

SPECIAL REGULAR COUNCIL #10-2000
BUDGET MEETING #6
Tuesday March 7, 2000

Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: A Special Budget meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Korey Kennedy, Brian Lynch, Sheila Airey, André Rivette, Chris Savard and Naresh Bhargava.

ABSENT: Dean Hollingsworth

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Allaire, City Clerk, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Deputy Clerk and Managers were present with the exception of Sherman Goodwin and Susan Cain. Also in attendance were Bonnie Ruest, Tracy Poirier, Conrad Miller, Christine Lefebvre, Ron Cotman, Norm Levac, and Linda Bethune.

1. **Ontario Senior Games Year 2002**

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Sheila Airey that staff be directed to forward a letter of interest to host the 2002 Senior Games; and
That a community group including Planning & Recreation staff, the Seaway Valley Tourism Office and senior sports groups be formed to prepare the bid.

Motion Carried

Expense Reduction

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Chris Savard that the Chief Administrative Office be directed to review the expenses in Corporate tags listed above by \$1,188,591 and further that Administration provide a report exploring the possibility of increasing the reduction to \$1.5 million.

Motion Carried

Joint Liaison

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Denis Carr that Councillor Andre Rivette be appointed as an alternate council member to sit on the Joint Liaison Committee in the event that the need arises.

Motion Carried

Sick Leave

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that the Chief Administrator establish targets for sick leave for the following departments, bringing the costs more in line with the city average of 7.31 sick days: Public Works, Clerks Dept. and Lodge.

Motion Carried

Office Equipment

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that administration provide a detailed report on how many PC's and printers are to be purchased on a yearly basis.

Motion Carried

Arbitrations and Grievances

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Claude Poirier that Tag /3560 under Human Resources budget be reduced by \$23,234 and remain at the same level of 1999.

Motion Carried

Special Events

Moved by Councillors Andre Poirier and Claude Poirier that a reduction of \$28,000 be realized combined from tags 3240 Special Events Winter p.26 combined with tag 3209 on page 48 Special Events Summer.

Motion Defeated

It was then Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Perry Lalonde that a reduction in Special events combined from summer and winter events from a total of \$58,000 to \$44,000 which reflects the same level of funding as 1999.

Motion Carried

Solid Waste

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Brian Lynch that the Tipping Fees (p.68 Tag 0543) be increased by \$100,000 .

Motion Carried

Contingency Funding

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that administration prepare a report indicating what level of contingency funding is required and from which source the monies would be funded.

Motion Carried

Budget Reduction Options

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Andre Rivette that Council approve the recommendation and options to Balance budget provided by the Acting Manager of Finance under report dated January 31, 2000 as follows:

1. Budget for the estimated supplementary taxes expected in 2000 - \$707,000;
2. Use OMERS savings estimated to be - \$2,000,000
3. Budget for additional CRF allocation from the Province - \$600,000 and
4. Budget contribution from Working Capital Reserve - \$329,000

for a total of \$2,636,000.00

It was Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Denis Carr that the main motion be split and that Items no. 1 and 4 be voted on separately.

Motion Defeated.

A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:

In favour: Chris Savard, Andre Rivette, Claude Poirier, Mayor Brian Sylvester, Sheila Airey, Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde and Brian Lynch

Against: Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr,

Motion Carried 8 to 2

Waterworks Budget

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Andre Rivette

1. That the water/sewer rate remain at the same level for the year 2000
2. That a deadline of May 1, 2000 be established to receive applications for refund of sewer lateral.
3. That \$400,000 be taken from 1999 waterworks surplus to finance the sewer lateral rebate program.
4. That administration, following the May 1st deadline, present Council with a final cost for the rebate program.
5. That Administration bring a report to Council during 2000 detailing the total cost of the sewer activities and waterworks to determine appropriate user charges.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

In Favour: Mayor Brian Sylvester Councillors Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Korey Kennedy, Brian Lynch, Sheila Airey, André Rivette, Chris Savard and Naresh Bhargava.

Motion Carried unanimously

CAPITAL BUDGET

Lap Top Computers - Police Dept.

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Brian Lynch that the Capital budget be reduced by \$300,000 and that the purchase of lap top computers be eliminated from the Police Department.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

In favour: Brian Lynch and Chris Savard

Against: Mayor Brian Lynch, Councillors Andre Rivette, Claude Poirier, Denis Carr, Sheila Airey, Perry Lalonde, Corey Kennedy, Naresh Bhargava.

