



**ACTION**

## **Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
At 11:15 a.m.  
City Council Chambers**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor D. Canfield  
Councillor C. Gallivan  
Councillor R. Lunny  
Councillor R. McMillan  
Councillor S. Smith  
K. Brown, CAO  
L. D'Argis, Corporate Services Manager  
C. Caron, Property & Planning Manager  
R. Perchuk, Operations Manager  
J. McMillin, City Clerk

**REGRETS:** Councillor R. McKay  
Councillor L. Roussin

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**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 C. Gallivan, Seconded by S. Smith & Carried:-**

That the Minutes of the last Budget Committee Meeting of Council held  
January 21, 2014 be confirmed as written and ordered filed.

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### **1. Revenue Neutral Tax Ratios**

Lauren provided Committee with information pertaining to possibly using a "revenue neutral tax ratio tool" for setting the rates and she provided various percentage examples of this type of tool through a short slide presentation (the numbers used are examples only and are not applicable for Kenora's purposes).

Lauren asked Committee if they would be interested in pursuing use of this tax tool or not; she went on to explain by doing so it would make less of an impact on residential, i.e. 4.0% versus 4.4% with the numbers example being used.

It was further noted this is an 'all or nothing tax tool' and it can't be applied to just one property class, it would affect all of them, and while it would help to maintain commercial and industrial (but not necessarily reduce those classes) it would assist to slightly reduce the residential rate. The biggest saving is in the multi residential from 8.9% to 4.2%, again in the example used.

Committee felt this tool would help maintain the tax burden and as such agreed Administration should proceed in that direction with implementation of the revenue neutral tax ratio for 2014.

**This item is to be diarized to come forward to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for ratification.**

**Reconvene to Committee of the Whole:**

**Moved by R. McMillan, Seconded by C. Gallivan & Carried:-**

2. That Committee hereby reconvenes to the Committee of the Whole open meeting at 11:30 a.m.; and further

That this Budget Committee Meeting be now declared closed.