

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING #37-1995
BUDGET - 1996
5:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A special meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following present: Mayor Ron Martelle, Aldermen Naresh Bhargava, Brian Lynch, Dick Aubry, Chuck Charlebois, Susan Carter, and Brian Sylvester.

Absent: Alderman Denis Carr was absent due to teaching employment, Aldermen Dean Hollingsworth, and Chris Savard .

Also in attendance are the following Administrative personnel: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrator/City Clerk, Fern Hamelin Assistant Chief Administrator, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary and Managerial personnel from all municipal departments.

Disclosure of Interest

Alderman Chuck Charlebois declared a pecuniary interest with Environmental Services scheduled as item #3 on this evenings agenda because of his involvement in environmental issues and tendering matters with the City of Cornwall.

Alderman Dick Aubry declared a pecuniary interest under the Cornwall Transit Service Levels scheduled as item #2. Alderman Aubry owns shares in Transit Communications Ltd which has a contract with Cornwall Transit.

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No changes within this budget

Aldermen Chris Savard and Claude Poirier arrived at this time - 5:10 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Having declared a pecuniary interest earlier, Alderman Chuck Charlebois left the room and did not take part in any discussion or vote on this matter.

Administration

- Moved by Aldermen Sylvester and Lynch that a total of \$1,200.00 be removed from the Purchase of Goods and Services and rents.

Motion Carried

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth arrived at the meeting at this time - 5:16 p.m.

Solid Waste

- Moved by Aldermen Aubry and Sylvester that Council reduce \$5,000.00 identified as Student Salary and a further \$1,500.00 for Training.

Motion Carried

Industrial Waste

- Moved by Aldermen Carter and Bhargava that \$8,314.00 be eliminated from the Industrial Waste budget identified as salary for summer student.

Motion Carried

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Moved by Aldermen Sylvester and Lynch that Council approve the elimination of Temporary Manpower Services for a cost savings of \$9,262.00, miscellaneous equipment at \$4,000.00 and one (1) vehicle at \$8,500.00 for a total cost savings of \$21,762.00.

Motion Carried

Solid Waste Recycling

- Moved by Aldermen Bhargava and Carter that Council approve the elimination of Student wages at \$7,829.00, reduce conference/meals at \$800.00, delete SD & G reuse directory at \$6,000.00, reduce ban enforcement at the landfill site for savings of \$6,400.00 and charge full user pay for blue boxes at a cost savings of \$16,200.00 for a total savings of \$37,229.00 under the solid waste recycling program.
- It was then moved by Aldermen Sylvester and Hollingsworth that the motion be amended and that Council maintain the present ban on enforcement at the landfill site at a cost of \$6,400.00 and the total cost savings be \$30,829.00.

Motion to amend was defeated

Main motion Carried

Alderman Charlebois re-entered the meeting.

GENERAL REVENUES

Sewage surcharge/Tipping Fees

- Moved by Aldermen Lynch and Sylvester that the Manager of Finance be directed to move \$500,000.00 from Sewage surcharge revenues into the General Revenues and that \$250,000.00 from tipping fees be redirected into the General Revenue account.

Motion Carried

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Having declared a pecuniary interest earlier this evening, Alderman Dick Aubry left the room and did not take part in any discussion nor did he vote on this matter. At this point Alderman Aubry attended a pre-scheduled meeting with the Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism.

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Carter to approve the reduction of service during the months of July and August - off peak hours from 30 minutes to 60 minutes between the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a total cost savings of \$40,000.00

Three Year Business Plan - Fee establishment

- It was then moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Carter that a three year (3) business plan be established that would see the Corporation reduce cost after revenue by 50%. Establish time frame with specific goals, create a public relations program aimed at the public in saving energy and fuel, set 3 year rate increases as (1996 - \$1.50), (1997 - 1.65), (1998 - 1.75) being one fare for adults, seniors and students and that the Transit Manager prepare a report on the feasibility of introducing a fare for children, no cut in service for Handi Transit services and that the fees be raised by (0.25 in 1996), (0.10 in 1997), (0.15 in 1998) that One fare cards be adjusted accordingly and the Manager of Transit negotiate a three year package with both the Public and Separate School Boards, and that Council be provided with a six month review on the proposed business plan, and that the fare increases be effective February 1, 1996, and that the fare increases proposed for 1997 be reviewed during the 1997 budget deliberations.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION

Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Naresh Bhargava

AGAINST THE MOTION

Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Brian Lynch

The motion Carried

The Clerk indicated that the original motion was negated by the actions taken by Council in establishing a three year business plan and this explanation was endorsed by the Chair.

- It was then moved by Aldermen Carter and Savard that Council continue discussing the Transit budget as presented.

Motion Carried

Level of Service

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Carter to approve the reduction of service during the months of July and August - off peak hours from 30 minutes to 60 minutes between the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a total cost savings of \$40,000.00

Motion Carried

Taxi Services

- Moved by Aldermen Carter and Charlebois that Council eliminate Taxi Services used to transport ambulatory when handi-vans are totally booked.

Motion was defeated

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Poirier that Council **not** eliminate Community Bus Services.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Savard and Poirier that Council **not** eliminate transit services from December 22 to January 1st inclusive.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Savard that Council **not** eliminate Saturday Services.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Lynch and Savard that Council **not** eliminate evening services after 6:45 p.m..

