

**A meeting of the Budget Committee was held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 9:02 a.m. in the Scoop Lewry Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall.**

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

ABSENT: Coun. Boyle

ADMIN: Matt Noble, City Manager  
Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor  
Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services  
Sandy Campbell, City Comptroller  
Ty Stokes, Director of Engineering Services  
Mahabub Zaman, Manager 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 January 30, 2014 from the City Manager, **re: Confidential Third Party Agreement.**
2. Report from the City Manager, **re: Confidential Policy Report.**
3. Report dated January 21, 2014 from the Business Development Division, **re: Short and Long Term Concept Plans for the Northeast Area.** (*To be considered in conjunction with agenda item #7*)

**Referred Matters:**

4. Report (Communication #115) dated December 9, 2013 from the City Manager, **re: Capital Budget 2014 – 2018.**  
Res. #786 from the December 16, 2013 City Council Meeting:  
*“THAT the 2014 – 2018 Capital Budget be referred to Budget Committee for detailed consideration.”* (Please bring your 2014 – 2018 Capital Budget binder distributed with the December 16, 2013 City Council agenda package)

5. Report (Communication #116) dated December 9, 2013 from the City Manager, **re: 10 Year Unfunded Capital Budget.**  
Res. #787 from the December 16, 2013 City Council Meeting:  
*“THAT City Council forward the 10 Year Unfunded Capital Budget to Budget Committee for further deliberation.”* (Please bring your 10 Year Unfunded Capital budget binder distributed with the December 16, 2013 City Council agenda package)
6. **Natatorium Redevelopment**  
Res. #276 from the April 15, 2013 Budget Committee meeting:  
*“THAT the matter of the Natatorium be referred to the 2014 – 2018 Capital Budget process.”*
7. **Housing Advisory Committee – May 8, 2013 meeting**  
**Part 6.1 – City Council – Housing and Land Development**  
Res. #372a from the May 21, 2013 City Council meeting:  
“THAT the following motion:  
*“THAT approval be granted to committing resources and funding to develop a near and long term plan regarding infrastructure and conceptual design of mixed use; residential, medium density, parks, commercial and recreational interests in the northeast part of the City extending north of Highway #1, east of the Hillcrest Golf Course and south to Caribou Street.”*  
be referred to Capital Budget discussions in the fall.”
8. Letter dated November 22, 2013 from Mr. George Fowler, General Manager of the Moose Jaw Exhibition Company, **re: Request for Funding – 2014 Capital Budget.**

**Tabled Matter:**

9. **Buffalo Pound Water Supply Line**  
Res. #538 from the July 22, 2013 Executive Committee meeting:  
*“THAT the matter of the Buffalo Pound water supply line be tabled pending review by the new Director of Engineering Services.”*
10. Report dated January 7, 2014 from the Financial Services Department, **re: Capital Budget Approval Process.** *(Please bring report distributed with the January 20, 2014 Budget Committee agenda package)*

**Call to Order**

Mayor Higgins, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Moved by Coun. Eby  
148 THAT the Budget Committee close the meeting to the public and proceed *in camera* pursuant to section 16(1)(c) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, to discuss the confidential third party agreement and policy report.

Carried.

The Budget Committee closed the meeting at 9:03 a.m. to the public with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Higgins, Councillor Eby, Councillor Kirkpatrick, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Luhning, Councillor Swanson, Matt Noble, City Manager; Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor; Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services; Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ty Stokes, Director of Engineering Services; Mahabub Zaman, Manager of Engineering Services; Duane Grado, Public Works Manager; and Sandy Campbell, City Comptroller.

Moved by Coun. Eby  
149 THAT the Executive Committee reconvene in open session.

Carried.

The Executive Committee reconvened in open session at 11:35 a.m.

**Re: Short and Long Term Concept Plans for the Northeast Area**

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Considered was a report dated January 21, 2014 from the Business Development Division to provide the Budget Committee with information on the resources and funding to develop near and long term plans for the northeast part of the City.

