



## SPECIAL COUNCIL #15

### BUDGET MEETING #7

Thursday May 3, 2001  
Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** A Special Budget meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Brian Sylvester, Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Donald Deebank, Syd Gardiner, Dean Hollingsworth, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, and André Rivette.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Korey Kennedy

**ADMINISTRATION:** Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Acting City Clerk, David Dick, Manager of Finance and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Heather Arthur, Gilles Ayotte, Susan Cain, Roger Desjardins, David Fielding, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sherman Goodwin, Fernand Hamelin, Conrad Miller, Suzanne Carrier-Armstrong, Francis Lafave, Graham Dart, Barbara Landry, Anita Roach and Bonnie Ruest

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#### PRESENTATION

Both David Dick, Manager of Finance and Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer provided Council members with a 2001 budget update which identified budget updates on operations, 2001 capital request, tax comparisons and recreation costs.

#### TAXATION STUDY

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Claude Poirier that Administration develop an RFP for a Tax Study as identified through the Strategic Planning exercise of March, 2001 as follows:  
*"Develop a thorough comparative analysis of the City's tax rates in relation to other jurisdictions".*

**Motion Carried**

#### TAX RATIOS

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Naresh Bhargava that Administration prepare a report which would clearly identify tax increases affecting differences in tax ratios across all sectors of the municipality. In addition, the report should provide scenarios using the one million shortfall and the 2.5 million shortfall.

**Motion Carried**

## **PROGRESS FUND INTEREST**

Moved by Councillors Andre Rivette and Perry Lalonde that the following projects be funded from interest of the Progress Fund: Medical Recruitment in the amount of \$100,000; Renaissance Project in the amount of \$249,000; Waterfront Development in the amount of \$225,000.

It was then moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Sue Carter that the three items be voted on separately.

### **Motion Carried**

1. **Medical Recruitment in the amount of \$100,000.**

A recorded vote on each item resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors Andre Rivette, Perry Lalonde and Don Deebank  
**AGAINST:** Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Claude Poirier, Dean Hollingsworth, Syd Gardiner, Naresh Bhargava and Mayor Brian Sylvester.  
**ABSENT:** Councillor Korey Kennedy

### **DEFEATED**

2. **Renaissance Project in the amount of \$249,000**

A recorded vote on each item resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors Andre Rivette, Perry Lalonde, Syd Gardiner, Don Deebank and Mayor Brian Sylvester  
**AGAINST:** Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Claude Poirier, Dean Hollingsworth, Naresh Bhargava.  
**ABSENT:** Councillor Korey Kennedy

### **DEFEATED**

3. **Waterfront Development in the amount of \$225,000.**

A recorded vote on each item resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors Andre Rivette, Syd Gardiner, Perry Lalonde and Don Deebank  
**AGAINST:** Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Claude Poirier, Dean Hollingsworth, Naresh Bhargava and Mayor Brian Sylvester.  
**ABSENT:** Councillor Korey Kennedy

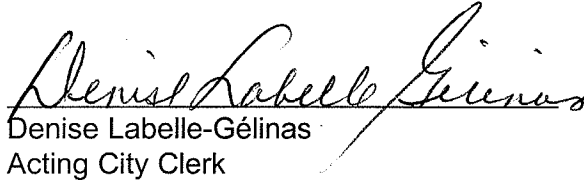
### **DEFEATED**

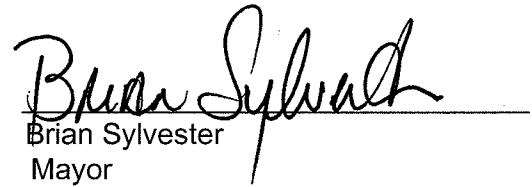
**SOCCER FIELDS**

Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Syd Gardiner that \$50,000 for Soccer Fields expenditures be taken from interest to the Progress Fund.

**DEFEATED**

**Adjournment:** 9:50 p.m.

  
Denise Labelle-Gélinas  
Acting City Clerk

  
Brian Sylvester  
Mayor

