

Roll Call

Council Members:

Mayor D. Henderson
Councillor J. Earle
Councillor J. Fullarton
Councillor L. Journal
Councillor M. Kalivas
Councillor H. Noble
Councillor L. Severson (late 6:07 pm)
Councillor S. Williams

Absent:

Councillor J. Baker
Councillor G. Beach

Staff:

Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance
Mr. A. Geraghty, Chief of Police
Ms. V. Harvey, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. H. Jones, Fire Chief
Mr. C. Law, Municipal Intern
Mr. J. Peters, M.I.S. Supervisor
Mr. P. Raabe, Municipal Engineer
Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
Ms. C. Ward, Treasury Officer, Reserves and Capital

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

MOTION TO MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

Seconded by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT we adjourn and meet as Committee of the Whole Council, with the Mayor in the Chair.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

2010-039-03

2010 Budget

Moved by: Councillor Williams

THAT report number 2010-039-03 - 2010 Budget be received.

CARRIED

Transfer of Funds

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT funds be transferred from the following funds:

Sanitary Landfill Site Reserve Fund	51,000
Millwood Avenue Extension – Impost Fees	102,275
Landfill Closing Capital Project	147,000

THAT the funds not be repaid to the funding accounts.

CARRIED

Funding for Various Projects

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the replacement of the furnace at Fire Station No. 1 at a cost of \$3,128 be funded from the Building and Equipment Maintenance Reserve fund; and

THAT the property acquisition for the Leeds & Grenville landfill Site at a cost of \$10,000 be funded through the current balance in the capital project; and

THAT the renovations to be undertaken at the Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$35,000 be funded by the Water Capital Program by refurbishing valves instead of replacing the valves.

CARRIED

Parking Master Plan – Parking Rates

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the motions from Councillor Noble related to the following matters be referred to the Parking Master Plan Committee for consideration in the development of the Plan:

- Parking Lot Rates
- Parking Permit Rates
- Staff Parking Rates

CARRIED

Boat Launch Parking Rates

Moved by: Councillor Noble

That the City Boat Launch Parking rates (inclusive of boat launching) be set on a similar basis to that used at the St Lawrence Islands Mallorytown Landing site (instead of the budget proposal of \$5.48 per day) as follows:

- Daily rate vehicle only \$7.00
- Daily rate boat trailer only \$15.00
- Daily rate vehicle and boat trailer \$20.00

CARRIED, AS AMENDED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT the "Daily rate boat trailer only" rate be deleted from the Motion.

CARRIED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT the Seasonal rate for residents be set at \$175.

CARRIED

Seasonal Camping Rates

Moved by: Councillor Noble

WHEREAS seasonal and daily camping on the Brockville Islands has little or no economic benefit to the City and operates at a loss and increases wear and tear on the islands and only benefit a very small and declining number of people; and

WHEREAS the capital Budget has \$97,000 for new outhouses, holding tanks and docks; and

WHEREAS by discontinuing camping on the islands the docks set aside for seasonal camping Black Charlie(3) Cockburn (3) , Derottenburg (3) , 1 on McCoy (1) and Sparrow (1) can be taken out of service; and

WHEREAS by discontinuing camping on the islands the demand for outhouses will be considerably less;

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that seasonal camping will be discontinued in 2010 on Brockville City islands and the priority items identified as 1A through 6 (outhouses, holding tanks and Docks) be deleted from the budget and the need for outhouses and docks be reevaluated in the 2011 budget cycle based upon needs analysis from the 2010 island utilization experience.

DEFEATED

St. Lawrence Parking Camping Rate

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the St Lawrence Islands Park camping rates be established for 2010 as follows:

Daily \$30.00
Daily seniors \$25.00
Weekly rates based on 6 days as at present

CARRIED, AS AMENDED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the rate for "Daily seniors" be removed.

CARRIED

Motion to Amend

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT the "weekly rate" be removed.

CARRIED

Computer Replacement Program

Moved by: Councillor Noble

WHEREAS 2010 is a crisis budget year because of the Province; and

WHEREAS the computer replacement program budget of \$138,950 is a very significant amount that is not put out to tender; and

WHEREAS the inventory of computer equipment whose life cycle means it must be replaced this year should be known thereby making it possible to go out to tender; and

WHEREAS there are on line major retailers with superb reputations for product price and customer service such as www.tigerdirect.ca that typically provide optimal value; and

WHEREAS the capabilities of the less costly computers on the market are continually enhanced and most city computers are doing basic tasks requiring basic level equipment;

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This budget be reduced by 5% to \$132,000; and
2. Staff consider the pros and cons of tendering the computer replacement needs for 2010 and report to the Finance Committee no later than the June meeting but only emergency purchases occur until Council decides; and
3. High quality on line vendors be included in the list of potential suppliers