Again considered was resolution #372a from the May 21, 2013 City Council meeting:

“THAT the following motion:

“*THAT approval be granted to committing resources and funding to develop a near and long term plan regarding infrastructure and conceptual design of mixed use; residential, medium density, parks, commercial and recreational interests in the northeast part of the City extending north of Highway #1, east of the Hillcrest Golf Course and south to Caribou Street.*”

be referred to Capital Budget discussions in the fall.”

Moved by Coun. Luhning  
150 THAT the short and long term concept plans for the Northeast part of the City be deferred and brought back to Council when further information is available.

Carried.

**Re: Natatorium Redevelopment**

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Again considered was resolution #276 from the April 15, 2013 Budget Committee meeting:

*“THAT the matter of the Natatorium be referred to the 2014 – 2018 Capital Budget process.”*

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

THAT City Council authorize City Administration to hire a consultant to complete a more detailed review of the Natatorium and then issue an RFP for redevelopment of the Natatorium or the Natatorium site to seek public, private partnership proposals or proposals from private developers.

Defeated.

151 Moved by Coun. Kirkpatrick

THAT City Council authorize City Administration to issue an RFP for redevelopment of the Natatorium or the Natatorium site to attract redevelopment proposals from the public or private sector.

Vote Delayed by Amendment.

151a Amendment Moved by Coun. Mitchell

THAT the motion be amended by deleting the words “or the Natatorium site”.

The Amendment was Carried.

The Motion, as Amended, was Carried.

The Motion, as Amended, reads as follows:

*“THAT City Council authorize City Administration to issue an RFP for redevelopment of the Natatorium to attract redevelopment proposals from the public or private sector.”*

The Budget Committee recessed at 12:49 p.m.

The Budget Committee reconvened at 1:24 p.m.

Councillor Eby joined the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

**Re: Request for Funding – 2014 Capital Budget**

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Again considered was a letter dated November 22, 2013 from Mr. George Fowler, General Manager of the Moose Jaw Exhibition Company Ltd., regarding a funding request for the Moose Jaw Exhibition Company Ltd.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

THAT the request from the Moose Jaw Exhibition Company Ltd. for funding from the 2014 Capital Budget, be referred to the 2015 Capital Budget.

Defeated.

- Moved by Coun. Luhning  
152 THAT the matter of the Moose Jaw Exhibition Company Ltd. request for funding be received and filed. Carried.

**Tabled Matters:**

- Moved by Coun. Eby  
153 THAT the matter of the Buffalo Pound Water Supply Line be lifted from the table. Carried.

**Re: Buffalo Pound Water Supply Line**

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Again considered was resolution #538 from the July 22, 2013 Executive Committee meeting:

*“THAT the matter of the Buffalo Pound water supply line be tabled pending review by the new Director of Engineering Services.”*

- Moved by Coun. Kirkpatrick  
154 THAT the Engineering Department be authorized to complete the necessary engineering design work required for the supply line and associated pumps and controls in 2014; and  
  
THAT the construction of the Buffalo Pound Water Supply Line and pumps and controls would commence in 2015; and further  
  
THAT the source of funding be the 2014-2018 Capital Budget. Carried.

- Moved by Coun. Eby  
155 THAT report dated July 15, 2013 from the Engineering Department regarding the Buffalo Pound Water Supply Line, be received and filed. Carried.

- Moved by Coun. Kirkpatrick  
156 THAT report dated January 7, 2014 from the Financial Services Department be lifted from the table. Carried.

**Re: Capital Budget Approval Process**

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Again considered was a report dated January 7, 2014 from the Financial Services Department to provide Budget Committee with an outline of the budget approval process and the motions necessary for budget approval.

**Municipal Airport**

Moved by Coun. Mitchell  
157 THAT City Administration be authorized to proceed with exploration of potential economic investment to the Municipal Airport through a Request for Proposal to be presented to Council in 2014.  
Carried.

**Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program**

Moved by Mayor Higgins  
THAT the City continue making \$50,000 per year contributions, remove the 10% premium on purchases, and look at options of winding down the Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program and report back to Council with implications.  
Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Luhning  
THAT \$0 be provided for annually in 2014-2018 Five Year Capital Budget within O.SERV 1 – Voluntary Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program; and  
THAT the program be discontinued and the remaining balance be used to purchase 131 North Grant Street and demolish 150 North Grant Street.  
Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell  
158 THAT the existing program remain unchanged with a 2014 contribution of \$50,000.  
Carried.

Moved by Mayor Higgins  
THAT the City undertake a review of the Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program with a report back to Council; and

THAT the remaining funds in the Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program account be used to purchase 131 North Grant Street and demolish 150 North Grant Street.

On the request of Coun. Luhning, the presiding officer being satisfied that the motion contained distinct propositions directed that a separate vote take place on each of the motions as follows:

159 1. THAT the City undertake a review of the Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program with a report back to Council.  
Carried.

- 160 2. THAT the remaining funds in the Flood Prone Property Acquisition Program account be used to purchase 131 North Grant Street and demolish 150 North Grant Street.

Carried.

**Capital Budget Approval Process Motions**

- 161 Moved by Coun. Mitchell  
THAT a 1% tax increase be allocated on an ongoing basis to WW-17 Cast Iron Water Main Replacements; and

THAT a 1% tax increase be allocated on an ongoing basis three quarters to PW-8(a) Arterial Roadways and one quarter to PW-23(b) Sidewalks.

Carried.

- Moved by Coun. Luhning  
THAT the PW40 Christmas Decoration item of \$20,000/year be removed from the Capital Budget.

Defeated.

- Moved by Coun. Luhning  
THAT Christmas decorations not go up before Remembrance Day.

Defeated.

- 162 Moved by Coun. Swanson  
THAT the City add \$2,000,000 to PW4 (Bridges and Structures) in each of 2015 and 2017.

Carried.

- Moved by Coun. Swanson  
THAT the football field relocation project in Capital Project PR-68 in the amount of \$212,000 for 2014 be deleted.

Defeated.

- 163 Moved by Coun. Luhning  
THAT 25% of the projected surplus each year in the 2014-2018 Capital Budget General Reserve be reallocated on an on-going basis to PW8A, PW8B and 23 A & B at the discretion of Administration.

Carried.

- 164 Moved by Coun. Swanson  
THAT Fire-1 Fire Services Upgrades be reduced to \$50,000 annually for each of the five years.

Carried.

The Budget Committee recessed at 2:55 p.m.  
The Budget Committee reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

- Moved by Coun. Swanson  
THAT the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. Capital upgrades be decreased by \$1,500,000 and reallocated half and half to W17 and WW9.

Defeated.

Councillor Luhning left the meeting at 4:14 p.m.  
Councillor Luhning returned at 4:16 p.m.

165 Moved by Coun. Kirkpatrick  
THAT the 2014 – 2018 Capital Budget be approved as amended; and

THAT City Administration be authorized to tender and award the capital projects set forth in year 2014 of the 2014 – 2018 Capital Budget as amended subject to the limitations set forth in:

- a) The City’s Purchasing Policy; and
- b) The City’s Administration Bylaw.

Carried.

166 Moved by Mayor Higgins  
THAT the 10 Year Unfunded Capital Budget be received and filed and forwarded to the appropriate offices of the Provincial and Federal Governments.

Carried.

167 Moved by Coun. Mitchell  
THAT the following motion:

*“THAT report dated January 7, 2014 from the Financial Services Department be tabled pending further deliberations.”*

be received and filed.

Carried.

168 Moved by Coun. Eby  
THAT the meeting now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Sgd.) Mayor Higgins  
Chairperson