



BUDGET MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 29, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Civic Centre

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

Absent: Councillor S. Myers, Councillor L. Turco

Officials: A. Horsman, M. White, N. Kenny, L. Girardi, N. Apostle, S. Schell, J. Dolcetti, , M. Figliola, M. Nadeau, P. Niro, R. Rushworth, P. Johnson, P. Milosevich, J. St. Jules, L. McMillan, V. McLeod, N. Fera, R. Santa Maria, S. Parr

1. APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Agenda for 2016 02 29 Budget Meeting as presented be approved.

Carried

2. CURRENT BUDGET

2.1 Summary of Departmental Service Options

A summary illustrating the levy impact of recommended departmental service options was provided by the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer.

2.2 Budget Input

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

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that City Council now proceed into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter referred to it for consideration – 2016 Budget Deliberations.

Carried

2.3 Fire Services

The Fire Chief presented an overview of the proposed 2016 Fire Department budget and recommended service options.

2.4 Community Services Department

The Commissioner of Community Services presented an overview of the proposed 2016 Community Services Department budget and recommended service options.

3. RISE AND REPORT

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council now rise and report on the matter referred to it by City Council – 2016 Budget Deliberations.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer dated February 29, 2016 regarding 2016 budget input be received as information.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor P. Christian

Seconded by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council recommend that:

Whereas major industries in Sault Ste. Marie have suffered as a result of low oil prices and illegal steel dumping; and

Whereas the result has been several hundred layoffs in Sault Ste. Marie over the last calendar year; and

Whereas Council expects all departments within the City to operate in the most effective way possible; and

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and its Council cannot be immune from the economic hardships our municipality is facing; and

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie must lead by example in tightening its financial belt in solidarity with our residents who are experiencing economic hardship

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie freeze the Mayor and Council honouraria, Mayor and Council car allowance and Mayor and Council cell phone allowance at the 2016 rate for the 2016 and 2017 calendar years.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor M. Shoemaker

Seconded by: Councillor P. Christian

Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council recommend that:

The Department of Public Works and Transportation be authorized, in conjunction with the Department of Community Services to report to Council the following:

1. How many city-owned parks exist in the City of Sault Ste. Marie;
2. How many parks per ward exist in the City of Sault Ste. Marie;
3. Comparisons between the number of parks in the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the number of parks in like-sized municipalities in Ontario and/or across Canada;
4. A recommendation on the number of parks that should exist in the City of Sault Ste. Marie;
5. An estimate on the ongoing savings from declaring the recommended number of parks as surplus property; and
6. An estimate on the revenue that could be generated by the sale of any parks declared surplus.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor M. Bruni

Resolved that the Committee of the Whole Council recommend approval of the Fire Services and Community Services Department budgets to the final budget deliberation meeting.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

Seconded by: Councillor F. Fata

Resolved that this Council shall now adjourn.

Carried

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Christian Provenzano
Mayor

Malcolm White
City Clerk