



City of Brockville Council Meeting

Monday, March 07, 2011, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers

Roll Call

Council Members:

Mayor D. Henderson
Councillor J. Baker
Councillor D. Beatty
Councillor L. Bursey
Councillor J. Earle
Councillor J. Fullarton
Councillor L. Journal
Councillor M. Kalivas
Councillor D. LeSueur
Councillor M. McFall

Staff:

Mr. J. Baker, Director of Human Resources
Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager
Mr. C. Cosgrove, Director of Operations
Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance
Ms. D. Gordon, Financial Analyst – General
Mr. H. Jones, Fire Chief
Ms. M. Pascoe Merkley, Director of Planning
Mr. D. Paul, Director of Economic Development
Mr. P. Raabe, Director of Environmental Services
Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk (Recording Secretary)
Ms. C. Ward, Treasury Officer – Reserve and Capital

Others:

Mr. Ron Zajac, Recorder and Times

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

MOTION TO MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

Seconded by: Councillor Kalivas

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

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS**Budget Deliberations****Capital Finance Plan Contribution**

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the contribution to the Capital Finance Plan be reduced from \$150,000 to \$75,000.

CARRIED

Contribution to Fiscal Policy Reserve

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT the contribution to the Fiscal Policy Reserve from \$150,000 to \$100,000 for 2011.

WITHDRAWN

Contribution to Fiscal Policy Reserve from Hydro One proceeds

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT funding in the amount of \$500,000 be transferred from the Hydro One fund to the Fiscal Policy reserve.

WITHDRAWN

Councillor Fullarton asked for an update on the Fiscal Policy Reserve balance. Mr. Casselman explained that there is a recommendation to transfer \$500,000 from the Hydro One reserve to the Fiscal Policy Reserve. If the recommendation was approved the fund would have a balance of approximately \$600,000.

Councillor Baker recalled that the Hydro One funds were earmarked to aid in offsetting increases to particular tax classes. Mr. Casselman clarified that there was a contribution from the Hydro One proceeds allotted to the water pollution control centre upgrade project.

Councillor Journal recollected that the Hydro One residual balance was tagged to pay the interest charges related to the pollution project which would be of greater benefit to the residential property owners.

The Clerk noted to Members of Council that at the Council meeting of June 24, 2008, Council passed a recommendation that allocated the balance of the Hydro One Funds to future capital projects.

In light of the information provided by the Clerk Councillor Journal moved a motion for reconsideration.

Suspend the rules of procedure to consider a motion for reconsideration

Reconsideration Respecting Use of Hydro One funds

Moved by: Councillor Journal

THAT Council suspend the rules of procedure as set out in the By-law Governing the Proceedings of Council, as amended, to reconsider a motion related to the use of the remaining Hydro One funds, passed at the Council meeting of June 24, 2008.

WITHDRAWN

Members discussed the appropriateness of using the funds in the manner as set forth in the motion. Councillor and Fullarton noted that the balance of the Hydro One funds were intended to fund a community capital project, such as the splash pad and not to fund the Fiscal Policy Reserve nor the Maritime Discovery Centre.

After discussions, Councillor Journal withdrew his motion.

Department and Board Budget Reductions

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the proposed 2011 Total City Department budgets including the Library, Museum and Police be reduced by 1% (\$200,000).

CARRIED, AS AMENDED ON A LATER VOTE

Amendment to the Motion

Moved by: Councillor Baker

THAT the reduction of 1% to City Departments be focused on reductions in expenses and not increases in revenues.

CARRIED

The vote on the original motion, as amended, was now taken and the motion, as amended, was carried.

Amended Motion

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur

THAT the proposed 2011 Total City Department budgets including the Library, Museum and Police 2011 be reduced by 1% (\$200,000); and

THAT the reduction of 1% to City Departments be focused on reductions in expenses and not increases in revenues.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED

Four (4) Day Work Week

Moved by: Councillor Earle

THAT staff look into the possibility of voluntary 4-day weeks during the summer months (June, July and August)

DEFEATED

Summer Student – Dog Tag Sales

THAT the City hire 2 student for help in by-law enforcement for increasing dog tag sales.

REFERRED TO FUTURE BUDGET MEETING

This matter was referred to a future budget meeting for discussion with other staffing issues.

MOTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Bursey

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 Bursey

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

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: Councillor McFall

Seconded by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT By-law Number 024-2011 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 7, 2011 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor McFall

Seconded by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT By-law Number 024-2011 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 7, 2011 be now read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

MAYORS' REMARKS

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor McFall

Seconded by: Councillor Fullarton

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 8, 2011.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Mayor

City Clerk