



City of Brockville Council Meeting

Monday, February 14, 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.F. Journal
Councillor D. LeSueur
Councillor M.J. McFall

Absent:

Councillor M. Kalivas

Staff:

Ms. T. Caskenette, Executive Assistant
Mr. B. Casselman, City Manager (arrived 5:50)
Ms. D. Cyr, Director of Finance
Mr. S. Fraser, Inspector
Mr. A. Geraghty, Chief of Police
Ms. D. Gordon, Financial Analyst – General
Ms. V. Harvey, Supervisor of Transportation Services
Mr. H. Jones, Fire Chief
Mr. L. MacArthur Deputy Police Chief
Ms. L. Murray, Administrative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)
Ms. S. Seale, City Clerk
Ms. L. White, Manager of Strategic Initiatives

Others:

Ron Zajac, Recorder and Times

The Mayor called the meeting to order (5:30 pm.)

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Nil

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

MOTION TO MOVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Baker

Seconded by: Councillor LeSueur

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

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS**BOARDS & COMMITTEES
BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS****Brockville Police Department**

Chief Geraghty, Deputy Chief L. MacArthur, Inspector S. Fraser and Ms. T. Caskenette, Executive Assistant to the Chief were in attendance to represent the Brockville Police Department.

Chief Geraghty reviewed the police budget for the Committee. He explained that the proposed 7.6% budget increase is driven by a number of factors such as; contractual commitments, adequacy standards and staffing issues.

Councillor Baker questioned the increased revenue in Criminal Record Checks. Chief Geraghty responded that for 2011 they are back on track, but added that the RCMP could be adding more criterions.

Councillor Baker asked if they could see a comparison of the level of revenue over the last 3 years.

↑ Action item – AG

Councillor Earle wondered why the department's salaries keep going up so much, if the population hasn't really increased over the last number of years.

Chief Geraghty explained that most of the increase is attributed to investigations and the standards surrounding them. He added that in the last few years with the service centres on the 401 being closed this has increased the traffic coming in off the 401 for fuel and meals.

Mayor Henderson added that when searching for comparator municipalities, it is hard to find a good fit of urban and rural. He reminded Council that Brockville is mostly urban and due to the density of population in urban areas they cost more to police.

Airport

Ms. V. Harvey, Supervisor of Transportation Services, Bob Huskinson, Hannelore Walther and Dean Glover were in attendance to represent the Airport Commission.

Mr. Bob Huskinson presented the budget to Council.

Museum

Brian Porter, Board Chairperson Jean Ouellet, and Doug Smith Friends of the Museum Executives, Amy Whitehorne, Museum Educator and Cathy Bigalow, Clerk Typist and Viktor Kaczowski, Volunteer Coordinator were in attendance representing the Museum.

Mr. Brian Porter explained that Ms. Bonnie Burke, Museum Curator could not be in attendance. He explained that he would be introducing the budget this evening along with other board members and staff.

Ms. Whitehorne clarified reasons for the increase in revenues; since her position is now full time she attends local nursing homes on a regular weekly schedule. In addition the attendance in the education area is higher than last year because the schools are returning. Programming was reduced in 2009 and 2010 due to the reduced school participation caused by the H1N1 outbreak.

Councillor Mc Fall asked what the “Friends of the Museums” relationship was to the Museum. Mr. Porter replied that on top of many things they are the fundraising arm (mostly capital) of the Museum.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA)

Karla Maki-Esdon, Acting General Manager, Board Members and Council appointees Colin Boag and John Bonser were in attendance representing the CRCA.

Ms. Karla Maki-Esdon presented the CRCA's budget to Council.

Councillor Journal noticed that over the last 4 years there has been a 50% increase in the CRCA's budget. He expressed his frustration over these boards which just keep requiring more money that we have no control over.

Ms. Maki-Esdon explained that this is a draft budget, but cautioned Council on reducing the special levy, as it specifically funds the maintenance of three structures in the city that control flooding.

Councillor Journal requested details on the uses proposed for the Special Levy.

↑ Action item – KME

Library

Margaret Wicklum, Board Chair introduced a number of Library staff and Board Members who were in attendance representing the Library.

Ms. Margaret Wicklum provided an overview of the Library's budget.

A copy of the material distributed at the meeting is attached to the minutes.

Cemetery

Mike Larocque Board Secretary/Treasurer, Doug Grant Board Vice Chair, Paul Cosgrove, Brian Porter and Herb Sheridan all of the Cemetery Board were in attendance.

Mr. Doug Grant reviewed the highlights of the Cemetery's Budget for Council.

Mr. Mike Larocque, Secretary/Treasurer of the Library Board provided financial details.

Mr. Larocque was asked to provide details on the drastic increases over the last couple of years. He explained that over the last couple of years they have had to reduce the contributions from the trust funds for two reasons: the dip in interest rates has reduced the interest income, and in the past they have been too aggressive in their annual

withdrawals therefore draining the account. In addition the costs to run the Cemetery continue to increase.

Councillor Fullarton asked if he ever sees their budget getting back down, or are we setting a new base line for this budget. Mr. Larocque felt that this would likely be the new base line for their budget.

A discussion ensued surrounding the feasibility of selling the cemetery. Councillor Baker asked for a short report on the pros and cons of selling the cemetery.

↑ Action item – CML

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MOTION TO RETURN TO COUNCIL

Moved by: Councillor Baker

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 Baker

Seconded by: Councillor Fullarton

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

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW FIRST AND SECOND READING

Moved by: Councillor Earle

Seconded by: Councillor Journal

THAT By-law Number 014-2011 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 14, 2011 be read and first and second time.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BYLAW THIRD READING

Moved by: Councillor Earle
Seconded by: Councillor Journal

THAT By-law Number 014-2011 to confirm the Proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 14, 2011 be now a read a third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be recorded.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor LeSueur
Seconded by: Councillor Bursey

THAT Council adjourn its proceedings until the next regular meeting scheduled for February 22, 2011.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk