



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING #19-2007
Budget #10-2007**

Wednesday, April 11, 2007
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
City Hall - 360 Pitt Street, Cornwall

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Kilger, Councillors Mark A. MacDonald, Guy Léger, Elaine MacDonald, André Rivette, Bernadette Clément, Glen Grant, Denis Thibault, Denis Carr, Kim Baird and Syd Gardiner

ADMINISTRATION: Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer, Denise Labelle-Gélinas, City Clerk, Stephen Alexander, David Dick, Fernand Hamelin, Len Tapp, Norm Levac, Rob Hickley, André Turbine, Donna Derouchie, Conrad Miller, Richard Bourdeau, Christine Lefebvre, Tracey Bailey and Paul Schrimshaw .

Mayor Bob Kilger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF SPECIAL BUDGET AGENDA

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Glen Grant that the Special Budget Agenda for Wednesday April 11, 2007, be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

REPORTS FROM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Denis Thibault declared an interest on Item #1, citing that his brother-in-law was hired by the City to run the Big Ben Ski Hill program. Councillor Thibault removed himself from the discussion table.

1. Big Ben Ski Hill

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Bernadette Clément that Council receive Report PPR #08-2007 prepared by Christine Lefebvre, Supervisor, Recreation Services, under date of April 4, 2007 for information purposes.

Motion Carried

Councillor Thibault returned to the meeting.

2. Arts in the Park Summer Program

Moved by Councillors Kim Baird and Bernadette Clément that Council receive the Memo presented by Christine Lefebvre, Supervisor, Recreation Services, for information purposes.

Motion Carried

3. Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Glen Grant that Council endorse the Memo presented by Michel Lalonde, Executive Manager, under date of April 4, 2007, as well as the Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism's intention that the funds in the amount of \$9,245, previously used for operating a tourism information kiosk at the 12 Flag Travel Centre, be identified for tourism strategies in 2007.

Primary Amendment

It was then Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Guy Léger that Council receive the Memo presented by Michel Lalonde, Executive Manager, under date of April 4, 2007, and that the Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism be informed that the funds of \$9,245 is to be directed towards the translation of its web-site to both official languages of English and French.

Motion to Amend Carried
Main Motion Carried as Amended

4. Kinsmen Centre

Report prepared by Facilities Supervisor, Richard Bourdeau under date of April 5, 2007.

Moved by Councillors Glen Grant and André Rivette that Council receive Report PPR #01-2007 prepared by Richard Bourdeau, C.E.T., Facilities Supervisor, for information purposes.

Motion Carried

BUDGET REVIEW

Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer, along with the David Dick, C.A., General Manager, Department of Financial Services, once again opened the meeting by providing Council with a summary of the Corporation's current position relative to the Budget process and where additional possible reductions may be exercised.

1. Asphalt Resurfacing

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and André Rivette that Council direct Administration to apply the sum of \$190,000, given to the Corporation by Ministry of Transportation for Connecting Link upgrades, and apply it to the Asphalt Resurfacing Budget for 2007.

Motion Carried

2. Transit Review

The Ministry of Transportation, through the Federal Government's "Public Transit Capital Trust" funds for transit infrastructure and public transit capital, invested a sum of \$431,354.36 with the Corporation.

Moved by Councillors Kim Baird and André Rivette that Council direct Administration to apply a sum of \$75,000 towards a Comprehensive Transit Review and that the balance of funding dollars, in the amount of \$356,354.36, be kept in a Transportation Reserve for future transportation initiatives.

Motion Carried

3. Transit Fares 2007

Moved by Councillors André Rivette and Bernadette Clément that there be no fare increase identified as a revenue source in the amount of \$42,000 for 2007 and that the proposed revenue increase be covered by funds taken from the Transportation Reserve noted in the abovementioned previous motion.

Motion Carried

4. Provincial Offences Act

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Mark MacDonald that Administration be directed to add \$16,000 as additional revenue under the Provincial Offences Act program.

Motion Carried

5. Traffic - Parking Study Heart of the City (HOTC)

Moved by Councillors Denis Carr and Bernadette Clément that Administration be directed to add an additional \$12,000 which is reflective of a 50% total cost needed to conduct a traffic study in HOTC and that the funds be taken from the HOTC Reserve Fund.

Motion Carried

6. Aquatic Centre Marketing

Moved by Councillors Syd Gardiner and Kim Baird that Administration be directed to include the sum of \$8,000 to the Aquatic Centre Budget specifically for marketing purposes.

Motion Carried

7. 2007 BUDGET APPROVAL

Moved by Councillors Denis Thibault and Denis Carr that Council accept the 2007 Budget as presented with a 0.24% tax base increase.

Tax Base Increase

Moved by Councillors Elaine MacDonald and Kim Baird that the main motion be amended by striking out a 0.24% tax base increase and increase it to a 2.5% increase to better reflect the current cost of living.

Motion to Amend Defeated

Postponement of Budget Approval

It was then moved by Councillors Bernadette and Mark MacDonald that accepting the 2007 Budget at a 0.24% increase be postponed for a period of two weeks in order to allow members of Council an opportunity to review the blue highlighted departmental preferences as possible inclusions to the 2007 budget.

Motion to Postpone Defeated

Main Motion to Adopt the 2007 Budget Carried

8. Budget Steering Committee

Moved by Councillors Mark MacDonald and Denis Thibault that Council direct Administration to prepare a report that would provide Terms of Reference and directions that would assist in the creation of a Budget Steering Committee.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillors Guy Léger and Mark MacDonald that the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 11, 2007, be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS
CITY CLERK


MAYOR BOB KILGER