



BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Civic Centre

Present: Mayor C. Provenzano, Councillor S. Butland, Councillor P. Christian, Councillor S. Myers, Councillor S. Hollingsworth, Councillor J. Hupponen, Councillor M. Shoemaker, Councillor L. Turco, Councillor R. Niro, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor F. Fata, Councillor J. Krmpotich, Councillor R. Romano

Officials: A. Horsman, M. White, L. Girardi, N. Apostle, S. Schell, J. Dolcetti, M. Figliola, M. Nadeau, P. Niro, F. Coccimiglio, M. Borowicz-Sibenik, J. Bruzas, P. Liepa, D. Elliott, D. McConnell, R. Rushworth

1. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the Agenda for 2016 03 22 as presented be approved.

Carried

2. MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETINGS

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the Minutes of the Budget Meetings for 2016 02 29, 2016 03 01, 2016 03 07 and 2016 03 08 be approved.

Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that all items listed under date 2016 03 22 Consent Agenda be approved as recommended.

Carried

4.1 Summary of Requested Reports – Budget 2016

The report of the Deputy City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Deputy City Clerk dated 2016 03 22 regarding Summary of Requested Reports be received as information.

Carried

4.2 Impact of Freezing Non Union Wages

The report of the Commissioner of Human Resources was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Human Resources dated 2016 03 22 concerning Impact of Freezing Non-Union Wages be received as information.

Carried

4.3 Clerk's Department – Budget Information

The report of the Deputy City Clerk was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Deputy City Clerk dated 2016 03 22 concerning Clerk's Department Budget Information be received as information.

Carried

4.4 Sault Ste. Marie Public Library – Budget Information

Reports of the Director of Public Libraries concerning demographics; hours of operation and staffing; volume counts and energy costs were received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the reports of the Director of Public Libraries concerning Sault Ste. Marie Public Library – Budget Information be received as information.

Carried

4.5 Long Term Debt to Reduce Capital Allocation

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

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2016 03 22 concerning the use of long term debt to reduce the annual operating budget capital allocation be received as information and that the recommendation not to proceed with either long term debt funding option be approved.

Carried

4.6 Ontario Regulation 284/09

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

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated 2016 03 22 concerning Ontario Regulation 284/09 be approved for the budget year 2016.

Carried

5. 2016 OPERATING BUDGET: LEVY BOARDS, LOCAL BOARDS and OUTSIDE AGENCY GRANTS

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

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated March 22, 2016 concerning the 2016 Final Budget Levy Board, Local Boards and Outside Agency Grants be received and that the amounts included in the 2016 Final Operating Budget as presented be approved.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor F. Fata

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that City Council request that Sault Ste. Marie Public Library Board to reduce their 2016 budget by 5%.

Defeated

6. CAPITAL BUDGET AND LONG TERM DEBT

The report of the Manager of Audits and Capital Planning was received by Council.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor L. Turco

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Audits and Capital Planning, dated March 22, 2016, concerning 2016 Capital Budget be received and the following be approved:

1. The recommended Capital from Current projects totalling \$600,000 be approved.
2. The recommended Sanitary Sewer Surcharge – Capital Portion totalling \$4,672,891 be approved.
3. The recommended Engineering Dept. Miscellaneous Construction projects totalling \$1,300,000 be approved.
4. The Asset Management Plan – Acceleration projects be approved as follows:
 - a. The repair/replacement of 5 roofs totalling \$1,500,000,
 - b. Consulting work for the Civic Centre windows and metal cladding project totalling \$350,000,
 - c. The repair/replacement of the window joint sealant on various City facilities,
 - d. An allotment of \$300,000 be set aside for potential emergency repairs of facilities arising in 2016,
 - e. Consulting work surrounding the potential relocation of the transit building totaling approximately \$250,000, and
 - f. The remainder of the available asset management funding be allocated towards the Civic Centre windows and metal cladding project in 2017.
5. Allocate \$40,000 from any savings realized in the 2015 Capital Works program towards the Huron Street Welcome Feature project.

Carried

7. FINAL 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

The reports of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer and the Manager of Finance and Budgets were received.

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated March 22, 2016 be received and the following be approved:

1. The budget adjustments as contained in Appendix A be added to the Final Budget, resulting in a 2016 tax levy of \$106,963,376, before levy reduction recommendations ;
2. The Tax Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$708,000 and the Working Fund Reserve in the amount of \$1,081,000 be applied to reduce the 2016 levy;
3. The estimated 2015 estimated surplus of \$550,000 be applied to reduce the 2016 levy;
4. Changes to the 2015 estimated surplus of \$550,000 as a result of the year end audit be transferred to/from the Contingency Reserve;
5. 2015 year end reserve transfers as presented.

6. Revenue Neutral tax ratios be used for calculating the 2016 tax rates; and
Business property tax capping be maintained at 5%.

Recorded	For	Against
Mayor C. Provenzano	X	
Councillor S. Butland	X	
Councillor P. Christian		X
Councillor S. Myers	X	
Councillor S. Hollingsworth	X	
Councillor J. Hupponen	X	
Councillor M. Shoemaker		X
Councillor L. Turco	X	
Councillor R. Niro	X	
Councillor M. Bruni	X	
Councillor F. Fata		X
Councillor J. Krmpotich	X	
Councillor R. Romano	X	
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Carried

For Mayor C. Provenzano, Councillor S. Butland, Councillor S. Myers, Councillor S. Hollingsworth, Councillor J. Hupponen, Councillor L. Turco, Councillor R. Niro, Councillor M. Bruni, Councillor J. Krmpotich and Councillor R. Romano

Against Councillor P. Christian, Councillor M. Shoemaker and Councillor F. Fata

Carried

Moved by: Councillor S. Myers

Seconded by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Whereas during the recent budget presentation made by Public Works and Transportation Department, the signaled intersection at Simpson and Wellington Streets was put forward as one to have the signals removed as a cost saving measure and

Whereas the cost savings for removal of these signals for 2016 is \$1,675 and

Whereas the area north of Wellington in the district bordered by Pine Street, Ontario Ave, Church/Pim Streets and Wellington Street, is dense residential with many young families and there is no other controlled pedestrian access out of the area and

Whereas the entire length of Wellington Street running within ward 2 from Trunk Road/Wellington Street juncture to Pim Street, is older residential homes with very short driveways and

Whereas Wellington Street, unlike Queen Street is a four lane major artery with heavy traffic flow and removal of the signal would create an unsafe exiting from these residential properties,

Therefore be it resolved that the intersection of Simpson and Wellington Streets remain signaled.

Defeated

Moved by: Councillor R. Romano

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Whereas the Northern Community Centre is financed internally and the City currently pays an amount of approximately \$500,000 per year over the next 11 years to pay back the debt of approximately \$5 million; and

Whereas the repayment could be extended over a further 10 year period and would reduce the levy by approximately \$250,000, but would extend the payments over the next 21 years; and

Whereas although the payment could continue over the next 21 years, it could also be paid sooner, with no penalty, when surplus or reserves are available; and

Whereas there would be no harm in using reserves or surplus to pay off that debt in the future, given that it is debt,

Therefore be it resolved that the City Council direct staff to extend the time for repayment of the debt for the Northern Community Centre be extended for a further 10 year period.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Be it resolved that staff take the necessary to bring the levy increase down to 2%.

Defeated

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor J. Hupponen

Seconded by: Councillor R. Niro

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn.

Carried

Christian Provenzano

Mayor

Malcolm White

City Clerk