

A meeting of the Budget Committee was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the Scoop Lewry Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Higgins
Coun. Boyle
Coun. Eby
Coun. Luhning
Coun. Kirkpatrick
Coun. Mitchell
Coun. Swanson

ADMIN: Garry McKay, City Manager
Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor
Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services
Mahabub Zaman, Acting Director of Engineering Services
Duane Grado, Public Works Manager

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The meeting of the Budget Committee was called to deal with the following items:

1. Report dated February 20, 2013 from the City Manager, **re: Budget Information Enquiries.**

Referred Matters:

2. Report (Communication #134) dated December 10, 2012 from the City Manager, **re: 2013 Operating Budget Estimates.**
Res. #795 from the December 17, 2012 City Council Meeting:
“THAT the 2013 Operating Budget estimates be referred to the Budget Committee for a detailed review.” (Please bring your 2013 Preliminary Operating Budget binder distributed with the December 17, 2012 City Council agenda package)
3. Report (Communication #133) dated December 12, 2012 from Mayor Deb Higgins, Chair, Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners, **re: Police Service Operating Budget Submission for the Year 2013.**
Res. #794 from the December 17, 2012 City Council Meeting:
“THAT the 2013 Police Service Operating Budget, along with accompanying documentation, be referred to the Budget Committee for deliberations.” (Please bring Communication #133 distributed with the January 28, 2013 Budget Committee agenda packages.)
4. Letter (Communication #124) dated November 9, 2012 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library, **re: 2013 Operating Budget Estimates for the Public Library**

Resolution #751a from the December 3, 2012 City Council Meeting:

“THAT Communication #124 being a letter dated November 9, 2012 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, presenting the estimates for the 2013 Public Library Operating Budget be referred to City Council’s Budget Committee for consideration during Operating Budget deliberations.” (Please bring Communication #124 distributed with the January 28, 2013 Budget Committee agenda packages.)

5. Moose Jaw-South Central RIC

Res. #817 from the December 17, 2012 City Council Meeting:

*“THAT letter dated December 4, 2012 from Christine Boyczuk, Coordinator, Moose Jaw-South Central RIC be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee as information; and
THAT the request from the Moose Jaw-South Central RIC be referred to Budget Committee.”*

6. Parking Ban During Snow Events

Res. #215a from the March 19, 2012 City Council Meeting:

“THAT the following motion:

“THAT Administration be directed to provide a report to Executive Committee or Committee of the Whole to discuss the options of a systematic parking ban during snow events in order that City streets can be plowed with more efficiency.”

Be referred to 2013 Operating Budget discussions.”

7. Communication #72 – 2011 Audited Financial Statements

Res. #535a from the August 7, 2012 City Council Meeting:

“THAT the following motion:

“THAT a contribution of \$393,000 be made from the Accumulated Surplus to establish an Infrastructure Reserve Fund.”

Be referred to a Budget Committee meeting where Council determines the definition and policy parameters of this Infrastructure Reserve Fund.” *(It would be in order for this item to be considered in conjunction with item #8)*

8. Report dated January 24, 2013 from the Financial Services Department, re: Infrastructure Deficit Reserve.

Tabled Matter:

9. Report dated January 2, 2013 from the Financial Services Department, re: Operating Budget Approval Process. (Please bring report distributed with the January 21, 2013 Budget Committee agenda package)

Call to Order

Mayor Higgins, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Re: Budget Information Enquiries

Considered was a report dated February 20, 2013 from the City Manager to provide City Council with answers to their enquiries from the February 19, 2013 Budget Committee meeting.

- Moved by Coun. Boyle
155 THAT report dated February 20, 2013 from the City Manager regarding Budget Information Enquiries be received and filed. Carried.

Referred Matters:

Re: Police Service Operating Budget Submission for the Year 2013

Again considered was resolution no. 794 from the December 17, 2012 regular meeting of City Council in regard to Communication #133 dated December 12, 2012 from Mayor Deb Higgins, Chair, Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners to present to City Council, the 2013 Police Service Operating Budget submission.

Resolution no. 794 reads as follows:

“THAT the 2013 Police Service Operating Budget, along with accompanying documentation, be referred to the Budget Committee for deliberations.”

- Moved by Coun. Eby
156 THAT the Police Service Operating Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$7,644,481. Vote Delayed by Referral Motion.

- Moved by Coun. Swanson
156a THAT the 2013 Police Service Operating Budget be referred to the end of the Budget Committee meeting in order to go in-camera to discuss personnel issues. Carried.

Re: 2013 Operating Budget Estimates for the Public Library

Again considered was resolution no. 751a from the December 3, 2012 regular meeting of City Council in regard to a letter (Communication #124) dated November 9, 2012 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library, to present the 2013 Moose Jaw Public Library Operating Budget submission.

Resolution #751a reads as follows:

“THAT Communication #124 being a letter dated November 9, 2012 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, presenting the estimates for the 2013 Public Library Operating Budget be referred to City Council’s Budget Committee for consideration during Operating Budget deliberations.”

- Moved by Coun. Eby
157 THAT the Moose Jaw Public Library Board and the Palliser Regional Library Board budget be approved in the amount of \$1,038,563. Carried.

Re: Moose Jaw-South Central RIC

Again considered was resolution no. 817 from the December 17, 2012 regular meeting of City Council. Resolution no. 817 reads as follows:

“THAT letter dated December 4, 2012 from Christine Boyczuk, Coordinator, Moose Jaw-South Central RIC be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee as information; and

THAT the request from the Moose Jaw-South Central RIC be referred to Budget Committee.”

