



Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

**7 January 2010
9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers**

ACTION

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

REGRETS: Councillor C. Drinkwalter

**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**
There were none declared.

C. Confirmation of Budget Minutes

**Moved by Councillor McMillan, Seconded by Councillor Van
Wallegghem & Carried:-**

THAT the following Minutes of the last meetings of the Budget Committee
be confirmed as written and filed:-

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

**D. Budget Committee Deputations:-
N/A**

E. Reports:-

1. Water & Sewer Budget Review

Karen provided copies of an analysis of system funding for water and sewer operations illustrating 'actual and projected.' A discussion ensued on the possibility of providing for a 5% increase each July 1 for the next five years to assist with offsetting the deficit. It was explained that over the next three years there needs to be a reduction in spending and this would assist the Reserve to be built back up to 1 million dollars in 2014. Copies of the City's water and sewer operations 'estimated future annualized capital needs' was also circulated.

Reference was made to the Clean Water Act that the City is legislated to meet, as well as PSAB/Asset Management, which will result in increased costs to the water and sewer department. It was mentioned there are no grants available to the City at this time however we were able to secure funds towards the replacement cost of the marine waterline.

It is proposed the 2010 budget include a 5% increase on July 1, with the average monthly water and sewer bill increasing by about \$3.00 per month.

Rick advised there is no replacement plan for sewer and water mains and that we essentially operate on a 'reactive-type' basis.

A brief discussion ensued on the need for the repainting of the transformer at the Sewage Treatment Plant, and Rick explained the justification for including this item in the budget.

Recommendation:

That effective July 1, 2010 a 5% increase be imposed on the water and sewer rates in order for sustainability to be reviewed every year.

Recommendation approved -> to be reflected in the 2010 budget.

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2. Solid Waste Budget Review

It was explained the recycling component is not reflected in this budget. It was explained we utilize two trucks for garbage collection. Rick explained it was costing the City \$700/load to Winnipeg, vs. \$250/load to the Jones Road site. Mike Mostow stated there is no market for the recycled material.

Reference was made to the price for bag tags and whether or not these could be increased from \$2 since they have been the same price since 2001. It was noted there has been no request for, or interest in raising the cost of bag tags.

Costs were discussed with respect to an additional collection truck and Mike reviewed the current equipment situation and the justification for a new truck due for the most part to one vehicle that regularly is out of service. Mike explained this limits the collection pickup process with only having one

truck and typically a half-ton truck is used however this is not efficient or effective. A new truck would be used as a 'back up' only in order to keep the hours low.

Reference was made to possibly negotiating a 'trade-off' with the company where we purchased the problematic truck just three years ago.

Committee agreed to purchase a new collection truck this year, therefore this item is to remain in the 2010 Capital Budget.

**RPerchuk
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Other Business:

N/A

Items on Hold:

N/A

Next Meeting:

- January 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Council Chambers.

The meeting closed at 11:10 a.m.

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