



**SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING #14-2004
Budget Session #10**

Saturday March 6, 2004

Meeting Began at 9:00 a.m.

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- PRESENT:** Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Joël Côté, Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Corey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark A. MacDonald and Huguette Burroughs
- ABSENT:** Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Jacques Lemire
- ADMINISTRATION:** Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrator, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Clerk, Graham Dart, Paul Fitzpatrick, David Dick, Fernand Hamelin, Susan Cain, Norm Levac, Debra Daigle, Donna Derouchie, Gerry Godard, Conrad Miller, Tracy Bailey, Anita Roach, Paul Scrimshaw, and Stephen Alexander.

Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and requested a motion to move discussions to an In-Camera session in order to consider issues that meet the legislative exceptions and to discuss Contract Negotiations.

Moved by Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Glen Grant that Council go into an In-Camera session to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion Carried

Regular Public Meeting for BUDGET Discussions Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

- PRESENT:** Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Joël Côté, Perry Lalonde (absent for the afternoon session), Chris Savard, Corey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, and Huguette Burroughs
- ABSENT:** Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Mark A. MacDonald (returned at 12:20 p.m.) and Jacques Lemire
- ADMINISTRATION:** Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrator, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, Clerk, Graham Dart, Paul Fitzpatrick, David Dick, Fernand Hamelin, Susan Cain, Norm Levac, Debra Daigle, Donna Derouchie, Gerry Godard, Conrad Miller, Tracy Bailey, Anita Roach, Paul Scrimshaw, Stephen Alexander, Roger Desjardins, Victor Leroux, Bill Lister and Deputy Police Chief Danny Aikman.

PRESENTATION

Mr. David Dick, provided a brief Budget review detailing a 0% tax rate in so far as Council's position to date. Comparison information as to the City's position on Industrial Ratios, Education Rates from 2000 to 2003; tax rates from the years 2000 to 2003 for residential, manufacturing, commercial and industrial; current value assessment growth vis a vis new growth between years 2001 and 2004, Education room and comparative assessments between the Counties of S.D. & G. and the City of Cornwall.

Mr. Vincent continued the presentation by briefly detailing the latest report on "Best Efforts" provided by Managers with additional and potential reductions towards a 0% tax rate Budget.

In finalizing the report, Mr. Vincent indicated that the third column of the report offers a mixture of revenue and expenditure changes bringing additional cuts of 2.9 million dollars, leaving the Corporation with a \$200,000 shortfall to reach a 0% tax rate budget.

Tender Savings for 2003

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Huguette Burroughs that Council authorize that the \$150,000.00 identified through 2003 tender savings (total \$177,000) be applied to the 2004 **Roads Repair Capital Works** and that the 2004 budget be subsequently reduced by \$150,000.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Joël Côté, Huguette Burroughs and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava , Jacques Lemire and Mark A. MacDonald

Motion Carried

2.9 Million Budget Savings

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Glen Grant that Council support the recommendations brought forward by the Chief Administrator and that the 2004 Budget be further reduced by 2.9 million through programs identified in the latest 8.05% Best Efforts Report

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Joël Côté, Huguette Burroughs and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava , Jacques Lemire and Mark A. MacDonald

Motion Carried

Transit Division

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Korey Kennedy that Council further remove \$95,900 net expenditure within the 2004 Transit Division Budget submission.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Joël Côté, Huguette Burroughs and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava , Jacques Lemire and Mark A. MacDonald

Motion Carried

Plans Examiner - Staffing Request

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that Council endorse the addition of a **Plans Examiner** to the staffing complement of the Building and Permits Division to be able to provide a dedicated industrial/commercial Plans Examination and permit processing office as detailed within report #05-2004 dated February 10, 2004 by the Manager of Planning/Housing Services..

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Perry Lalonde, Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Joël Côté, Huguette Burroughs and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava , Jacques Lemire and Mark A. MacDonald

Motion Carried

Councillor Mark A. MacDonald arrived to the ongoing Budget Deliberations. (12.20 p.m.)

Mayor Phil Poirier called for a recess at this time 12:30 p.m. for lunch. The meeting will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Budget Session #10 re-convened at 1:10 p.m.

Councillor Perry Lalonde was absent for the afternoon session of the Budget Deliberations.

Financial Services

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the following items be identified for reduction or increase in revenue:

Reduce Office Supplies	- \$3,000
Reduce Contracted Services	- \$2,500
Revenues - Fees for Water Tax Reminder	\$30,000
Revenues - Fees for Tax Reminder Notices	\$25,000
Revenues - \$5.00 charge for receipts	\$4,000
Reduce Legal Fees	- \$2,000
Reduce Insurance Fees	- \$5,000

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Joël Côté, Huguette Burroughs, Mark A. MacDonald and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Perry Lalonde, and Jacques Lemire

Motion Carried

Advertising

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Glen Grant that the Advertising Budget be reduced by \$41,000.00

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Joël Côté, Huguette Burroughs and Mayor Phil Poirier

Against: Councillors Chris Savard, Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Mark A. MacDonald

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava , Perry Lalonde and Jacques Lemire

Motion Carried

Fire Department

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Huguette Burroughs that the following items be reduced or eliminated from the Fire Department Budget:

Remove CAD Hardware & Software Mtce Program - \$15,000

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark A. MacDonald and Huguette Burroughs

Against: Councillors Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Joël Côté and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde,
Motion DEFEATED

Remove the Refurbishing of Fire Pumper 4 - \$30,000

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark A. MacDonald, Huguette Burroughs and Mayor Phil Poirier

Against: Councillors Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant and Joël Côté

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde,
Motion CARRIED

Remove High Angle & Confined Space Rescue Program - \$35,000

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark A. MacDonald Huguette Burroughs, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Joël Côté and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde,

Motion Carried

Water Rescue Program - Re-Add ~~\$25,000~~ ^{25,000} (previously deleted) to Budget.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark A. MacDonald, Huguette Burroughs, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant and Joël Côté

Against: Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde,

Motion Carried

2004 Sewers Budget

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Glen Grant that the 2004 Sewers Budget be approved.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark A. MacDonald, Huguette Burroughs, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Joël Côté and Mayor Phil Poirier

Against: Councillor Chris Savard

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde,

Motion Carried

Budget Approval in Principle

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the 2004 Budget be approved in principle, (-\$159,484) (-0.367%) as amended.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark A. MacDonald, Huguette Burroughs, Korey Kennedy, Glen Grant, Joël Côté and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Naresh Bhargava , Jacques Lemire and Perry Lalonde,

Motion Carried

Adjourned 2:45 p.m.


DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK


PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR

