



# **MINUTES**

of the  
**Budget Committee**  
Of Council

**ACTION**

Held Thursday, March 13, 2008  
City Council Chambers  
5:00 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Councillor R. McMillan, Chair  
Councillor D. McCann  
Councillor W. Cuthbert  
Councillor C. Drinkwater  
Councillor A. Poirier  
Councillor C. Van Walleggem  
Mayor Compton  
B. Preisntanz, CAO  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager  
M. Mostow, Fleet / Solid Waste Supervisor  
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager

**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 March 17 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. 2008 Water & Sewer Budgets**

Rick Perchuk provided Council with an overview of the draft 2008 water & sewer budgets, as well as the future requirement for an overall system sustainability plan. Council engaged in a detailed discussion with regards to these budgets, including an extended discussion on rates.

Council requested staff to update the water & sewer budget narrative to set out the COMRIF funding for the Main Street Sewer Rehabilitation project, as well as to re-emphasize that the water & sewer operations are funded through user pay and not reliant on tax dollars.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council directed staff to perform an analysis of debt financing the ongoing mains rehabilitation project, as opposed to funding these projects on an annual basis direct through user fees prior to final consideration of the 2008 water & sewer budgets.

**KBrown / RPerchuk**

**2. 2008 Solid Waste Budgets**

Rick Perchuk and Mike Mostow provided Council with an overview of the draft 2008 solid waste budgets. Council engaged in a detailed discussion with regards to these budgets, including the impact of increased rates at the Brady Landfill which will be implemented in Fall 2008, a high level discussion of hauling waste as opposed to using the Kenora Area Landfill, and options for reducing waste to the landfill. It was noted that the solid waste reserves are relatively stable given the current draft budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the 2008 draft solid waste budgets be brought forward for final approval once a final decision is made on the 2008 draft water & sewer budgets.

**KBrown**

**3. Council Direction - Timelines**

It was agreed that Council direction on timelines would be dependent on receipt of the analysis related to debt financing for the water & sewer mains rehabilitation program.

**4. Other Items**

N/A

**ITEMS ON HOLD:**

N/A

**OTHER BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEXT MEETING**

- Operating Budget Meeting – March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.