Motion Defeated

City Hall Renovations

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Andre Rivette that the City Hall Renovation Budget be reduced by \$100,000.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Corey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde that an additional \$50,000 be reduced from the City Hall Renovation Budget.

Motion Defeated

Rotary Eco Garden

Moved by Councillors Sheila Airey and Perry Lalonde that \$6,000 be removed for the laying of topsoil and seed on the tobaggan run at the south end of Eco-Garden. (P.29)

Motion Defeated

Sanitary Sewers

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Andre Rivette that \$250,000 required for the Sanitary Sewers W.W.T.P. Capital Improvement/Annual Maintenance be funded directly from the Capital Working Reserves.

Motion Carried

Storm Sewers - Eamers Corners

Moved by Councillors That \$500,000 required for the Eamers Corners Local Storm Sewer be funded directly from the Working Capital Reserves.

Motion Carried

Solid Waste

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that the landfill site - Leachate Collection System and Vincent Massey Drive Land requirement in the amount of \$300,000 be funded by the 1999 surplus tipping fees for the 2000 operations

Motion Carried

Reach Plastics

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Andre Rivette that \$20,000 identified under for a 1996 Reach Plastics project be applied to the 2000 capital budget.

Motion Carried

Canal Restoration

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and that \$15,000 be removed from the 1999 canal restoration and applied to the 2000 capital budget.

Motion Carried

Emergency Command Vehicle

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that the financing of a new Emergency Command Vehicle be over a period of two years and that \$80,000 be identified in the 2000 capital budget and the next \$80,000 be identified in the 2001 capital budget.

Motion Carried

Smart City - Telecom Technologies

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Perry Lalonde that Council approve the 2000 budget of \$55,000.

Motion Carried

Si Miller Arena

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that \$95,000 identified for compressor/chiller be removed from the 2000 capital budget and placed into a reserve for the future arena construction.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

In Favour: Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde

Against: Brian Lynch, Mayor Brian Sylvester, Naresh Bhargava, Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Korey Kennedy, Chris Savard, Claude Poirier.

Motion Carried 8/2

Renaissance Project

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Andre Rivette that Council approve the Renaissance Project in the net amount of \$230,000 and that a revenue account of \$50,000 be identified within the budget.

A recorded vote on the matter resulted as follows:

In Favour: Chris Savard, Claude Poirier, Andre Rivette, Perry Lalonde, Naresh Bhargava, Brian Lynch, Korey Kennedy, Sheila Airey, Denis Carr and Mayor Brian Sylvester.

Against: 0

Motion Carried 10/0

Medical Recruitment Process

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that a total amount of \$150,000 be identified as a total contribution in the 2000 Capital Budget for medical recruitment.

A recorded vote on the matter resulted as follows:

In Favour Mayor Brian Sylvester, Chris Savard, Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier

Against: Brian Lynch, Andre Rivette, Naresh Bhargava, Korey Kennedy,

Motion Carried 6/4

Bus Re-furbishing

Moved by Councillors Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette that the \$254,000 identified for Transit Operation - Refurbishing buses be eliminated.

A recorded vote on the matter resulted as follows:

In Favour Chris Savard,, Claude Poirier, Andre Rivette

Against: Brian Lynch, Naresh Bhargava, Korey Kennedy, Mayor Brian Sylvester, Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Perry Lalonde

Motion Defeated 7/3

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Chris Savard that the total 2000 capital budget for Bus re-furbishing in the amount of \$254,000 be reduced by \$127,000.

A recorded vote on the matter resulted as follows:

IN Favour Councillors, Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Claude Poirier and Andre Rivette.

AGAINST Mayor Brian Sylvester, Sheila Airey, Denis Carr, Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch.

Motion Defeated for a want of a majority

Asphalt Re-surfacing

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Andre Rivette that any tender savings in the Capital Budget to an upset limit of \$300,000 be directed towards asphalt resurfacing in the year 2000.

Motion Carried

Capital Budget

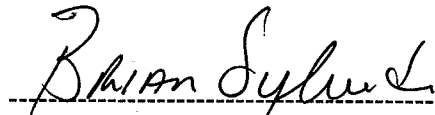
Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Chris Savard that the Capital Budget 2000 be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

Adjournment: 10.50 p.m.



Richard Allaire ~ City Clerk



Brian Sylvester ~ Mayor



Denise Labele-Gélinas
Deputy City Clerk and
Recording Secretary