



BUDGET MEETING #03-2005

SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL #05-2005

Thursday, January 20, 2005

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: A regular Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Mark MacDonald (left at 7:20 p.m.), Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Huguette Burroughs (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Jacques Lemire and Chris Savard

ABSENT: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: David Dick, Tracey Bailey, Fernand Hamelin, Stephen Alexander, Susan Cain, Victor Leroux, Morris McCormick, Norm Barrette, Paul Fitzpatrick, Norm Levac, Conrad Miller, Debora Daigle, Paul Scrimshaw, Manon Poirier and Robert Menagh - Barb Landry and Diane Dumoulin (arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF SPECIAL BUDGET AGENDA

Moved by Councillors Jacques Lemire and Glen Grant that the Special Budget Agenda #03-2005 be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

1. Water and Sewer Budget

The presentation of the Water and Sewer Budget was provided by Fernand Hamelin, Manager of Municipal Works and Services, Norm Levac, Manager Engineering, Environmental and Construction Services, and Morris McCormick, Division Manager of Environmental Services.

Mr. Hamelin took the lead by providing a quick summary of the overall Water and Sewer budget as presented.

Mr. Levac continued to briefly detail the funding requirements of Capital Projects for Waterworks in 2005 at a level of \$2985M and the proposed Sanitary and Storm Sewers for 2005 at a funding requirement of \$1210M for Sanitary Sewers and \$500K for Storm Sewers. Mr. Levac identified the implementation of an Asset Management Plan for the City's water, sanitary and storm sewer services. He indicated that it was crucial to the effective rehabilitation at the optimum time of the City's infrastructure. It should be based on solid information so that cost effective decisions can be made rather than reacting to asset failures. The key questions in the creation of an Asset Management Plan are: What do we own? What condition is it in? What do we need? How much is it worth?

The City is in a fortunate position in that it has most of the information to the above four questions, however in order to consolidate it, in order to use all of it within the decision process. The following assets must be considered: roads including bridges; lighting network; water and wastewater treatment collection and distribution; and solid waste.

Councillor Mark MacDonald left at this time 7:20 p.m.

(a) Asset Management Program

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Glen Grant that the Asset Management Program be reduced from \$200K to \$100K.

Motion Carried

(b) Sewer Collection

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that Council authorize the reduction of \$140K (from \$340K to \$200K) within the Sewer Collection construction project and the funds of \$200K be placed into a Sewer Reserve for work to be completed in the year 2006

Motion Carried

(c) Ditches

Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Joël Côté that the Engineering Department be directed to identify a cost estimate to eliminate ditches within the Eamers Corner area, where Storm Sewer work was conducted and that a survey be distributed to affected residents asking if they would participate into a Local Improvement payment plan.

Motion Carried

(d) Optimist Park Dewatering Project

Moved by Councillors Jacques Lemire and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that Council add \$37K within the budget for the Optimist Park Dewatering project.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Jacques Lemire that Council approve the Water and Sewer Budget as amended for a 2.1% increase for the year 2005.

Motion Carried

2. Council Budget

(a) Travel Budget

That the Mayor's travel budget be increased to \$8K.

Motion Carried

(b) Blackberries

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Glen Grant that the City not purchase any blackberries in 2005.

Motion Defeated

3. Five Year History - Outside Agencies

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that Administration provide Council with a five year summary of allotment requests from Outside Agencies in order to assist the Council with their Budget deliberations.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Jacques Lemire and Glen Grant that the Special Budget meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Motion Carried

DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK

MAYOR PHIL POIRIER