Moved by Coun. Luhning

158 THAT letter dated December 4, 2012 from Ms. Christine Boyczuk, Coordinator, Moose Jaw-South Central RIC, be received and filed.

Carried.

Re: Systematic Parking Ban during Snow Events

Again considered was resolution no. 215a from the March 19, 2012 regular meeting of City Council. Resolution 215a reads as follows:

“THAT the following motion:

“THAT Administration be directed to provide a report to Executive Committee or Committee of the Whole to discuss the options of a systematic parking ban during snow events in order that City streets can be plowed with more efficiency.”

be referred to 2013 Operating Budget discussions.”

Moved by Coun. Luhning

159 THAT the City establish parking bans on Priority 1 and 2 roads for the 2013-2014 winter season between November 1st and March 15th with such ban consisting of only parking on one side of the street on an alternating basis.

Vote Delayed by Amendment.

Amendment Moved by Coun. Luhning

159a THAT the motion be amended by adding the words “Pilot Priority” after “Priority 1 and” and before the number “2”.

The Amendment was Carried.

The Motion, as Amended, was Carried.

The Motion, as Amended, reads as follows:

“THAT the City establish parking bans on Priority 1 and Pilot Priority 2 roads for the 2013-2014 winter season between November 1st and March 15th with such ban consisting of only parking on one side of the street on an alternating basis.”

Re: Infrastructure Deficit Reserve

Considered was a report dated January 24, 2013 from the Financial Services Department to request City Council's approval of a proposed Infrastructure Deficit Reserve in regard to resolution no. 535a from the August 7, 2012 regular meeting of City Council. Resolution no. 535a reads as follows:

"THAT the following motion:

"THAT a contribution of \$393,000 be made from the Accumulated Surplus to establish an Infrastructure Reserve Fund."

be referred to a Budget Committee meeting where Council determines the definition and policy parameters of this Infrastructure Reserve Fund."

Moved by Coun. Eby

THAT City Council approve the establishment of an Infrastructure Deficit Reserve with initial funding to come from \$393,000 to be transferred from the accumulated surplus account to this reserve.

Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

160 THAT \$393,000 in the Accumulated Surplus be transferred to the 2013 Capital Budget.

Carried.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

161 THAT the City allocate SPC Franchise Fees 26% to the Operating Budget and 74% to the Capital Budget on an annual basis.

Carried.

Re: 2013 Operating Budget Motions

Moved by Coun. Swanson

THAT the budgeted revenue for building permits be reduced to \$350,000.

Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

162 THAT the Communications Officer budget item be referred the end of the Budget Committee meeting in order to go in-camera to discuss personnel issues.

Carried.

Moved by Coun. Swanson

THAT the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facility Operating Budget be amended to \$466,390.

Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Swanson

THAT the actual 2013 funding for the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facility be the 2013 budgeted amount minus the amount of surplus funds as detailed in the 2012 Audited Financial Statement of the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facility.

Councillor Boyle left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
Councillor Boyle returned to the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Councillor Swanson requested a recorded vote on the amendment.

Present: Mayor Higgins, Coun. Eby, Coun. Luhning, Coun. Mitchell, Coun. Swanson,
Coun. Kirkpatrick, Coun. Boyle

FOR

AGAINST

Coun. Luhning
Coun. Swanson

Mayor Higgins
Coun. Boyle
Coun. Mitchell
Coun. Kirkpatrick
Coun. Eby

The Motion was Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Swanson

THAT the allocation for new strategic initiatives in the 2013 Operating Budget be eliminated.

Defeated.

163 Moved by Coun. Mitchell

THAT the Parks and Recreation Facilities Coordinator position be referred to the end of the Budget Committee meeting to go in-camera to permit personnel discussion.

Carried.

Moved by Coun. Swanson

THAT \$2,000,000 be added to the 2013 Operating Budget for infrastructure renewal.

Defeated.

164 Moved by Coun. Swanson

THAT the Budget Committee close the meeting to the public and proceed *in camera* to discuss the Confidential Matters.

Carried.

The Budget Committee closed the meeting at 8:26 p.m. to the public with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Higgins, Councillor Kirkpatrick, Councillor Luhning, Councillor Boyle, Councillor Eby, Councillor Swanson, Councillor Mitchell, Garry McKay, City Manager; Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor; Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services; Mahabub Zaman, A/Director of Engineering Services; and Duane Grado, Public Works Manager.

165 Moved by Coun. Luhning
THAT the Executive Committee reconvene in open session. Carried.

The Executive Committee reconvened in open session at 9:04 p.m.

166 Moved by Coun. Swanson
THAT the 2013 Police Service Operating Budget submission be referred back to the Board of Police Commissioners with respect to concerns over budget for staffing levels. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Luhning
THAT the proposed Parks and Recreation Facilities Coordinator position be eliminated. Defeated.

167 Moved by Coun. Luhning
THAT the proposed Communications Officer position be eliminated. Carried.

168 Moved by Coun. Luhning
THAT the motion with respect to the Police Commission budget referral be an agenda item on the February 25, 2013 City Council agenda. Carried.

169 Moved by Coun. Luhning
THAT the meeting now adjourn. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) Mayor Higgins
Chairperson