

SPECIAL COUNCIL #29-98

Monday, November 23, 1998
Meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

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PRESENT: A Special Council meeting was held with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Corey Kennedy, Claude Poirier, André Rivette, Brian Lynch, and Naresh Bhargava.

Councillor Dean Hollingsworth arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Councillor Sheila Airey arrived at 6:15 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION: Richard Allaire, Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk, David Fielding, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Toni Repa, Christine Lefebvre, John Flannigan and Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk.

Members of the Taskforce were also present: Gerry Dobbyn, Paul Connolly, Debbie Tropea, Murray Moffat, and Terry Landon.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

1. Current Value Assessment

It was Council's wish that each recommendation be voted on separately.

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that a 10% phase-in program over a three year period for the residential class be implemented provisional on the passing of Bill 79 by the Province.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that the treatment of the BOT continue in the same manner for 1999 and the year 2000 but that Council review funding the transfer to the residential property owner by examining its own budget and expenditures.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that, as stated in previous reports, the Taskforce is not supportive of creating optional classes.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch that adjustments resulting from the pending legislation and the implementation of a residential phase-in will be reflected on the 1999 interim tax bill.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that the Taskforce continue to work with Council, as a Committee of Council, to assess and review new legislation and provide recommendations to Council on assessment and taxation matters.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Korey Kennedy that, as information is received, that this information be circulated to Council, and the Taskforce on taxation, through the Council Information Pack and deliveries of specific reports to the Taskforce, to keep all concerned up-to-date.

Motion Carried

2. Capital Budget Projects and Hiring Freeze

- a) It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that the hiring freeze on newly created positions be lifted.

A recorded voted resulted as follows:

FOR

Mayor Brian Sylvester
Councillor Sheila Airey
Councillor Denis Carr
Councillor Dean Hollingsworth
Councillor Brian Lynch

AGAINST

Councillor Perry Lalonde
Councillor Chris Savard
Councillor Korey Kennedy
Councillor Claude Poirier
Councillor André Rivette
Councillor Naresh Bhargava

Motion Defeated 6-5

- b) Staff Replacement - Coach Attendant

It was moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Denis Carr that the staff replacement of Coach Attendant be approved.

Motion Carried


- c) Freeze on Capital Projects to be Lifted

It was moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that Council authorize Administration to proceed with tender preparations for the Justice Building Renovations under Proposal #1 identified in Mr. Hamelin's report dated November 20, 1998.

Motion Carried

Adjourned:


City Clerk


Recording Secretary


Mayor