



SPECIAL COUNCIL #07

BUDGET MEETING #03

Tuesday February 27th, 2001
Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: A Special Budget meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Naresh Bhargava , Denis Carr, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth , Korey Kennedy, Susan Carter, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, and André Rivette.

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Acting City Clerk, David Dick, Manager of Finance and the following Management Personnel: Fernand Hamelin, Stephen Alexander, Susan Cain, Sherman Goodwin, Gilles Ayotte, Bonnie Ruest, Anita Roach, Paul Fitzpatrick, Barbara Landry, David Fielding, Norm Levac, Roger Desjardins, Heather Arthur and Linda Bethune

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sylvester reconfirmed the proceedings that would be followed during the meeting of Budget deliberations in that he will entertain a maximum of three (3) questions per department from a member of council and then move to the next member of Council. Additional questions of Council will be entertained once all Council members have had an opportunity to address the floor.

Motions will be entertained to add or delete from the budget at any time, and as in past practice, Council may revisit any motion voted on. (No two thirds required)

Should a Council member wish an additional report from administration, Mayor Sylvester will entertain a motion directing administration to provide such a report to Council.

PRESENTATIONS

This evening Council heard Budget presentations on the following departmental divisions:

1. **Environmental Services**
 - a) Water Services
 - b) Sewer Services
 - c) Waste Services

Sewer Surcharge

It was moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that the Sanitary Sewer Rate be increased by 7% per household a year, which represents an increase of \$1.25 a month. This increase would render the utility as a self-funded entity.

Motion Defeated

2. Engineering Services

Moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Corey Kennedy that the Power Dam traffic signals capital project, in the amount of \$80,000, be re-inserted in the 2001 budget.

A recorded vote was requested and the following members recorded:

FOR: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth, Syd Gardiner, Corey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Susan Carter, Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette.

AGAINST: Councillors Don Deebank, Denis Carr, Naresh Bhargava and Mayor Brian Sylvester.

Motion Carried 7 - 4

3. Progress Fund Interest

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde :

WHEREAS the 2001 capital budget includes the Renaissance project @ \$249,000 - the Waterfront projects at \$225,000 and the Medical Recruitment at \$100,000 for a total of \$574,000; and

WHEREAS these projects are to improve the quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS these projects meet the criteria set out for the use of the interest from the progress fund;

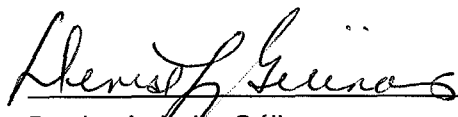
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that these projects be taken out of the 2001 capital budget and funded from the interest from the progress fund; and

FURTHERMORE that Administration prepare a report which would identify if the Progress Fund has sufficient funds to cover these costs and that they further confirm that these projects meet the quality of life criteria's set forth on the use of the progress fund.

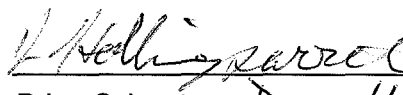
Motion Carried

Budget deliberations will continue on Thursday March 1st, 2001.

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.



Denise Labelle-Gélinas
Acting City Clerk



Brian Sylvester - Dean Hollingsworth
Mayor Acting