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***Council Minutes***

**Council Members Present:**

Mayor J. Baker  
Councillor L. Bursey  
Councillor J. Earle (late 6:37 pm)  
Councillor J. Fullarton  
Councillor L. Journal  
Councillor M. Kalivas  
Councillor N. Lavergne  
Councillor C. Wales  
Councillor M. Wren

**Staff:**

C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations  
D. Dick, Director of Corporate Services  
L. Ferguson, Manager of Finance  
S. Fraser, Chief of Police  
S. MacDonald, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)  
R. Nolan, Director of Economic Development  
M. Noonan, Deputy Police Chief  
G. Pigeon, Fire Chief  
P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services  
R. Rayner, Deputy Fire Chief  
C. Ward, Financial Analyst  
M. Wing, Financial Analyst

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*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.*

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Baker wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also noted that the planning appeal filed by the Citizen's for Progress without Hardship was withdrawn. He thanked Garth McGill and Anne Clapperton for the fruitful discussion and coming to a resolution.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. 2019 Budget Update**

#### Incremental Items

D. Dick presented the list of incremental items.

R. Nolan spoke to the incremental request for the BAC Box Office Coordinator position.

C. Cosgrove explained that the \$20,000 for the Aquatarium is to add to the building maintenance program for the maintenance of the condominium unit at Tall Ships Landing. He also explained that the arena budgets increased by approximately 13% due to the provincial wage legislation but the ice rental fees have only been increased by 2%. He is seeking direction with regard to the ice rental fee percentage increase.

G. Pigeon presented information regarding the replacement of the fire truck and a combined police/fire boat. Councillor Fullarton requested that the number of "on water" call history be provided.

S. Fraser provided an overview of the Police Board items.

#### Budget Reduction

Moved by: Councillor Wren

THAT the following items be removed/reduced from the draft levy of \$37,099,380:

Building Maintenance - \$150,000  
Parkland Maintenance - \$150,000  
Arena Reserve - \$100,000  
FGT fund Tunnel P&I - \$74,000  
FGT fund to Hardy Park - \$60,000

For: Councillors Bursey, Earle, Fullarton, Journal, Kalivas, Lavergne, Wales,  
Wren and Mayor Baker  
Against: Nil  
Carried 9-0

Communities in Bloom Funding

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT funding in the amount of \$4,000 be approved for Communities in Bloom.

For: Councillors Bursey, Earle, Fullarton, Journal, Kalivas, Lavergne, Wales,  
Wren and Mayor Baker  
Against: Nil  
Carried 9-0

Strategic Plan

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

THAT funding in the amount of \$8,000 for a Strategic Plan be approved in the 2019 budget.

For: Councillors Bursey, Fullarton and Lavergne  
Against: Councillors Earle, Journal, Kalivas, Wales, Wren and Mayor Baker  
Lost 3-6

Incremental Items

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the list of incremental items be referred back to staff for additional information/business case, compensatory with the amount of the request.

For: Councillors Bursey, Earle, Fullarton, Journal, Kalivas, Lavergne, Wales,  
Wren and Mayor Baker  
Against: Nil  
Carried 9-0

Staff Recommendations for Reducing the Budget

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the 2019 budget be referred back to staff with the following direction:

1. reduce the overall budget by \$150,000; and
2. in addition to number 1 above, the Capital Costs Maintenance budget has gone from \$708,637 in the tax levy in 2018 to \$1,023,989 in 2019. Staff are requested to provide strategies to reduce the maintenance budget on the tax levy by up to \$300,000; and

THAT the following be considered:

- take an amount of up to \$300,000 of the gas tax money and allocate it to the 2019 Capital Costs Maintenance budget that is being funded from the tax levy;
- examine all of the current expenditures of the gas tax money and reduce the current budget by up to \$300,000 (i.e. reduce the amount of asphalt/concrete; postpone Hardy Park washrooms; postpone Cunningham Park seawall)

For: Councillors Bursey, Earle, Fullarton, Journal, Kalivas, Lavergne, Wales,  
Wren and Mayor Baker

Against: Nil  
Carried 9-0

## **BY-LAWS**

Nil.

## **CONFIRMATORY BYLAW**

Moved by: Councillor Journal

Seconded by: Councillor Bursey

THAT By-law Number 001-2019 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 10, 2019 be read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

## **MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Journal  
Seconded by: Councillor Bursey

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2019.

CARRIED

*The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.*

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Mayor

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City Clerk