

A meeting of the Budget Committee was held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:44 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: Matt Noble, City Manager
Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor
Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services
Ty Stokes, Director of Engineering Services
Al Bromley, Director of Human Resource Services

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

1. Report dated December 30, 2013 from the Department of Financial Services, **re: Operating Budget Update.**
2. Report dated January 6, 2014 from the Department of Financial Services, **re: Salary and Benefit Comparison.**
3. Report dated January 13, 2014 from the Director of Human Resource Services, **re: City of Moose Jaw Safety Incentive Proposal.**

Referred Matters:

4. Report (Communication #108) dated November 13, 2013 from the City Manager, re: **2014 Operating Budget Estimates.**
Res. #744 from the November 25, 2013 City Council Meeting:
“THAT the 2014 Operating Budget estimates be referred to the Budget Committee for a detailed review.” (Please bring your 2014 Preliminary Operating Budget binder distributed with the November 25, 2013 City Council agenda package)
5. Report (Communication #100) dated October 21, 2013 from Mayor Deb Higgins, Chair, Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners, **re: Police Service Operating Budget Submission for the Year 2014.**
Res. #699 from the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting:
“THAT the 2014 Police Service Operating Budget estimates and funding request submitted by the Chair, Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners, be referred to Budget Committee for deliberations.” (Please bring the Police budget documents distributed with the December 9, 2013 Budget Committee agenda package)

6. Letter (Communication #96) dated September 30, 2013 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library, **re: 2014 Operating Budget Estimates for the Public Library**

Resolution #695 from the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting:

“THAT Communication #96 being a letter dated September 30, 2013 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, and Board Chair Mr. Terry Gabel presenting the estimates for the 2014 Public Library Operating Budget be referred to City Council’s Budget Committee for consideration during Operating Budget deliberations.” (Please bring the Public Library budget documents distributed with the December 9, 2013 Budget Committee agenda package)

7. Report dated December 10, 2013 from the Parks and Recreation Department, **re: Email dated December 4, 2013 from the 2014 TELUS Cup Host Organizing Committee – Request for a Sponsorship/Funding Commitment from the City of Moose Jaw.**

Tabled Matter:

8. Report dated November 27, 2013 from the Financial Services Department, **re: Operating Budget Approval Process.** *(Please bring report distributed with the December 9, 2013 Budget Committee agenda package)*

Call to Order

Mayor Higgins, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Re: Operating Budget Update

Considered was a report dated December 30, 2013 from the Department of Financial Services to provide City Council with an update on the status of the 2014 Operating Budget.

Moved by Coun. Eby

80 THAT report dated December 30, 2013 from the Department of Financial Services, be received and filed.

Carried.

Re: Salary and Benefit Comparison

Considered was a report dated January 6, 2014 from the Department of Financial Services to provide Budget Committee with a comparison of 2013 to 2014 budgeted salaries and benefits.

Moved by Coun. Boyle

81 THAT report dated January 6, 2014 from the Department of Financial Services, be received and filed.

Carried.

Re: City of Moose Jaw Safety Incentive Proposal

Considered a report dated January 13, 2014 from the Director of Human Resource Services to propose a safety incentive program budget of \$20,000 to be reinvested to support and build on the significant financial efficiencies gained from our improving Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) safety performance.

Moved by Coun. Eby

82 THAT \$20,000 in budgetary savings from shifting from a WCB surcharge to a WCB discount be allocated to a Safety Incentive program.

Carried.

Re: Police Services Operating Budget Submission for the Year 2014

Again considered was a report dated October 21, 2013 from Mayor Deb Higgins, Chair of the Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners, to transmit the estimates and funding request of the Moose Jaw Police Service for the year 2014.

Res. #699 from the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting:

“THAT the 2014 Police Service Operating Budget estimates and funding request submitted by the Chair, Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners, be referred to Budget Committee for deliberations.”

Moved by Coun. Boyle

83 THAT the Moose Jaw Police Service 2014 Operating Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$7,959,134.

Carried.

Re: 2014 Operating Budget Estimates for the Public Library

Again considered was a report dated September 30, 2013 from Ms. Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library to submit the 2013 Moose Jaw Public Library Operating Budget estimates.

Resolution #695 from the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting:

“THAT Communication #96 being a letter dated September 30, 2013 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, and Board Chair Mr. Terry Gabel presenting the estimates for the 2014 Public Library Operating Budget be referred to City Council's Budget Committee for consideration during Operating Budget deliberations.”

Moved by Coun. Mitchell

84 THAT the Moose Jaw Public Library 2014 Operating Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$1,048,754.

Carried.

Re: Email dated December 4, 2013 from the 2014 TELUS Cup Host Organizing Committee – Request for a Sponsorship/Funding Commitment from the City of Moose Jaw

Again considered was a report dated December 10, 2013 from the Parks and Recreation Department to transmit a request from the 2014 TELUS Cup Host Organizing Committee for a sponsorship/financial commitment from the City of Moose Jaw to host the 2014 TELUS Cup at Mosaic Place to City Council for review.

85 Moved by Coun. Boyle
THAT the City of Moose Jaw provide a financial commitment of \$25,000 to the 2014 TELUS Cup Organizing Committee; and

THAT the source of funding be the Miscellaneous Grants (Parks and Recreation).

Carried.

Tabled Matter:

86 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT report dated November 27, 2013 from the Financial Services Department regarding the Operating Budget Approval Process be lifted from the table.

Carried.

Re: Operating Budget Approval Process

87 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT report dated November 27, 2013 from the Financial Services Department regarding the Operating Budget Approval Process be received and filed.

Carried.

88 Moved by Coun. Boyle
THAT the 2014 Operating Budget be approved, as amended, resulting in a mill rate increase of 1.64% which will generate an additional \$353,065 for the City's Operating Budget.

Carried.

Councillor Swanson left the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

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

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd.) Mayor Higgins
Chairperson