DEFEATED

Motion to Separate

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the motion be separated for voting.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Noble

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DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Noble

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DEFEATED

Moved by: Councillor Noble

THAT staff include high quality on line vendors in the list of potential suppliers

DEFEATED

Library Accounting

Moved by: Councillor Noble

WHEREAS the City is installing a new financial system and the library is the only outside City agency still doing its own accounting; and

WHEREAS all other City agencies find having the City perform the accounting functions to be mutually beneficial; and

WHEREAS because the present approach increases the workload in City Hall consolidations; and

WHEREAS the City does not wish to be funding accounting work at the library provided it can be done at no extra cost at City Hall and would rather the City's Library funding be used for Library programs, services and the collection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City is to conduct a study to be completed no later than August 31, 2010 of the City's new financial system's appropriateness to the Library; and
2. If the Treasurer and the City's auditor determine that the City can provide the accounting services to the Library without the City incurring extra staffing costs then the Library accounting functions, to the degree determine by the study a the optimal arrangement, will work co-operatively with the Library staff with a view to the City assuming these responsibilities at no additional cost to the Library prior to December 31, 2010 and in a manner similar to all the other City Boards, Committees and Agencies.

CARRIED

Reduction to 2010 Budget

Moved by: Councillor Noble

WHEREAS the provincial uploading has a net impact of \$657,629 on the 2010 budget comprising a 2.45% increase for 2010; and

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that this can be accommodated in 2011 provided the Province follows through on its various program commitments to a net upload of \$827,045 in 2011 (3.06%) of which the major components are the ODSP and OW; and

WHEREAS it is the considered opinion that the Province will follow through with the planned ODSP upload and most likely the OW; and

WHEREAS it would therefore not be prudent from an acceptable risk standpoint to assume both the \$1,142,214 ODSP and the \$176,131 OW uploads for the purposes of the 2011 budget; and

WHEREAS if the OW is deferred the net provincial upload in 2011 would be reduced to \$650,914 (2.41%); and

WHEREAS historically surpluses have allowed Council to replenish the Fiscal Policy Reserve Fund to maintain a balance of at least \$1M dollars; and

WHEREAS this fund is established to deal with risks of overruns, unexpected occurrences or the need to fund initiatives that are not known at budget time given that the City is not allowed to budget either a contingency or surplus; and

WHEREAS the need for this fund is more pronounced than in the past because budgeting is much tighter now and it is concluded sooner meaning more of the year's events are unknown when the budget is finalized; and

WHEREAS 2010 is not expected to have less risk than other years nor is a surplus likely; and

WHEREAS the budget plan to allow the Fiscal Policy Reserve to start the year at an unprecedented low level of \$580,000; and

WHEREAS the currently proposed 2010 budget departs for the first time from the established practice of funding the Finance Plan from the tax rate by the amount of the previous year plus \$150,000 and the treasurer has brought to Council's attention her concerns regarding this approach; and

WHEREAS the currently proposed 2010 budget creates a of \$125,000 for the Contribution from Unspent Budget Items Reserve to offset the TIERR grant costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT in order that the costs of this year be budgeted this year without creating a except to the degree that offsetting funds are expected from the Province and
2. THAT the from all sources not exceed the expected uploading by the Province in 2011 creating a cap on the from all sources of \$827,045; and
3. THAT no adjustment to the 2010 budget be made regarding the risk that the Province may defer or modify the 2011 OW upload of \$176,131.

DEFEATED

2010 Household Hazardous Waste Day

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the Household Hazardous Waste Day be eliminated for 2010.

DEFEATED

Contribution from Fiscal Policy Reserve to Reduce Tax Rate

Moved by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT \$127,000 be utilized from the Fiscal Policy Reserve to reduce the tax rate to 3.5%

DEFEATED

MOTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT we revert from Committee of the Whole Council, to Council.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Fullarton

Seconded by: Councillor Kalivas

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole Council be adopted and that the necessary actions or by-laws be enacted.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

022-2010 A By-law to Authorize the Corporation of the City of Brockville to enter into an agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for the investment of \$8,000,000 in a BNS Cashable GIC.

BY-LAWS FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor Journal

THAT By-law numbered 022-2010 be introduced and the same be now read a first and second time.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor Journal

THAT By-law numbered 022-2010 be now read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: Councillor Earle
Seconded by: Councillor Journal

THAT By-law Number 023-2010 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 16, 2010 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor Earle
Seconded by: Councillor Journal

THAT By-law Number 022-2010 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 16, 2010 be now read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th to receive a presentation on the draft Official Plan and the draft Economic Development Strategy.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Earle
Seconded by: Councillor Journal

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 17th, 2010.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Mayor

Clerk