
SPECIAL COUNCIL #09-97

BUDGET

PRESENT: A special meeting of Council was held with the following members present: His Worship, Mayor Ron Martelle, Aldermen Dick Aubry, Brian Lynch, Susan Carter, Denis Carr, Naresh Bhargava, Claude Poirier, Chris Savard, and Brian Sylvester, Chuck Charlebois,

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth arrived at 6:20 p.m.

ABSENT: Alderman Dick Aubry.

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Allaire, C.A.O./Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Assistant C.A.O./Manager, Economic Development, Stephen Alexander, Dave Fielding, Fern Hamelin, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Sherman Goodwin, Gerry McKenna, Hilda Seguin, Frances Lafave, H. O'Reilly, and D. Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

#1. BOARD OF HEALTH

Moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch to receive the letter from Dr. Robert Bourdeau dated February 20, 1997.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth arrived at the meeting.

#2. MEMBERSHIP DUES

Moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chuck Charlebois:

1. That the total travel budget be reduced from \$174,970.00 to \$100,000.00; and
2. That membership be restricted to two members either from Administration and/or Council on any Association;

It was then moved by Aldermen Sue Carter and Naresh Bhargava that this motion be split and voted on separately.

MOTION CARRIED

First half of the motion to reduce to \$100,00.00.

MOTION DEFEATED

Second half of the motion to limit membership to two members.

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that a total reduction of \$21,500.00 be found through the membership dues and travel expense budgets rather than the \$17,400.00 identified at the February 17, 1997 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

#3 - CORNWALL ELECTRIC

Moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Chuck Charlebois that Mr. Jackson's letter dated February 20, 1997 be received.

MOTION CARRIED

#4 - EMPLOYEE PARKING

Moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Susan Carter:

- 1) That Administration provide a report to Council on the parking availability downtown prior to tendering for leasing of parking spaces.
- 2) That Administration provide a report to Council on pay parking for municipal employees at the 1998 budget deliberations.
- 3) That Administration discuss the issuance of bus passes for Municipal employees.

It was then moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Dean Hollingsworth that Item #2 be voted on separately.

MOTION CARRIED

A vote on item 2) that Administration provide a report to Council on pay parking for municipal employees at the 1998 budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED

A vote on items 1) and 3) that Administration provide a report to Council on the parking availability downtown prior to tendering for the leasing of parking spaces; and that Administration discuss the issuance of bus passes for Municipal employees.

MOTION CARRIED

#5 - MAINTENANCE GUINDON PARK

Moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that Council approve the re-allocation of \$46,000.00 within the Public Property Section for the maintenance of Guindon Park.

MOTION CARRIED

#6 - CAPITAL & CURRENT BUDGETS

Moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Brian Sylvester that Council pass a "0" percent tax increase with the remaining monies outstanding in the amount of \$1,122,105.00 be financed by 50% through debentures and 50% through reserves and further that any savings that could be identified between now and the end of fiscal year of 1997 be returned to the working reserves.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

YEAS

Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Brian Lynch

NAYS

Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Naresh Bhargava
Alderman Susan Carter

MOTION DEFEATED

It was then moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Chuck Charlebois that Administration identify a 5% reduction with the operating budget (\$600,000.00) in expenditures excluding payroll, police budget and transfer payments.

MOTION CARRIED

It was then moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chuck Charlebois that Council and Administration meet at the Civic Complex on Saturday, March 8, 1997, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

It was then moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that Administration prepare a report for Saturday, detailing all surplus lands and buildings the City owns, their status and their value.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Clerk


Recording Secretary

Mayor

