



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING # 09-2003

BUDGET SESSION # 08

Saturday February 8, 2003
Meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

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

REGRETS: Councillors Korey Kennedy and Dean Hollingsworth

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk, and the following Management Personnel: Graham Dart, Stephen Alexander, Debora Daigle, Roger Desjardins, David Dick, David Fielding, Mike Joubert, Fernand Hamelin, Victor Leroux, Danny Aikman, Heather Arthur, Paul Fitzpatrick, Tracy Poirier, Paul Schrimshaw and Anita Roach.

CHAIR: Mayor Brian Sylvester called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Infrastructure Needs

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that:

1. Capital budgets be completed and available for Council review in the fall of each year;
Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Don Deebank that:

2. Council review the list of capital expenditures to provide guidance to Administration for an overall priority list of capital expenditures identified as "recurring" and non-recurring";
Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Claude Poirier that:

3. Administration review financing alternatives including issuance of debt and/or tax base available to finance "non-recurring" items;
Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that:

4. Council review level of current expenditures;
Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and André Rivette that:

5. Administration complete budget process including capital and current expenditures with identified funding sources including financing alternatives, if any, to determine the required tax levy;
Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette
6. Formal approval of budget.

Motion Carried

Report FI#05-2003 prepared by the Manager of Finance under date of January 29, 2003.

Capital Budget Projection

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that Administration be directed to provide the council with a five (5) year Capital Budget projection report that would be distributed yearly at the same time as the distribution of the operational budget.

Motion Carried

2. *Fire Ground Staffing*

Moved by Councillors Susan Carter and Claude Poirier

1. That council authorize the hiring of four (4) additional Probationary Firefighters;
2. That Council authorize this hiring as presented within this report;
3. That the candidate(s) be selected from the existing short list.

Report PS#01-2003 prepared by Fire Chief under date of January 29, 2003.

Motion Carried

3. *List of Committees*

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that this report be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

4. *Library Building Deficiencies*

Moved by Councillors Susan Carter and Syd Gardiner that the following items be added to the 2003 Budget:

1. Replace Security Cameras, Monitors and Recorders at an estimated cost of \$12,000;
2. Repair Freight Elevator at an estimated cost of \$80,000;
3. Subsurface repairs due to water on floor in the Mechanical Room at a cost of \$3,000;
4. Repair - water in the peripheral basement at an estimated cost \$45,000 per side; and
5. Repair to Exterior Masonry at an estimated cost of \$15,000;

for a total cost of \$155,000.00.

Each item was voted on separately and each item was recorded as DEFEATED.

Report prepared by the Chief Librarian and Manager of Municipal Works under date of February 6, 2003.

ALL Motions DEFEATED

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that the Report prepared by the Chief Librarian be referred to Administration for full review and that a report return to Council for a possible re-evaluation of the Library's operational budget.

Motion Carried**5. 4% Budget reduction - Outside Agencies**

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde that Council go on record in wanting to reconsider their original motion of April 23rd which requested that all outside agencies prepare their 2003 budget submissions with a 4% budget reduction.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Susan Carter, Syd Gardiner, and Mayor Brian Sylvester.

Against: Councillors André Rivette, Naresh Bhargava and Don Deebank

Absent: Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Corey Kennedy

OK as per Denise's notes. - RM

Motion Carried**6. Cellular Phone Listing**

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Perry Lalonde that council receive as an Interim report and that Administration provide a final report detailing all cellular phone users by name and phone number.

Report MWS#07-2003 prepared by the Manager of Municipal Works and Services under date of February 6, 2003.

Motion Carried**7. Wet Lands - Industrial Park**

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Perry Lalonde to receive this report.

Motion Carried**8. Improvements to Various Structures**

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that council receive the report prepared by Manager, Engineering, Environmental and Construction Services under date of February 3, 2003, for information purposes.

Motion Carried**9. Airport Commission**

Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Perry Lalonde that Council restore the Airport Commission's budget request which appropriates to an approximate of 4% increase for a total of \$59,999.00.

Motion Carried

10. Operating Budget reductions (\$1,000,000.)

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that Council endorse Mr. Vincent's report no. 01-2003 under date of February 7, 2003 "**Budget Adjustments for 2003 Fiscal Year**" and the recommendations for Budget Adjustments as follows:

1.	Remove proposed contribution to reserves for new Fire Hall	\$250,000
2.	Remove proposed contribution to reserves for dispatch centre	\$350,000
3.	Remove proposed contribution to reserves for gas collection	\$313,000
4.	Vincent Massey purchase already financed in 2002	\$320,000
5.	Courtaulds Spur purchase already financed in 2002	\$169,000
6.	Only finance one additional probationary fire fighter in 2003	\$120,000
7.	Reduction in City estimate of Police Budget to reflect Board est.	\$128,500
8.	Remove proposed contribution to reserve Justice Building	\$ 80,000
9.	Add contribution from reserves for capital purchase ambulance	\$209,000
10.	Add one time funding from reserve Land Ambulance	\$211,578
11.	Reduction in budget estimate for Marina 200	\$ 52,000
12.	Add supplementary taxes for 2003	\$200,000
13.	Reduction in allowance for tax write offs	\$125,000
14.	Budget adjustments re Wage/benefit costs	<u>\$100,000</u>

Total reduction in Levy

\$2,628,151

Motion Carried

11. Roads Maintenance

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that a total of \$300,000 be taken from "Cash Reserves" and included in the overall Capital Budget for road maintenance in order to maintain the conditions of our City Roads during 2003.

Motion Carried

12. B.I.A. Levy

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that council accept the letter from the Cornwall Downtown B.I.A. under date of February 5th, 2003 and that the request to levy property and business owners within the DBIA boundary be deferred until such time as Administration is able to obtain additional information on this matter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Motion Carried

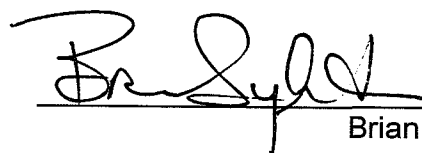
13. 2003 Budget

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and André Rivette that Council approve the 2003 municipal Budget with an overall Tax increase of 2.48%.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: 11:55 a.m.

Denise Labelle-Gélinas
City Clerk



Brian Sylvester
Mayor