

BUDGET MEETING of COUNCIL #09-95

March 23, 1995
44/95
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. R.Allaire, Chief Administrator / Clerk, Mr. F.Hamelin, Assistant Chief Administrator / Manager Public Works, all Administration, and D.Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Allaire reviewed a special report dated March 23rd, 1995 identifying a list of proposed changes for Council's consideration in order to attain a 1.3% tax adjustment for services and programs within the 1995 budget.

The following information represents Council's decisions as to adjustments and/or reductions to the 1995 budget proposals.

TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve a 0.20¢ cash fare increase effective April 1, 1995 and that the Manager, Transit provide a report on increases to all other fare rates.

DEFEATED

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth arrived at 6:45 p.m.

CORNWALL ARTS BOARD

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Susan Carter that the Cornwall Arts Board be allocated a total budget of \$175,000.00 for the year 1995 and that \$27,000.00 not be used as seed funding for additional cultural groups.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR

Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Susan Carter
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Lynch
Alderman Naresh Bhargava

AGAINST

Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Dick Aubry

CARRIED 7-4

CORNWALL SEA LIONS

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Brian Sylvester that the Cornwall Sea Lions not be identified for increases on pool rental at the rate of \$19.00 per hour until such time as they have spoken with the Recreational Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Alderman Susan Carter declared a pecuniary interest on this matter. She left the room and did not participate in any discussion or vote.

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Dean Hollingsworth that Council provide \$250,000.00 in 1995 towards the Institute of Environmental Sciences.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

FOR

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth
Alderman Brian Lynch
Alderman Naresh Bhargava

AGAINST

Mayor Ron Martelle
Alderman Brian Sylvester
Alderman Denis Carr
Alderman Chris Savard
Alderman Chuck Charlebois
Alderman Claude Poirier
Alderman Dick Aubry

DEFEATED 7-3

It was moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Chuck Charlebois that Council provide \$125,000.00 towards the Institute of Environmental Sciences and that they be advised that should additional funds be required within the year 1995 that Council will make them available.

CARRIED

CORNWALL ACES HOCKEY

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that Administration prepare a marketing plan on the Cornwall Aces to carry them into the year 1996, and that it be discussed with Council by April 30th, 1995, and that in the future Council wish to receive the Aces budget as part of the Corporations entire budget.

CARRIED

CELLULAR PHONES

It was moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Dean Hollingsworth that all cellular phones be deleted for a total savings of \$24,000.00.

WITHDRAWN

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Claude Poirier that the budget figure of \$24,000.00 be reduced by 50% and that Administration provide Council with a report on impacts created by this reduction.

CARRIED

OVERTIME

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that the overtime budget be reduced by 10%, reflected as \$44,315.00 and that Administration provide Council with a report on impacts created by this reduction.

CARRIED

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Susan Carter that a total of 10% be reduced from the 1995 Temporary Manpower budget and that Administration prepare a report on impacts created.

CARRIED

PAY-AS-YOU-GO POLICY

It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Susan Carter that savings generated from 10% reductions in the overtime and Temporary Employment budgets be re-directed to the Pay-as-you-Go budget.

CARRIED

TOURISM AND CONVENTION BUREAU

It was moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Denis Carr that \$10,000.00 be reduced from the Tourism and Convention Bureau's 1995 budget.

DEFEATED

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Susan Carter that \$172,000.00 be allocated to the Tourism and Convention Bureau as a total budget figure for 1995 and that \$30,000.00 be requested at the County Council level.

DEFEATED

PERSONNEL ISSUES

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Dean Hollingsworth that Council take 15 minutes following the budget session to discuss personnel issues.

CARRIED

COUNCIL EXPENSES

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Dick Aubry that the annual expense allowance for the Mayor be reduced to \$5,000.00 and that Aldermen's budget be reduced to \$2,000.00.

DEFEATED

CAR ALLOWANCE

It was moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Dick Aubry that the Mayor be allocated a \$150.00 monthly car allowance and that the present lease of \$650.00 a month be cancelled.

It was then moved by Aldermen Dick Aubry and Dean Hollingsworth that the main motion be amended to read a monthly car allowance of \$200.00.

AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED AND
THE MAIN MOTION WAS DEFEATED

MUNICIPAL PARKING

It was moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Dean Hollingsworth that parking for City employees at St. Columban's Parish be eliminated.

DEFEATED

TIPPING FEES

Alderman Chuck Charlebois declared a pecuniary interest due to his employment and left the room. He did not take part in any discussion nor voted on this matter.

It was moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that tipping fees be increased by \$2.00 a ton over the 1994 rates, effective July 1, 1995 and that it be re-directed towards the overall reduction of the 1995 budget.

It was then moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Susan Carter that the motion be amended by increasing tipping fees to \$5.00 a ton.

AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED AND
THE MAIN MOTION CARRIED

GRANTS-IN-LIEU

It was moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Chris Savard that monies in the amount of \$200,000.00 identified towards grants-in-lieu for 1994 taxes, be kept within the 1995 budget.

DEFEATED

1995 BUDGET APPROVAL

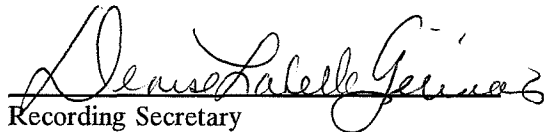
It was moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Dean Hollingsworth that Council approve the 1995 municipal budget for a total tax adjustment of 1.2%.

CARRIED

Adjournment: 11:10 p.m.


Clerk


Mayor


Recording Secretary