

REGULAR COUNCIL #12-2000 CURRENT BUDGET #08

Tuesday March 21, 2000 Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: A Special Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, Korey Kennedy, Brian Lynch, Denis Carr, Chris Savard, Sheila Airey, André Rivette, and Naresh Bhargava Dean Hollingsworth(arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Allaire City Clerk, Denise Labelle-Gelinas, Deputy City Clerk and Recording Secretary, and the following Management personnel: David Fielding, Anita Roach, Bonnie Ruest, Tracey Poirier, Paul Fitzpatrick, Graham Dart, Fern Hamelin, Frances Lafave, Steve Alexander, Christine Lefebvre, Sherman Goodwin, Ron Cotnam, Roger Desjardins, Gilles Ayotte, Norm Levac and Linda Bethune.

Current Budget Reduction Moved by Councillors and Rivette and Brian hynch

Report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated March 21, 2000, for possible budget impacts that if adopted, would have \$186,199.00 available for either a tax reduction or new program expenditures within the operating budget of 2000 as follows:

- 1) Increase in the rate .20 cents charged to school boards effective July 1, 2000 in the amount of \$49,199.
- 2) Increase in the rate of conventional transit fare of .05 cents effective July 1, 2000 in the amount of \$15,000;
- 3) Increase in the rate of Handi-Transit fare in the amount of .25 cents effective July 1, 2000 in the amount of \$2,000;
- 4) Reduction in Tag 3561-Negotiations in the amount of \$20,000
- 5) Reduction in Capital Budget, Industrial Park Reserve in the amount of \$100,000.

Motion Carried

Transit Ridership

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Brian Lynch that monthly transit fares for the following be reduced for a trial period beginning May 1, 2000 to February 1, 2001: Adults reduce from \$56.00 monthly to \$45.00 monthly; Seniors reduce from \$42.00 monthly to \$25.00 monthly

Motion Carried

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Student Passes

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Brian Lynch that Students be offered an opportunity to pay an additional \$5.00 to upgrade their present school bus pass issued by the School Board for Saturday use.

Motion Carried

Millennium Committee

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Andre Rivette that the Millennium Committee be reduced by \$20,000.

Motion Carried

Recreation Summer Programs

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Denis Carr that funding be provided at the same level as 1999 for a budget reduction of \$81,862,00.

Motion Defeated

Bus Refurbishing

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that a total of \$254,000 be eliminated for Bus Refurbishing from the Capital Budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Chris Savard that Council reduce a total of \$127,000 for Bus Refurbishing.

Motion Defeated

Consultant - Transit Services

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Denis Carr that Council engage a Consulting Firm to undertake a strategic review to determine the future direction of Transit in Cornwall and the study would include a review of current operations, management and administrative practices, maintenance practices, Handi-Transit services procedures related to marketing of services and the development of a strategic plan .

Motion Carried

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Councillor Dean Hollingsworth arrived at this time 7:00 p.m.

Investment Income

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Claude Poirier that Council take \$50,000 increase from the Investment Income and place it towards the 2000 operating budget.

Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillors Brian Lynch and Claude Poirier that Council increase the Investment Income by \$25,000.

Motion Carried

CURRENT BUDGET

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Brian Lynch that the 2000 Current Budget be approved as amended.

A recorded vote resulted as follows:

<u>FOR:</u> Councillors, Naresh Bhargava, Brian Lynch, Andre Rivette, Claude Poirier, Perry Lalonde, Mayor Brian Sylvester, Denis Carr, Korey Kennedy, Sheila Airey and Dean Hollingsworth

AGAINST: Chris Savard

Motion Carried 10/1

Adjournment:7:30 p.m.

Richard Allaire ~ City Clerk

Brian Sylvester ~ Mayor

Denise Lábelle-Gélinas

Deputy Clerk ~ Recording Secretary