

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL #09-97**

### **BUDGET**

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

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth arrived at 6:20 p.m.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Dick Aubry.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard Allaire, C.A.O./Clerk, Paul Fitzpatrick, Assistant C.A.O./Manager, Economic Development, Stephen Alexander, Dave Fielding, Fern Hamelin, Frank McDonald, Graham Dart, Sherman Goodwin, Gerry McKenna, Hilda Seguin, Frances Lafave, H. O'Reilly, and D. Labelle-Gélinas, Recording Secretary.

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#### **#1. BOARD OF HEALTH**

Moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Brian Lynch to receive the letter from Dr. Robert Bourdeau dated February 20, 1997.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Dean Hollingsworth arrived at the meeting.

#### **#2. MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chuck Charlebois:

1. That the total travel budget be reduced from \$174,970.00 to \$100,000.00; and
2. That membership be restricted to two members either from Administration and/or Council on any Association;

It was then moved by Aldermen Sue Carter and Naresh Bhargava that this motion be split and voted on separately.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

First half of the motion to reduce to \$100,00.00.

#### **MOTION DEFEATED**

Second half of the motion to limit membership to two members.

#### **MOTION DEFEATED**

Moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that a total reduction of \$21,500.00 be found through the membership dues and travel expense budgets rather than the \$17,400.00 identified at the February 17, 1997 meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**#3 - CORNWALL ELECTRIC**

Moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Chuck Charlebois that Mr. Jackson's letter dated February 20, 1997 be received.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**#4 - EMPLOYEE PARKING**

Moved by Aldermen Chuck Charlebois and Susan Carter:

- 1) That Administration provide a report to Council on the parking availability downtown prior to tendering for leasing of parking spaces.
- 2) That Administration provide a report to Council on pay parking for municipal employees at the 1998 budget deliberations.
- 3) That Administration discuss the issuance of bus passes for Municipal employees.

It was then moved by Aldermen Brian Lynch and Dean Hollingsworth that Item #2 be voted on separately.

**MOTION CARRIED**

A vote on item 2) that Administration provide a report to Council on pay parking for municipal employees at the 1998 budget deliberations.

**MOTION CARRIED**

A vote on items 1) and 3) that Administration provide a report to Council on the parking availability downtown prior to tendering for the leasing of parking spaces; and that Administration discuss the issuance of bus passes for Municipal employees.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**#5 - MAINTENANCE GUINDON PARK**

Moved by Aldermen Claude Poirier and Chris Savard that Council approve the re-allocation of \$46,000.00 within the Public Property Section for the maintenance of Guindon Park.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**#6 - CAPITAL & CURRENT BUDGETS**

Moved by Aldermen Chris Savard and Brian Sylvester that Council pass a "0" percent tax increase with the remaining monies outstanding in the amount of \$1,122,105.00 be financed by 50% through debentures and 50% through reserves and further that any savings that could be identified between now and the end of fiscal year of 1997 be returned to the working reserves.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS**

Alderman Chris Savard  
Alderman Brian Sylvester  
Alderman Brian Lynch

**NAYS**

Mayor Ron Martelle  
Alderman Chuck Charlebois  
Alderman Denis Carr  
Alderman Claude Poirier  
Alderman Dean Hollingsworth  
Alderman Naresh Bhargava  
Alderman Susan Carter

**MOTION DEFEATED**

It was then moved by Aldermen Naresh Bhargava and Chuck Charlebois that Administration identify a 5% reduction with the operating budget (\$600,000.00) in expenditures excluding payroll, police budget and transfer payments.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was then moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Chuck Charlebois that Council and Administration meet at the Civic Complex on Saturday, March 8, 1997, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was then moved by Aldermen Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that Administration prepare a report for Saturday, detailing all surplus lands and buildings the City owns, their status and their value.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Clerk

  
Recording Secretary

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Mayor

