: N. DeBoer T. Rosa Absent: L. Kiernan	During discussions Staff indicated that this review could be moved to 2027. Tax Savings: \$50,000

	Tabled a motion to amend the Funding Source for Capital Project 26-114: Parking Lot Rehabilitation Program from a \$500,000 debenture to the Caledon Asset Replacement Reserve (CARR).	In favor	Approved (6-2) Opposed: N. DeBoer C. Early Absent: L. Kiernan	Tax Impact: \$0
	Tabled a motion to remove Change of Service Level 2026-060, hiring of an Advisor Intergovernmental Affairs.	In favor	Approved (7-2) Opposed: T. Rosa M. Russo	Tax Savings: \$168,343
	Tabled a motion to remove Change of Service Level 2026-035, hiring a Consultant for Learning and Development.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	Tax Savings: \$168,383
	Tabled a motion to amend the Funding Source for Capital Project 26- 153 Corporate Green Standards Remodel from the tax levy to Development Charges Reserve: Studies.	In favor	Approved (9-0)	Tax Savings: \$60,000
	Tabled a motion to add a clubhouse/office at the Caledon East tennis courts to be funded through a \$200,000 draw on the Payment in Lieu of Parkland Reserve.	In favor	Approved (8-1) Opposed: L. Kiernan	The Caledon East tennis courts are the only courts in Caledon that do not have a clubhouse/office. Tax Impact: \$0

	Tabled a motion to install an additional shade structure at James Walker Park to be funded through a \$140,000 draw on the Development Charges Reserve: Recreation.	In favor	Approved (6-1) Opposed: C. Early Absent: N. DeBoer L. Kiernan	Tax Impact: \$0
	Tabled a motion to withdraw \$2,183,433 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve to mitigate the 2026 tax increase.	In favor	Approved (7-0) Absent: N. DeBoer L. Kiernan	The funds in the Tax Stabilization Reserve were allocated according to a formula, 40% to Tax Stabilization, 30% to Operating Contingency Reserve and 30% to Capital Contingency Reserve, that was devised to deal with any budget surpluses from the previous year. In 2024, there was an operating surplus of \$5,330,607. The Tax Stabilization Reserve was money we had “put in the bank” to reduce the tax increase for 2026. Tax Savings: \$2,183,433