

	<b>Questions for January 28, 2021 Budget Meeting</b>	<b>Staff Comments</b>
1	Why does the Budget not tie directly to the many consultants' reports the Township paid for: i.e., Tangible Asset Policy 2008, Asset Management Report 2016, State of Maturity Report 2018, and Fotenn Planning and Design Report 2020?	Studies are used to inform the decision making process - for staff and subsequently Council.. Staff analyzes the condition of the assets before requesting Council for project funding. The Tangible Asset Policy was updated in 2019 and helps inform the ten year capital plan that we have. The AMP and State of Maturity reports are being updated with assistance from FCM and Council. The Fotenn studies have been brought to Council and are awaiting public input session.
2	Please assist the CCHT in understanding the overages in Public Works:	
	(a) Equipment Rental for 2020, over by \$ 7,386.00.	Answered at the 2nd Special Budget Meeting on January 28, 2021
	(b) Vehicle Expense Repair 2019 over by \$10,000, 2020 over by \$40,000 and 2021 Budget line \$117,300.00	Answered at the 2nd Special Budget Meeting on January 28, 2021
3	Will Hamilton Township commit to doing an independent Fleet review? If there is a commitment to a fleet review, it will answer a number of other questions about the fleet.	Answered in Staff Report (T2021-01, 2021 Budget Consultation Result) which was presented to Council on January 14, 2021
4	<p>In 2017 a waterline was installed on Kennedy Road in Camborne at a cost of \$300,000. It extends from Jibb Road northwest to the end of the row of houses. This capital project was not planned for and, therefore, was not included in the Official Water Rate Plan at that time. There were no funds in the water reserve to pay for the work completed.</p> <p>Treasurer's report T2018-11, May 15, 2018 detailed that funds had to be withdrawn from general reserves to cover the costs. The details are as follows:  \$10,000 from IT reserves  \$90,000 from Roads hardtop reserve  \$200,000 from Roads reserve</p>	This is not related to the Kennedy Road Project. Report T2018-11 recommended that "Council approves the following transfers to Reserves as a part of the 2017 year-end audit". The funds were not transferred from reserve - Funds were transferred to reserve (increasing the reserve balances).
5	<p>We strongly feel that Council should pay back the general reserves as soon as possible in 2021, and borrow money from Infrastructure Ontario or Federal government lending institution over a 30 year period at preferred interest rates to help the ratepayers on the water system repay the deficit from their water system, over time, and fully restore reserves. The fact that staff currently has been unable to supply any information on what kind of loans are available from the provincial and federal governments, and at what price, is unbelievable. We feel this should be investigated immediately and the current loan of approximately \$500,000 should be paid back to general reserves and used for their original purpose. We would like a plan for this in the 2021 budget.</p> <p>Given that  a) no one is currently hooked up and using the \$300,000 water line that was laid on Kennedy Road in Camborne, and  b) once the purchaser of Don Sandercock's lot ties into the line it will have to be turned on  c) this presents a whole new problem because the line will have a dead end. It is understood that something will have to be done to maintain the quality of the water which will presumably add more operating costs to the current operating mode.</p> <p>Our question...Is the above scenario represented anywhere in the township's 2021 budget or the updated Water Rate Study recently presented to Council? We realize that the budget may only project 1 year's estimated costs BUT the new Water Rate Study (discussed in recent weeks) has 5 years of projected costs. We are concerned the costs related to the above scenario will become a problem similar to the massive debt that was not projected in the last Official Water Rates Study.</p>	Answered at the 2nd Special Budget Meeting on January 28, 2021