



## SPECIAL COUNCIL #17

### BUDGET MEETING #8

Tuesday, May 22, 2001  
Meeting began at 6:00 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 (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Korey Kennedy, Perry Lalonde, Claude Poirier, and André Rivette.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Richard Allaire, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Acting City Clerk, David Dick, Manager of Finance and the following Management Personnel: Stephen Alexander, Gilles Ayotte, Linda Bethune, Susan Cain, Suzanne Carrier-Armstrong, Roger Desjardins, David Fielding, Paul Fitzpatrick, John Flannigan, Sherman Goodwin, Fernand Hamelin, Francis Lafave, Barbara Landry, Conrad Miller, Anita Roach who arrived at 7:40 p.m. and Bonnie Ruest

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### PRESENTATION

#### 1. Impact of Tax Increases

Mr. David Dick, Manager of Finance, provided Council with a detailed report on Municipal Taxation based on 2000 Levy with same ratio figures, taxation changes due to Current Value Assessment (CVA) changes within the 2000 tax rates. In addition, information on 2001 tax assessment at proposed rates, municipal rate change, tax rate comparison.

Additional information on changes in assessed values using the 1996 vs 1999 CVA's, change in dollars with tax increase and assessment change, the impact on residential changes, multi-res changes, commercial changes, industrial changes. Mr. Dick continued to identify what options were available to Council using 2001 CVA in comparison to CVA's used in 2000. Banding within class using assessment over 3,000,000 taxed at a higher rate. Lower banding rate set for all other properties, two industrial properties would see an increase and the increase would be spread amongst all other industrial properties.

Tax Rate Comparisons between years of 1998, 1999 and 2000 provided decreases where the year 1996 and 1997 provided for a 0% increase.

## **2. Proposed Budget Decreases**

The following series of slides provided items for Council's consideration that would assist in reducing the potential tax increase should Council wish not to impose a Tax increase for its 2001 budget.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. in order for Council to enter the Planning Advisory Committee meeting.**

**The Special Budget re-convened at 7:35 p.m.**

### **TRAFFIC CIRCLE MAINTENANCE**

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Syd Gardiner that Council re-insert \$25,000 into the operating Budget for the maintenance of the Traffic Circle .

Motion Carried

### **PROGRESS FUND INTEREST EXPENDITURES**

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Perry Lalonde that Council endorse the recommendation by the Manager of Finance of a one time only funding reduction towards the Renaissance Project in the amount of \$174,000 and that Council also endorse a one time reduction to the funding towards the Waterfront Committee Project, in the amount of \$200,000 and that Council in turn fund both of these projects from the Progress Interest Fund .

It was then Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Dean Hollingsworth that Council amend the main motion and that each project be voted on separately for funding reduction and that the projects in turn be funded from the Progress Interest Fund.

Motion Carried

### **RENAISSANCE FUNDING**

That the Renaissance Project funding in the amount of \$174,000 be eliminated from the operating budget and funded from the Progress Interest Fund.

#### **A recorded vote resulted as follows:**

**FOR:** Councillors André Rivette, Perry Lalonde, Syd Gardiner, Corey Kennedy and Don Deebank.

**AGAINST:** Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Dean Hollingsworth, Claude Poirier and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Defeated

## **WATERFRONT COMMITTEE FUNDING**

That the Waterfront Committee funding in the amount of \$200,000 be eliminated from the operating budget and funded from the Progress Interest Fund.

**A recorded vote resulted as follows:**

**FOR:** Councillors André Rivette, Perry Lalonde, Syd Gardiner, Korey Kennedy and Don Deebank.

**AGAINST:** Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Dean Hollingsworth, Claude Poirier and Mayor Brian Sylvester

Motion Defeated

## **FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moved by Mayor Brian Sylvester and Denis Carr that Council endorse a reduction from the 2000 Waterworks system in the amount of \$121,000, a reduction in the 2000 operating surplus funding in the amount of \$1,038,886 and a one time reserve reduction in the amount of \$175,000.

Motion Carried

## **MEDICAL RECRUITMENT**

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Syd Gardiner that Council reduce the budget for Medical Recruitment in the amount of \$100,000.

Motion Defeated

## **COUNCIL CHAIRS**

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Syd Gardiner that Council eliminate \$6,000 in funding for chairs in the Council Chambers.

**A recorded vote resulted as follows:**

**FOR:** Councillors Korey Kennedy, Don Deebank, Claude Poirier, Dean Hollingsworth, Syd Gardiner.

**AGAINST:** Councillors Denis Carr, Susan Carter, Perry Lalonde, André Rivette, Naresh Bhargava and Mayor Brian Sylvester.

Motion Defeated

**CURB SIDE - SECOND STREET**

Moved by Councillors Don Deebank and Susan Carter that Council reduce the \$225,000 curb side budget for the Yates Curb Side Street Project by \$100,000.

Motion Defeated

**WATERFRONT COMMITTEE**

Moved by Councillors Dean Hollingsworth and Don Deebank that the Waterfront Project be reduced by \$150,000.

Motion Defeated

**OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Korey Kennedy that Administration provide a report on impacts to reductions in funding provided to outside agencies.


Motion Carried

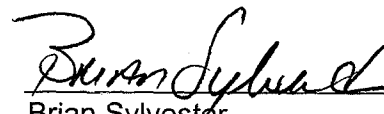
**PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES**

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Susan Carter that \$162,000 identified for Public Works Vehicle be eliminated.

Motion Defeated

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m.**

  
Denise Labelle-Gélinas  
Acting City Clerk

  
Brian Sylvester  
Mayor