Motion Carried

SOCIAL SERVICES

Richelieu Day Care

- Moved by Aldermen Sylvester and Carter that Council approve the closure of the Richelieu Day Care Centre for the months of July and August for a cost savings of \$15,000.00 and an additional cost savings in the Public Works Department in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Motion Carried

Alderman Dick Aubry returned to the meeting at this time 7:20 p.m.

PLANNING SERVICES

Parks Planning / Waterfront Matters

- Moved by Alderman Bhargava and Lynch that **no** action be taken on the position of Parks Planning functions.

Motion Carried

Property Standards

- Moved by Aldermen Carter and Aubry that Council eliminate one Planning position and transfer to retiring property standards, consolidating housing programs and property standards.

Motion Carried

Committee of Adjustment

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Lynch that Council **not** approve the reduction of work week days from 5 to 4 days.

Motion Carried

Building Department

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Hollingsworth that Council eliminate the position of one Part-Time Housing Clerk for a cost savings of \$17,000.00.

Motion Carried

City Vehicles

- Moved by Aldermen Poirier and Lynch that the Manager of Planning Services be directed to pursue negotiations with CUPE 3251 to eliminate (5) city vehicles.

Motion Carried

Building Permits

- Moved by Aldermen Poirier and Carter that Council approve the elimination of one summer student and retain one summer student under the Property Standards program for a cost savings of \$5,500.00.

Motion Carried

Planning Services

- Moved by Aldermen Lynch and Bhargava that Council eliminate the position of one student for a cost savings of \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried

Seasonal Inspector - Housing

- Moved by Aldermen Poirier and Sylvester that the position of Seasonal Inspector not be eliminated.

Motion Carried

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Moved by Aldermen Poirier and Sylvester that Council approve the Economic Development budget as presented.

Motion Carried

CORNWALL SEAWAY VALLEY TOURISM

- Moved by Aldermen Aubry and Sylvester that Council approve the proposed budget for a total of \$190,000.00 for the year 1996.

Alderman Denis Carr arrived at the meeting at this time 8:15 p.m.

- It was then moved by Aldermen Poirier and Hollingsworth that the motion be amended and that Council set aside a total of \$185,000.00 for Tourism related activities subject to a further presentation by the Cornwall Seaway Valley Tourism with final approval by Council.

Motion Carried

FEES LISTINGS

Parks and Recreation

- Moved by Aldermen Hollingsworth and Carter that the Parks and Recreation Department investigate and establish a consistent policy for total cost recovery throughout the Corporation for use of recreational facilities and that the Manager of Parks, Recreation and Convention Services advise Council at the next meeting of January 8th, 1996 of an expected response date.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Savard that Council approve the fee listings on page 163 of the budget presentation , and that this motion omit the business licences which were approved at the meeting of December 18th under separate report.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Savard and Charlebois that Council approve the fee listings on page 164 of the budget document and that this motion omit the business licences which were approved at the meeting of December 18th under separate report.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Lynch and Sylvester that Council approve the fee listings on page 165 of the budget document and that this motion omit the dog tag fees which were approved at the meeting of December 18th under separate report.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Savard and Carter that Council approve the fee listings on page 166 of the budget document .

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Savard and Hollingsworth that a 5% rate increase on ice rentals across the board, be approved.

Motion Defeated

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Sylvester that Council approve the fee listings on page 167 of the budget document .

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Savard that Council approve the fee listings on page 168 of the budget document .

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Lynch that Council approve the fee listings of Service Extension Agreements, Sewer Connections and Signs on page 169 of the budget document.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Carr and Charlebois that the fee listings for Skiing at Big Ben Ski Centre be approved as provided in the budget document page 169.

Motion Carried

FEE LISTINGS (cont..)

- Moved by Aldermen Bhargava and Savard that Council approve the fee listings of Souvenirs as provided on page 169 of the budget document.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Sylvester and Charlebois that Council approve the fee listings of Street Deposits, Street Indexes Subdivisions as provided on page 169 of the budget document.

Motion Carried

Alderman Charlebois having earlier declared a pecuniary interest in the Environmental Services, left the room prior to discussions on Tipping Fees and did not take part in any discussion nor did he vote on this matter.

- Moved by Aldermen Aubry and Sylvester that the fee listings of Tax Certificates, tax receipts, tender documents and tipping fees be approved as presented on page 172 of the budget document.
- It was then moved by Aldermen Carter and Bhargava that the tax receipts listing be amended to read \$5.00 per receipt.

The amendment carried

The main motion carried as amended

Alderman Chuck Charlebois re-entered the room.

- Moved by Aldermen Savard and Poirier that the fees listed on page 173 as Waste Disposal, Water connections and weed cutting inspection fee be approved as presented in the budget document.

Motion Carried

- Moved by Aldermen Carter and Lynch that the fees listed on page 174 as Zoning Amendment and Zoning Bylaw be approved as presented in the budget document.

Motion Carried

FEE LISTINGS (cont..)

- Moved by Aldermen Charlebois and Poirier that the fees listed on page 175 as permits and other various fees be approved as presented in the budget document.

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



**Richard Allaire
Chief Administrator/Clerk**



Mayor Ron Martelle



**Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary**