

MINUTES

BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2008 04 30/2008 05 01

3:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, B. Hayes, D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti, S. Myers, L. Tridico, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, F. Manzo, P. Mick

OFFICIALS: J. Fratesi, M. White, L. Bottos, B. Freiburger, S. McLellan, P. McAuley, J. Dolcetti, J. Luszka, K. Streich-Poser, L. McCoy, N. Apostle, D. Elliott, W. Eisenbichler, B. Davies

1. **Yearend Reserve Transfers**

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor L. Tridico

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2008 04 30 concerning Yearend Transfers to Reserves be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

2. **2008 Tax Capping Options**

The report of the City Tax Collector was accepted by Council. The relevant By-laws 2008-93 and 2008-94 are listed under Item 6 of the Minutes.

3. **2008 Budget**

The reports of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer and the Manager of Budgets and Revenue were accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – 2008 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest on any discussion relating to the Police Service - spouse employed by the Police Service.

3. Moved by Councillor L. Tridico
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – 2008 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor F. Manzo
Seconded by Councillor L. Tridico
Whereas in past years in the 1970's and 1980's City Council had each department across the City come before City Council to present their budgets; and
Whereas City Council at that time could talk to each department on one-to-one basis to review their budgets and do cuts to their budgets or add to their budgets;
Therefore be it resolved that City Council go back to original system as we did back in the 1970's and 1980's and report back to City Council. DEFEATED.

Recorded Vote

For: Councillors L. Tridico, F. Fata, F. Manzo

Against: Mayor J. Rowsell, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, B. Hayes, D. Celetti, O. Grandinetti, S. Myers, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, P. Mick

Absent: Nil

Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that reports of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer and the Manager of Budget and Revenue dated 2008 04 30 concerning 2008 Budget be accepted and the 2008 Budget with a total combined urban residential tax rate increase of 1.73% be approved with the following amendments:

Additions

Conferences and Major Special Events Fund - \$20,000.00

International Family Fun Celebration - \$10,000.00

Cultural Advisory Committee Increased Grants - \$10,000.00 (one-time funding)

Council Community Development Reserve - \$60,000.00

Deductions

Rhodes Centre Annualized Operating Expenses decreased by \$100,000.00.

CARRIED.

3. Recorded Vote

For: Mayor J. Rowswell, Councillors J. Caicco, L. Turco, B. Hayes, O. Grandinetti, S. Myers, T. Sheehan, S. Butland, P. Mick

Against: Councillors D. Celetti, L. Tridico, F. Fata, F. Manzo

Absent: Nil

4. 2008 Capital From Current - Bellevue Marina Ticket Dispenser

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2008 04 28 concerning 2008 Capital From Current - Bellevue Marina Ticket Dispenser be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the purchase of a pay and display ticket dispenser for \$8,000.00 and the funding be provided from the Marina Reserve be approved. CARRIED.

5. Accountability Agreements for Outside Agencies

The report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer was accepted by Council.

Moved by Councillor L. Tridico

Seconded by Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2008 04 28 concerning Accountability Agreements for Outside Agencies be accepted and the recommendation that Council approve the Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation and the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre entering into an accountability agreement with the City for the purpose of demonstrating the community benefits of City funding to their organizations be approved. CARRIED.

6. Consideration and Passing of By-laws

(a) Moved by Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes

Resolved that By-law 2008-93 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for eligible properties within the meaning of Section 331 (New Construction) for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes be read three times and passed in Open Council this 1st day of May, 2008. CARRIED.

6. (b) Moved by Councillor L. Turco
Seconded by Councillor B. Hayes
Resolved that By-law 2008-94 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes be read three times and passed in Open Council this 1st day of May, 2008. CARRIED.
7. Moved by Councillor L. Tridico
Seconded by Councillor P. Mick
Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn. CARRIED.

"John Rowswell"

MAYOR

"Donna P. Irving"

CLERK