



BUDGET MEETING #09-2005

SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL #12-2005

Monday, February 7, 2005
Meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATION: Cecil Vincent, CAO, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk and the following Management Personnel: Normand Levac, Fernand Hamelin, Norm Barrette, Paul Scrimshaw, Paul Fitzpatrick, David Dick, Tracey Bailey, Robert Menaugh, Stephen Alexander

Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Moved by Councillors Huguette Burroughs and Glen Grant that Council approve the change in presentations in so far as placing the report on Debt financing first followed by the Hospital funding report, to allow for the Hospital Board Representatives to be present.

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF SPECIAL BUDGET AGENDA

Moved by Councillors Huguette Burroughs and Jacques that the Special Budget Meeting #09-2005 be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS

1. Heart of the City

Denis Carr provided a snap shot review of the Heart of the City's project milestones and the expected dates anticipated for completion along with projected costs.

REPORTS

*Councillor Perry Lalonde declared an interest on the Hospital funding report citing that his wife was an employee of the Cornwall Community Hospital; and
Councillor Chris Savard declared an interested on the Hospital funding report citing that his wife was a Part Time employee of the Cornwall Community Hospital (McConnel Site)
Both Councillors removed themselves from the debate, yet remained in the audience to hear the Council deliberate the matter.*

1. Hospital Funding

David Dick's report on Hospital funding was presented to the Council offering five different options for Council consideration:

- (a) Raising the request through a tax levy
- (b) Funding the request from capital from the Progress Fund
- (c) Funding the request from investment income from the Progress Fund
- (d) Fund the request from borrowing the required fund
- (e) Do not provide municipal funding for the request
- (f) Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Mark A. MacDonald that the funding for Hospital Restructuring be raised through the Tax Levy only.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillor Naresh Bhargava

Against: Councillors Joël Côté , Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark McDonald, Jacques Lemire, Huguette Burroughs, Korey Kennedy and Mayor Phil Poirier.

Absent: Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde

Motion Defeated

(a) Hospital Funding

Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Jacques Lemire that \$5K be used from principle of the progress fund , \$700,000 per year through tax levy and that the funds be paid at a rate of \$1.7K per year beginning in year one (1) and that the 5th year be used as an adjustment year should members of the Mohawk Akwesasne participate in the financing.

Following debate, Councillor Leslie O'Shaughnessy requested that his motion be rescinded.

(b) Hospital Restructuring

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Huguette Burroughs that Council make a financial commitment to the Hospital Restructuring Project in the amount of \$8,410,155.00.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Joël Côté , Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark MacDonald, Jacques Lemire, Huguette Burroughs and Mayor Phil Poirier

Against: Councillors Korey Kennedy and Naresh Bhargava

Absent: Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

(c) Public Consultation Meetings- Hospital Funding

It was then moved by Councillors Korey Kennedy and Mark MacDonald that City Council invited all interested parties and the public at large to attend public consultation meeting(s), requesting their opinion on how they wish to finance the Hospital Restructuring Project

A recorded vote on the public meetings resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Joël Côté , Glen Grant, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Mark MacDonald, Jacques Lemire, Huguette Burroughs, Korey Kennedy, and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde

Motion Carried

Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde returned and participated to the ongoing meeting

2. Debt Policy

Moved by Councillors Jacques Lemire and Joël Côté that Council approve :

- (a) that City Council rconsider the current "no debt" policy to assist in the continued infrastructure expenditures needed in the community;
- (b) that Council approve the issue of debt to finance capital and non-recurring expenditures.; and
- (c) that Capital assets and the related financing of such can be classified in the following general categories:

Operational: Tax Base

Capital: Tax Base, Leasing, Mid-term loans

Non-recurring: Tax Base, Long-term debt

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Korey Kennedy that this matter be deferred until Administration provide a report on the impact of borrowing money for the next five years .

A recorded vote on the matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Korey Kennedy

Against: Councillors Joël Côté , Chris Savard, Glen Grant, Huguette Burroughs, Jacques Lemire

Absent: Councillors Chris Savard and Perry Lalonde

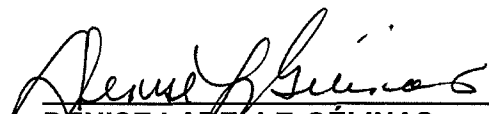
Motion Defeated**A recorded vote on the main motion resulted as follows:**

For: Councillors Jacques Lemire, Joël Côté, Chris Savard, Perry Lalonde, Huguette Burroughs, Glen Grant and Mayor Phil Poirier

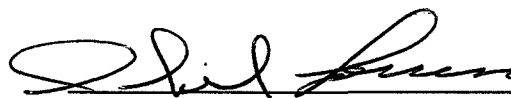
Against: Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Naresh Bhargava , Mark MacDonald

Motion Carried**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Mark MacDonald that the Budget Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Motion Carried


DÉNISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK



PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR

