

SPECIAL MEETING #33-95

CURRENT BUDGET 1996

December 5, 1995.
6:00 p.m.
196/95.

A Special Meeting of Council was held this evening to deliberate the 1996 Current Budget.

In attendance: Mayor Ron Martelle, Aldermen Dick Aubry, Naresh Bhargava, Susan Carter, Chuck Charlebois, Brian Lynch, Claude Poirier, Chris Savard and Brian Sylvester.

Absent was Aldermen Dean Hollingsworth and Denis Carr.

Also in attendance were Richard Allaire, Chief Administrator/Clerk, Fern Hamelin, Assistant Chief Administrator, Frank McDonald, Manager of Finance, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary and all Management Departments.

1. **MAYOR'S VEHICLE:**

Moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Dick Aubry that this matter be removed from the budget and dealt with at a future date.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:**

Moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Naresh Bhargava that the C.A.O.'s budget be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Moved by Aldermen Susan Carter and Brian Lynch that Council reduce the budget by \$29,890.00 as identified under confidential report page 3.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. **FINANCE/PURCHASING & STORES:**

Moved by Aldermen Susan Carter and Dick Aubry that Council approve a cost savings of \$211,000.00 in 1996 from the Finance Department as recommended by the Chief Administrator under confidential report, pages 4-9 inclusive.

MOTION CARRIED.

Aldermen Dean Hollingsworth and Denis Carr arrived at this time 7:30 p.m.

It was then moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that the main motion be amended and that each matter be dealt with by separate vote.

THE AMENDMENT CARRIED.
THE MAIN MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

- a) That Council approve the move of the Purchasing Department to the Justice Building and that one clerical position (CUPE 3251) be eliminated. Cost savings \$31,000.00

MOTION CARRIED.

- b) That Council eliminate business office for collection and to reduce staff by two (2) people (CUPE 3251) eliminating Counter Tax/Water Payments. Cost savings \$71,000.00

MOTION CARRIED.

- c) That Council combine billings, arrears and water and Tax Inspector into two (2) positions (CUPE 3251). Cost savings \$36,000.00

MOTION CARRIED.

- d) That Council not eliminate one Accounts Payable Clerk (CUPE 3251) as recommended by the Chief Administrator, under confidential report, page 7.

MOTION CARRIED.

- e) That Council eliminate Supervisor, Data Processing (Non-Union) Cost savings \$58,000.

MOTION CARRIED.

- f) That Council eliminate Cash Management Co-Ordinator in September 1996 (Non-Union).

RECORDED VOTE:

FOR

Brian Sylvester
Susan Carter
Dick Aubry
Naresh Bhargava

AGAINST

Ron Martelle
Denis Carr
Chris Savard
Chuck Charlebois
Dean Hollingsworth
Brian Lynch.

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Alderman Claude Poirier was not in the room during this vote.

5. **WATER/SEWER REVENUES:**

Moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Chuck Charlebois that Council approve the reduction of discount on water and sewer bills from 10% to 8%.

It was then moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Susan Carter that the water and sewer discount be reduced to 5% and that a penalty fee be implemented for those who pay late.

MOTION CARRIED

6. **CLERK'S DEPARTMENT:**

Moved by Susan Carter and Brian Sylvester that the Records Retention Program (CUPE 3251) be eliminated for a costs savings of \$43,449.00

MOTION CARRIED

7. Moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Susan Carter that the Messenger Services be reduced to half days (CUPE 3251) for a costs savings of \$18,500

MOTION CARRIED

8. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Moved by Alderman Chuck Charlebois and Susan Carter that Council reduce the overall budget by \$200,000. *the Fire Dept. be instructed to find \$200,000. through labour negotiations &/or other means.* **MOTION CARRIED**

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9. **EMERGENCY PLANNING SERVICES:**

Moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Chuck Charlebois that Council approve the budget as presented. (Page 25)

It was then moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Dean Hollingsworth that this budget be deferred until further information on the J.E.P.P. revenue is provided.


MOTION CARRIED

10. **PUBLIC WORKS:**


Moved by Susan Carter and Naresh Bhargava that Council approve the elimination of the Secretary to the Public Works Manager (Non-union). Cost savings of \$18,815.00

MOTION CARRIED

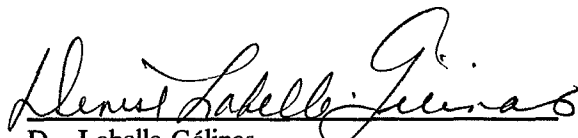
Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



R. Allaire, C.A.O./Clerk



Ron Martelle, Mayor



D. Labelle-Gélinas,
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary