

## **MINUTES**

### **BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**2010 04 28**

**3:00 P.M.**

### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor D. Celetti (work)

**OFFICIALS:** J. Fratesi, M. White, L. Bottos, J. Elliott, S. McLellan, B. Freiburger, S. Schell, N. Apostle, J. Dolcetti, M. Provenzano, B. Strapp, J. Luszka, D. Elliott, A. McRae, B. Davies, P. Liepa, L. Whalen, J. Bruzas, E. Rossnagel

1. **Yearend Reserve Transfers**

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

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico

Seconded by - Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2010 04 28 concerning Yearend Transfers to Reserves be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be approved. CARRIED.

2. **2010 Budget**

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

Moved by - Councillor L. Turco

Seconded by - Councillor B. Hayes

Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – 2010 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

Councillor L. Turco declared a pecuniary interest on any budget discussion relating to Police Services – spouse employed by Police Services.

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico

Seconded by - Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – 2010 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.

Moved by - Councillor L. Turco  
Seconded by - Councillor B. Hayes  
Resolved that City Council reconsider the matter previously dealt with – Economic Development Corporation – Accountability Agreement. DEFEATED

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that City Council eliminate continued support for the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in the amount of \$934,435. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that City Council delete Council travel in the amount of \$21,365. DEFEATED.

Recorded Vote

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

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

Absent: Councillor D. Celetti

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that City Council eliminate funding to the Clerk's Department for Council Expenses in the Amount of \$10,000 – Council meeting meals. DEFEATED.

Recorded Vote

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

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

Absent: Councillor D. Celetti

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that City Council delete continued funding for Council communications in the amount of \$11,717. DEFEATED.

Recorded Vote

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

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

Absent: Councillor D. Celetti

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that City Council eliminate continued support for Destiny Sault Ste. Marie in the amount of \$30,000. WITHDRAWN BY MOVER AND SECONDER.

Moved by - Councillor L. Turco  
Seconded by - Councillor P. Mick  
Resolved that City Council reconsider the matter previously dealt with – Innovation Centre – Accountability Agreement. DEFEATED

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that City Council eliminate core funding support for the Innovation Centre in the amount of \$277,890. OFFICIALLY READ NOT DEALT WITH.

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that City Council eliminate continued support for the Market Share Program (Tourism Sault Ste. Marie) in the amount of \$168,455. WITHDRAWN BY MOVER AND SECONDER.

Moved by - Councillor T. Sheehan  
Seconded by - Councillor L. Turco  
Whereas staff has been working diligently over the past few month on the 2010 budget; and  
Whereas most of council received their huge binders and Council Agenda Binders last Thursday night and large packages on Friday night; and  
Whereas council is not as qualified or prepared as staff;  
Therefore in the interest of quality and expediency, council asks staff to reveal to council what a budget under 3% would look like and how it could be accomplished. DEFEATED.

Moved by - Councillor L. Tridico  
Seconded by - Councillor F. Fata  
Resolved that reports of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer and the Manager of Budget and Revenue dated 2010 04 28 concerning the 2010 Budget be accepted and the 2010 Budget with a total combines urban residential tax rate increase of 3.39% be approved with the following amendments:

Additions \$ 30,000 Community Quality Initiative

Reductions

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|------------------------|-----------|---|
| Expenditure Reductions | \$100,000 | Capital from Current                      |
|                        | 5,000     | International Year Celebration            |
|                        | 15,000    | 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration |
|                        | 50,000    | Global Travel & Training                  |

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| Revenue Increases | \$100,000 | Legal Department POA revenue             |
|                   | 150,000   | Sewer Surcharge – Sludge                 |
|                   | 100,000   | Winter Control contribution from reserve |

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote

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

Against: Councillors L. Turco, L. Tridico, F. Fata, T. Sheehan, F. Manzo

Absent: Councillor D. Celetti

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor B. Hayes

Whereas the Government of Ontario is offering to individuals, Corporations and other organizations, very attractive revenue streams for Alternative Energy projects, and

Whereas it is clear that the timeframe for taking advantage of such revenue opportunities is somewhat limited; and

Whereas recent announcements surrounding the appropriate use of Gas Tax funding which is provided to municipalities have included reference to alternative energy projects;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved City Staff along with the "Green Committee" review potential projects which the City of Sault Ste. Marie might consider sponsoring and report back to Council with recommendations on the possibility of using Gas Tax funding in the future for one time alternative energy projects which might provide stable and ongoing future revenues to the City. CARRIED.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor B. Hayes

Whereas the need to review services provided by the City is a matter which is referred to during each budget considered by City Council; and

Whereas as part of the budget presentation presented by City staff, it is recommended that in order to reduce the tax rate further in 2010 and in future years, City Council will possibly need to reduce services in non-essential areas and create efficiencies, where possible; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has recently circulated to members of municipal Councils throughout the Province, a document entitled "Making Choices-Building Strong Communities" which is a guide to service delivery review for Municipal Councillors and senior staff (March 2010) which provides recommendations on how local government should make informed choices about the services that are provided to ratepayers; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the implications to the municipal budget, such a review would be desirable to ensure that the right services are in fact being provided for the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Finance Committee meet with senior staff to develop a process for Council's consideration which would involve a review of all of the services which are provided by City departments and outside agencies who rely on municipal financial support. CARRIED.

Moved by - Councillor J. Caicco

Seconded by - Councillor B. Hayes

Whereas Algoma Public Health has a new building currently under construction and plans to move upon completion; and

Whereas, Algoma Public Health occupies, as a tenant, one full floor of City Hall and part of a second floor and provides significant rental revenue to the City; and

Whereas, the City may have some of its operations outside the Civic Centre which could be housed in the space being vacated by Algoma Public Health. Thereby creating operational efficiencies and savings and a further opportunity to dispose of real estate owned by the City,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City staff be requested to review all possible options for the re-use of the Algoma Public Health space, including relocation of other City operations, Federal or Provincial government leases or other appropriate revenue producing arrangements and report back to Council on recommendations which provide long term benefits to the City.

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**Adjournment**

Mover - Councillor L. Turco

Seconder - Councillor P. Mick

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn.

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"Frank J. Manzo"

**ACTING MAYOR**

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"Malcolm White"

**CLERK**