



Minutes Cornwall City Council

Meeting Type: Budget
Meeting ID: 2009-09
Meeting Date: April 16 2009 04:00 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Chair: Bob Kilger, Mayor
Prepared By: Denise Labelle-Gelinas, City Clerk

Attendance Committee Members:

Bob Kilger, Mayor
Denis Thibault, Councillor
Denis Carr, Councillor
Mark MacDonald, Councillor
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Glen Grant, Councillor
Kim Baird, Councillor
Bernadette Clément, Councillor
André Rivette, Councillor
Syd Gardiner, Councillor
Mary Ann Hug, Councillor

Attendance Staff:

Paul W. Fitzpatrick, Chief Administrative Officer
Denise Labelle-Gelinas, City Clerk
Christine Lefebvre, Supervisor, Recreation Services
Debora M. Daigle, Manager Social and Housing Services
Donna Derouchie, Manager Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge
John Flannigan, City Collector, Billing and Collection
Len Tapp, Division Manager, Transit Services
Manon L. Poirier, Deputy Clerk
Mark A. Boileau, Manager Economic Dev.
Maureen Adams, G.M. Financial Services
Morris McCormick, Division Manager, Environmental Services
Myles Cassidy, Manager Emergency Services
Robert Menagh, Manager Human Resources
Stephen Alexander, G.M. Planning, Parks and Recreation
Stephen Wintle, Design and Records Supervisor
Tom Gemmell, Division Manager, Municipal Works
Tracey Bailey, Accounting Supervisor / Deputy Treasurer
Paul Scrimshaw, Financial Analyst

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bob Kilger called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures

PRESENTATIONS

1 Presentation - Manager Financial Services - Budget 2009

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Mrs. Maureen Adams, Chief Financial Officer provided the 2009 Budget Overview by Power Point Presentation which summarized the Operating and Capital Summary variances between the approved 2008 budget and the 2009 submission, identifying a 1.16% change to taxation equating to a \$583,908 increase from 2008. Additional information provided was an increase of 0.263% increase to the operating budget, showing a 2009 submission increase in revenue of \$1,520,208 and an increase in expenditures of \$1,647,391.00. Major Variances noted were within the OMPF, Room Rental at Justice Building, Recoveries, Salaries/Benefits, Fuel, Contracted Services, Social & Housing Services and Tax Write Offs. Capital Budget indicated a 22.85% increase over the 2008 budget equating to a dollar value of \$456,725.00.

Taxation Revenue where the tax levy represents a main revenue source of (33.27%) of the 2009 budget. The 2009 budgeted taxation is based on new assessment values at an adjusted tax rate that is 0.49% lower than the 2008 tax rate. The budget document presented, assumes a 1.16% tax levy increase which equals \$583,908 to bring the total taxation collection to \$50,890,346.00

DELEGATIONS

1 Delegation - Mr. Etienne St.Aubin, Chair Transit Committee

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Mr. St.Aubin addressed Council Members urging them to re-visit their resolution endorsement of 2008, which resolution endorsed a 10% increase, each year for a three year period. Mr. St. Aubin indicated that the new transit schedule has proved to be successful in increasing the ridership, however a fair increase may negate the current success. He suggested that the structured fair increases be either tied to the cost of living index or eliminated for the next year completely.

Motion that Council defer and re-evaluate any transit fare increase to the year 2011.

Moved By: André Rivette, Councillor

Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

A recorded vote on this matter resulted as follows:

Votes For = 7

Mark MacDonald, Councillor
Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Kim Baird, Councillor
Bernadette Clément, Councillor
André Rivette, Councillor
Syd Gardiner, Councillor
Mary Ann Hug, Councillor

Votes Against = 4

Bob Kilger, Mayor
Denis Thibault, Councillor
Denis Carr, Councillor
Glen Grant, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

1 Budget Steering Committee Minutes

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Action Recommended

That Council endorse the minutes from the Budget Steering Committee as presented.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor

Seconded By: Denis Thibault, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

2 Development Charges

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Action Recommended

That Council determine if it wishes to proceed to background studies for development charges and, if so, add \$80,000 to the 2009 Budget.

That Council development charges be discussed within its next Priorities session for 2010 and that it not add \$80,000 to the 2009 budget.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor

Seconded By: Glen Grant, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

3 Budget Request - Information on Small Chipper

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Action Recommended

That Council receive the report.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented.

Moved By: André Rivette, Councillor

Seconded By: Mary Ann Hug, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

4 Parade of Nations Financial Assistance

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Action Recommended

That Council provide Financial Assistance to the Parade of Nations Festival scheduled for September, 2009.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented.

Moved By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor
Seconded By: Bernadette Clément, Councillor

Motion to amend Resolution to reduce the offered amount of \$3000.00

Moved By: Mary Ann Hug, Councillor
Seconded By: Kim Baird, Councillor

**MOTION TO AMEND DEFEATED
MAIN MOTION DEFEATED**

It was then moved that a funding amount of \$2,999.00 be approved.

Moved By: Bernadette Clément, Councillor
Seconded By: Elaine MacDonald, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

5 Cornwall and Area Seaway Valley Tourism

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Action Recommended

THat Council review the current 80/20 funding formula provided to the Cornwall and Area Seaway Valley Tourism Board and that it reduce its services provided in 2010.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented.

Moved By: André Rivette, Councillor
Seconded By: Mark MacDonald, Councillor

MOTION DEFEATED

6 2009 Budget Document to Council

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Action Recommended

That Council authorize the amount of \$583,491.00 from the \$4.3 million "Investing in Ontario" grant to fund infrastructure projects in the 2009 Capital Budget that are presently scheduled to be funded by the tax base.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor
Seconded By: Denis Thibault, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

Salary and Benefit Variance

That Council further reduce the Salary and Benefits Budget in the amount of \$50,000.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor
Seconded By: Bernadette Clément, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

2009 Budget Approval

That Council endorse acceptance of the 2009 Budget at a -0.01% decrease over the 2008 levy translating to a -1.64% tax rate decrease over the 2008 approved tax rate.

Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor
Seconded By: Denis Thibault, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

7. Funding Requests - Agency Requirements

WHEREAS the City of Cornwall has provided funding to various organizations seeking financial assistance for a number of years; and

WHEREAS agencies must make every possible attempt to secure other sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS funding is generally included in the City of Cornwall's annual budget to support them during the current year.

7. Funding Requests - Agency Requirements (cont..)

BE IT RESOLVED that prior to any further consideration of funding for these organizations, that all organizations outline to the City of Cornwall its efforts to secure funding from other sources such as but not limited to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Services Canada, Employment Ontario, the S.D. & G. Community Development Corporation, and other agencies as may be determined in an effort to assist with its ongoing operational activities as well as develop new programming opportunities to these organizations.

Motion to approve the recommendation as presented.

Moved By: Denis Thibault, Councillor

Seconded By: Denis Carr, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Budget Meeting of Thursday April 16, 2009 at 5:25 p.m.

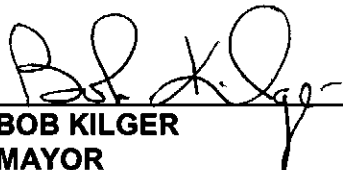
Moved By: Denis Carr, Councillor

Seconded By: Mary Ann Hug, Councillor

MOTION CARRIED



DENISE LABELLE-GELINAS
CITY CLERK



BOB KILGER
MAYOR