



BUDGET MEETING #06-2005

SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL #09-2005

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: A regular Council meeting was held this evening with the following members present: Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Mark MacDonald, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Huguette Burroughs, Jacques Lemire and Chris Savard

ABSENT: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy

ADMINISTRATION: Manon Poirier, Acting Deputy Clerk and the following Management Personnel: Normand Levac, Fernand Hamelin, Conrad Miller, Leonard Tapp, Victor Leroux, Bryan Ward, Norm Barrette, Paul Scrimshaw, Paul Fitzpatrick, Donna Derouchie, Robert Menaugh, David Dick, Tracey Bailey and Lisa Harvey

Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ADOPTION OF SPECIAL BUDGET AGENDA

Moved by Councillors Huguette Burroughs and Jacques Lemire that the Special Budget Meeting #06-2005 be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Protective Services**

Fire Chief Victor Leroux presented the departmental budget for the Fire Department including, Administration, Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Training, Vehicle Maintenance and the Capital Departmental Submission Contribution to Reserves.

Deputy Fire Chief Bryan Ward addressed Council with the issue of the purchase of equipment and more particularly the High Angle and Confined Space Program and Extrication Equipment upgrade and replacement.

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Korey Kennedy to remove the contribution to reserves of \$500,000 for a new Fire Headquarters Station.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde to reduce the Fire Dispatch Fee from \$120,000 to \$75,000 for a savings of \$45,000.

Motion Carried

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Joël Côté to return the Fire budget to the Fire Department for reconsideration in order to reduce the departmental budget by \$350,000.

Motion Carried

Lisa Harvey, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the Emergency Management budget noting that no major changes were planned for 2005.

2. Transit Services

Fernand Hamelin, Manager, Municipal Works and Services, presented two different scenarios for the 2005 budget. The 2005 budget submission has an increase of 37.5% over the 2004 approved budget. Mr. Hamelin indicated that, in order to reduce the 2005 budget and implement a 2.9% increase, several services would need to be cut including implementing a 30/60-minute service, decreasing operating hours and eliminating the Community Service Bus, Handi-Transit Taxi Service and Dial-a-Bus.

Lengthy discussions took place regarding the requirements of qualifying for the Gas Tax grant from the Ministry of Transportation.

Moved by Councillors Chris Savard and Mark MacDonald that Council cannot support the Transit budget as presented and that Administration be asked to prepare a report outlining different options in reducing the departmental budget for 2005.

Motion Carried

3. Municipal Works and Services

Fernand Hamelin, Manager, Municipal Works and Services, presented the departmental budget including the Public Works Administration including Railway Crossings and Night Supervision, the Public Property including Supervision, Work Done for Others, Maintenance on City-Owned Lots, Waste Receptacles, Snow Removal Sidewalks, Sanding Sidewalks, Private Property Damage, Flashings and Barricades, Special Events Winter and Sub-Foreman. Mr. Hamelin spoke about projects planned for the Fire Hall #2 Upgrades, Public Works Building HVAC, City Hall Upgrades, Fall Prevention and Justice Building / Fire Hall Water Service.

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Korey Kennedy to remove the sum of \$25,000 from the Municipal Works and Services 2005 budget for City Hall's Council Chambers upgrade.

Motion Carried

Moved by Korey Kennedy and Joël Côté to cut the contribution to the Garage Capital budget by one-half for a savings of \$552,500.

Motion Carried

Monday, January 26, 2005

(a) Downtown BIA Beautification

Landscaping including Boulevard Repairs, Weed Control on Private Property, Mowing on City-Owned Property, Interlocking Brick Boulevard Maintenance, Tree Trimming, Tree Planting, Floral Displays, General Sanitation, Mechanical Equipment Maintenance, Parks and Landscaping Supervision and Parks and Landscaping Sub-Foreman.

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Chris Savard to reduce the Floral Displays budget by \$25,000.00.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard and Korey Kennedy
Against: Councillors Jacques Lemire, Huguette Burroughs, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Perry Lalonde, Mark MacDonald, Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Mayor Phil Poirier
Absent: Councillor Naresh Bhargava

Motion Defeated

Moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Chris Savard to direct Administration to provide a report outlining all services provided to the Downtown BIA and Le Village for the beautification in their geographical area.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Chris Savard and Korey Kennedy
Against: Councillors Jacques Lemire, Huguette Burroughs, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Perry Lalonde, Mark MacDonald, Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Mayor Phil Poirier
Absent: Councillor Naresh Bhargava


Motion Defeated**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillors Huguette Burroughs and Perry Lalonde that the Budget Meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Motion Carried



MANON POIRIER
ACTING DEPUTY CLERK



PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR

