



SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL # 01-2005

Thursday, January 6, 2005
Meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

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- PRESENT:** A Special Public Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Joël Côté, Chris Savard, Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark MacDonald, Jacques Lemire, Huguette Burroughs and Perry Lalonde
- ABSENT:** Councillors Korey Kennedy and Naresh Bhargava,
- ADMINISTRATION:** Cecil Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk; and the following Management Personnel: Fernand Hamelin, Susan Cain, Norm Levac, David Dick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Donna Derouchie, Stephen Alexander and Debora Daigle
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Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

1. **STRATEGIC PLANNING - REVIEW OF SCHEDULE 'A'**

The following general information was suggested by Facilitator Mr. Cuff for Council's consideration during its Strategic Planning Session of September 2004.

(a) **General Information Process**

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Mark MacDonald that Administration develop a draft policy on a process to be used by Council members when information is requested by members from Administration.

Motion Withdrawn

It was then moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Jacques Lemire that Administration be directed to develop a draft policy on a process for Council accessing *general information* and directing Administration, to be reviewed by Council.

Motion Carried

(b) **Orientation for New Council - Procedural Bylaw**

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde that the process for *Orientation of new Councils* be included within the Council's Procedural By-law.

Motion Carried

(c) **Repetitive Issues**

No action taken.

(d) **Council Reports - Process**

Moved by Councillors Huguette Burroughs and Joël Côté that the following directive be followed in respect to the presentation of Council Reports to the Council Agenda:

- (i) Any report not signed by the Chief Administrative Officer, will require an explanatory report attached to the report in question; and
- (ii) Where the Chief Administrative Office is unable to provide a signature to the report prior to printing, the Chair will request a verbal explanation to the report's recommendation immediately prior to any debate undertaken by the Council.

Motion Carried

- (e) **Committee of the Whole**
Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Huguette Burroughs that Council begin working with a Committee of the Whole, every Monday, one week prior to a scheduled regular meeting; that the Procedural By-law reflect the directive; and that this be implemented beginning April 1, 2005.
Motion Carried
- (f) **Agenda Reports - Inclusion by Members of Council**
Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Mark MacDonald that the Procedural By-law Committee identify a process of how a Council member may get an issue added to the Agenda of a Council meeting.
Motion Carried
- (g) **Information Requested by Council Members**
No action taken.
- (h) **Council Room Redesign**
Moved by Councillors Huguette Burroughs and Perry Lalonde that Council holds its decision on the redesign of the Council Room until such time as a decision is taken on the possible relocation of City Hall to the Civic Complex.
Motion Carried
- (i) **Nominated Candidates - Calendar Dates**
Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Jacques Lemire that the Procedural By-law Committee review the inclusion, within a revised Procedural By-law, information that would identify, during an Election Year and once nomination forms have been filed and accepted, a calendar detailing events of the three months following Election Day, including meeting dates, orientation date first day of new Council and how a Council member would function within the organization, be provided.
Motion Carried
- (j) **Strategic Planning Sessions**
Moved by Councillors Jacques Lemire and Mark MacDonald that the Procedural By-law include information on Strategic Planning Sessions and the time frame in which they are to be provided after an Election.
Motion Carried
- (k) **Agenda Release to Media**
Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde that the media continue to receive their Council Agenda on the Friday immediately following the release to the Council on Thursday.
Motion Carried
- (l) **Strategic Planning Sessions for Community**
Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Jacques Lemire that the Council provide for opportunities for public input and community involvement of Strategic Planning Sessions.
Motion Carried
- (m) **CAO Evaluation Process/Policy**
Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the Personnel Committee develop a new CAO Evaluation process/policy for future use.
Motion Carried

(n) **Mayor's State of Address**

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Jacques Lemire that the Mayor be directed to prepare a yearly State of the City address and that, prior to being released, a copy be provided to Council for approval and that the event, where delivery of the message is to be made, be provided to Council.

Motion Carried

2. BUDGET REVIEW

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Jacques Lemire that Administration be directed to present it's Budget 2005 Overview on Thursday, January 13, 2005, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Motion Carried

3. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS - 2005

Moved by Councillors Perry Lalonde and Jacques Lemire that the following dates be reserved for the 2005 Budget Deliberations:

Wednesday, January 19, 2005	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 20, 2005	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 22, 2005	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25, 2005	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 26, 2005	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Monday, January 31, 2005	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

4. BUDGET RELEASE TO MEDIA

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Joël Côté that the media be provided a copy of the Budget document for 2005 immediately.

Motion Carried

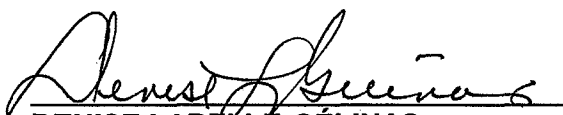
5. FUNDING OPTIONS

Council, as a whole, indicated its desire to have discussions on potential funding options for financial shortfalls in 2005 and future budget shortfalls scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the Special Open Council meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Motion Carried



DENISE LABELLÉ-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK



PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR

