



MINUTES

of the
Budget Committee
Of Council

ACTION

Held Monday, November 10, 2008
City Council Chambers
3:30 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillor R. McMillan, Chair
Councillor D. McCann
Councillor W. Cuthbert
Councillor C. Drinkwalter (arrived at 3:40 p.m.)
Councillor C. Van Walleghem
Mayor Compton
B. Preisenz, CAO
S. McDowall, Human Resources Manager
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

REGRETS: Councillor A. Poirier

**A. PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER BY-LAW
NUMBER 144-2007**

Take Notice that in keeping with Notice By-law #144-2007 Council intends to approve the following at its November 10 Meeting:

N/A

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

- 1) On Today's Agenda
 - 2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance
- There were none declared.**

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

N/A

D. DEPUTATIONS:-

N/A

E. REPORTS:

1. 2009 Budget Process

Karen Brown provided Council with a brief overview of the current status of the 2009 five year capital plan and operating budget.

Committee requested an analysis on current preliminary impacts, both known and unknown, be brought back to the next budget committee meeting for discussion.

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It was noted that the City will be meeting with CUPE in December 2008 for negotiations for the 2009 year and beyond.

2. Communication Plan

The financial packages reviewed at the I-Team meeting were distributed for Committee's information. Council approved the "property tax ledger" format for inclusion in the Strategic Plan consultation process, as well as in the Our City newsletter.

With regards to the communication plan, the following communications were agreed to for the 2009 budget process:

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- Open meetings for deputations for individuals and departments / organizations to come forward with concerns, and public presentation meetings
- Special meeting for organizations to present their 2009 budget requests, with invitations being extended to the Library, Museum, Handi Transit, Economic Development Commission
- Communications package to advise residents of challenges in the 2009 budget
- Special budget page on the portal, including impacts information and other information related to the budget process
- Opportunity for written feedback by the public.

Committee concurred that this should meet the objectives of the City's budget consultation policy, but directed Karen Brown to review the policy to ensure the requirements were met.

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For 2009, it is expected that the budget discussions will be led by the results of the Strategic Planning process.

ITEMS ON HOLD:

N/A

OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

Moved by Councillor Cuthbert, Seconded by Councilor Drinkwater & Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 4:07 p.m.; and further

THAT pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session to discuss items pertaining to the following:-

i) Labour Relations

Committee reconvened at 4:20 p.m. with the following report:

No action was required as a result of the in camera discussions.

NEXT MEETING

- To be determined

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.