



Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2009
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

ACTION

PRESENT: Mayor Compton
Councillor W. Cuthbert
Councillor C. Drinkwalter
Councillor D. McCann
Councillor R. McMillan
Councillor J. Parson
Councillor C. Van Wallegghem
B. Preisntanz, CAO
K. Brown, Finance & Administration Manager
S. McDowall, HR Manager
J. McMillin, City Clerk

Councillor McMillan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Public information Notices as per By-law Number 144-2007
N/A

B. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest & the General Nature Thereof

- 1) On Today's Agenda
- 2) From a Meeting at which a Member was not in Attendance

C. Confirmation of Budget Minutes

Moved by D. McCann, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter, and Carried:

That the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Budget Committee Of Council held October 13, 2009 be confirmed as written and filed.

D. Budget Committee Deputations:-

1) Tanya Watts – Triple P.L.A.Y

Tanya Watts, new Program Coordinator for Triple P.L.A.Y. attended the meeting with the Triple P.L.A.Y. Committee to make a presentation to Council regarding a 2010 budget request. Ms Watts circulated a copy of the presentation to Members of Council and staff.

Ms Watts gave an overview of the Triple P.L.A.Y program together with its mandate and that the very active, non-profit program assists local children and youth to access and experience arts, cultural and recreational activities within the community. Ms Watts asked that Council give serious consideration to providing \$15,000 to the program that has provided service to children for more than 10 years.

It was noted Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls and First Nations communities are part of the catchment area.

Statistics were reviewed and it was explained that since the program first started numbers have increased from 100 to 500 participants. Ms Watts noted stats. are accounted for whether they are a previous or new user, and that the age group is up to 18. There is a screening process based on an interview concerning personal and financial information and it is recorded and then verified. Based on that information, applicants fall into one of three tiers. Gender participation is split approx. 50/50.

Transportation and equipment was questioned and it was explained there is an 'equipment lending program' through the Keewatin Arena for gently used equipment for various activities. Often Committee Members will help out and drive children and also problem-solve for car pooling. Sometimes transportation costs are covered by the Committee to provide a van or a taxi.

All information on the application process is to remain confidential, including to the coaches so there is no favoritism, or vice versa.

Triple P.L.A.Y. has applied to the LOW Community Foundation but cannot apply again now until February for the June granting. Apparently the program was not eligible under the recent funding that closed in October of this year. It was noted there is an endowment fund and the program receives interest from time to time from the fund.

Triple P.L.A.Y. was thanked for attending and that consideration will be given to their request during the budget process. Triple P.L.A.Y. left the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Motion to move into Closed Session

1. Moved by D. McCann, Seconded by C. Drinkwalter and Carried:-

THAT pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, authorization is hereby given for Council to move into a Closed Session at 6:18 p.m. this date to discuss an item relating to the following:-

- **Litigation or Potential Litigation Matter**

Council reconvened to the Open Session at 6:48 p.m. with the following direction:

- Administration was directed to contact the City Solicitor regarding preparation of a response to the potential litigation matter.

The meeting closed at 6:50 p.m.

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