

Moffat resident files formal complaint with Town

14 "Councils have changed their minds. It can be done," noted Best.

In order for the urban/rural tax issue to be reopened, a motion to reconsider the previous decision would have to be made by a member of council who voted in favour of the original motion, said Town Clerk Troy McHarg. "Because they voted against it, councillors Best, Huffman or Lunau are not able to make the motion to reconsider," he said.

The process council followed to waive the rules of procedure in the first place and introduce Malboeuf's motion has rural resident Trish Walker concerned.

In fact, Walker has even filed a formal complaint with the Town that argues the procedure bylaw was "out of order and wrongly applied," as it states that notices of motion are to be considered by the Committee of the Whole, not Town Council.

McHarg told the *Champion* that while the bylaw does in fact say this, "council chose to waive the rules in the procedure bylaw, as it is permitted to do, to allow the matter to be dealt with by council."

The bylaw also stipulates that a motion to waive the rules of procedure can't be debated by council, only voted on — something that Lunau wants to see changed.

At Monday night's Committee of the Whole



Budget deliberations are slated for Monday, February 8 at Milton Town Hall. Those looking to address council must register as delegates. *Champion file photo*

meeting, the rural councillor put forward a notice of motion that calls for a bylaw amendment to permit the debate of any motion to waive the rules of procedure.

The resolution notes "this is a serious matter that may prevent adequate public notice as well as consultation with the public and staff."

"Suspension of the rules of procedure is where this whole (tax levy) debacle started," Lunau recently told the *Champion*. "If it was important to remove the urban tax levy, it was certainly appropriate to discuss that

(waiving the rules of procedure) at that time." Lunau's motion will be up for discussion at the February 8 Committee of the Whole meeting — the same evening the Town's 2016 budget is being debated.

Those who plan to address council that night

need to pre-register as delegates, which can be done online at www.milton.ca/en/town-hall/attendingameeting.asp.

Prior to that, Best is hosting a budget open house on February 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Nasagaweya Tennis Centre and Community Hall.

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