



SPECIAL COUNCIL #32-2005

Thursday, August 11, 2005
Meeting began at 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Phil Poirier, Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Jacques Lemire, Mark MacDonald, Denis Moquin, Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Chris Savard

REGRETS: Councillors Korey Kennedy and Perry Lalonde

ADMINISTRATION: Manon Poirier, Acting Deputy Clerk, Dave Dick and Susan Cain

Mayor Phil Poirier called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

1. Deletion of item #2 "Minister of Finance - Various Issues" as Jim Brownell, M.P.P. is unable to attend this Special Meeting of Council.
2. Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Glen Grant that Council invoke the Suspension of Rules (Rule 10) and add "Best Start" to the Agenda in order to discuss information which has come to light since Council made its motion on Monday, August 8, 2005.

A recorded vote requiring 2/3 majority on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Naresh Bhargava, Jacques Lemire, Denis Moquin, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Chris Savard and Mayor Phil Poirier

Against: Councillor Mark MacDonald

Absent: Councillors Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy

Motion Carried

REPORTS

1. Nativity Hall / Youth Centre Project

Moved by Councillors Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Jacques Lemire:

- (a) That Council approve the creation of the Interim Board of Management, as noted in the report, and authorize them to prepare for Council's consideration a "Business Plan" for the possible leasing and operating of the Nativity Hall facility as a Youth Centre;

- (b) That Council approve the inclusion in the 2006 Budget an amount of \$36,000 to the Board of Management for use as a financial guarantee to cover any potential losses to the owners of Nativity Hall for continuing its operations from January 1, 2006 to May 31, 2006 at which time a final decision will have been approved by Council for this project; and
- (c) That Council confirm that the existing Council Committee be dissolved but that the members remain as a liaison between the new Interim Management Board and Council to facilitate the development of the Business Plan by the Interim Board,
- as per the Report prepared by the Community Centre Committee under date of August 3, 2005.

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Jacques Lemire, Denis Moquin, Leslie O'Shaughnessy and Mayor Phil Poirier

Against: Councillors Naresh Bhargava, Chris Savard and Mark MacDonald

Absent: Councillors Perry Lalonde and Korey Kennedy

Motion Carried

2. Best Start

Susan Cain, Manager, Social Support Services, addressed Council and explained a recent development in that she has been advised by the Ministry of Community and Social Services that there is a problem with the funds for this project in that, although the 100 % funding is available, there will be a delay in advancing those funds. Apparently this delay is due to the manner in which the funds are invested between the Federal and Provincial Governments. If the \$2.2M is not spent between now and March 31, 2006, the funds will be lost.

Councillor Mark MacDonald left the meeting at 12:55 p.m. and did not take part in the vote.

Moved by Councillors Naresh Bhargava and Leslie O'Shaughnessy:

- (a) That the City get written confirmation from the Ministry of Community and Social Services that the funds for this program are available but that the transfer payment has been delayed;
- (b) Should this guarantee not be provided, the process will be delayed; and
- (c) That the City obtain confirmation that the interim financing cost will be covered Ministry of Community and Social Services.

A recorded vote requiring a 2/3 majority on this matter resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Joël Côté, Glen Grant, Naresh Bhargava, Jacques Lemire, Denis Moquin, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Chris Savard and Mayor Phil Poirier

Absent: Councillors Perry Lalonde, Korey Kennedy and Mark MacDonald

Motion Carried

AJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Joël Côté and Leslie O'Shaughnessy that the Special Council Meeting of Monday, August 11, 2005, be adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Motion Carried



MANON POIRIER
ACTING DEPUTY CLERK



PHIL POIRIER
MAYOR

