

A meeting of the Budget Committee was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 9:43 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
Josh Mickleborough, Director of Engineering Services
Michelle Sanson, Manager of Planning and Development Services
Al Bromley, Director of Human Resource Services
Rick Bourassa, Police Chief
Wade McKay, Manager of Information Technology and Continuous Improvement
Rod Montgomery, Fire Chief
Sandy Campbell, City Comptroller

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

1. Report dated January 19, 2015 from Mayor Deb Higgins, Chair of the Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners, **re: Revised 2015 Police Service Operating Budget.**

Referred Matters:

2. Report (Communication #135) dated December 5, 2014 from the City Manager, re: **Operating and Capital Budget Estimates.**

Res. #778 from the December 15, 2014 City Council Meeting:

“THAT the 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget Estimates, the 2015 – 2019 Preliminary Capital Budget Estimates, and the 2015 to 2024 Unfunded Capital Budget Estimates be referred to Budget Committee for a detailed review.”

(Please bring your 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget binder, 2015 – 2019 Preliminary Capital Budget Binder and 2015 to 2024 Unfunded Capital Budget Binder distributed with the December 15, 2014 City Council agenda package)

- a) 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget
- b) 2015 – 2019 Preliminary Capital Budget

Outstanding Matters:

3. Letter (Communication #110) dated October 14, 2014 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library, **re: 2015 Operating Budget Estimates for the Public Library.**

Resolution #669 from the November 3, 2014 City Council Meeting:

“THAT Communication #110 being a letter dated October 14, 2014 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, presenting the estimates for the 2015 Public Library Operating Budget be referred to City Council’s Budget Committee for consideration during Operating Budget deliberations.”

(Please bring report distributed with the January 12, 2015 Budget Committee agenda package)

4. Report (Communication #130) dated November 20, 2014 from Mayor Deb Higgins, Chair, Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners, **re: Police Service Operating Budget Submission for the Year 2015.**

Res. #750 from the December 1, 2014 City Council Meeting:

“THAT the 2015 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 report distributed with the January 12, 2015 Budget Committee agenda package)

5. Letters dated October 13, 2014 from Scott Clark, General Manager, Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc., **re: Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Operating and Capital Budget Submission.**

(Please bring report distributed with the January 12, 2015 Budget Committee agenda package)

Tabled Matter:

6. Report dated December 14, 2014 from the Financial Services Department, **re: Budget Approval Process.**

(Please bring report distributed with the January 9th & 10th, 2015 Budget Committee agenda package)

Call to Order

Mayor Higgins, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:43 p.m.

Re: Police Service Operating Budget Submission for the Year 2015

Again considered was a report (Communication #130) dated November 20, 2014 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 2015. Also considered was report dated January 19, 2015 from Mayor Deb Higgins to provide Budget Committee with a revised 2015 Operating Budget for the Moose Jaw Police Service.

Res. #750 from the December 1, 2014 City Council Meeting:

“THAT the 2015 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

132 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 matter.

Carried.

The Budget Committee closed the meeting at 9:44 p.m. to the public with the following persons in attendance: Mayor Higgins, Councillor Luhning, Councillor Eby, Councillor Swanson, Councillor Kirkpatrick, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Boyle, Matt Noble, City Manager; Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services; Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor; Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation; Josh Mickleborough, Director of Engineering Services; Michelle Sanson, Manager of Planning and Development Services; Sandy Campbell, City Comptroller; Rod Montgomery, Fire Chief; Al Bromley, Director of Human Resource Services; Rick Bourassa, Police Chief; and Wade McKay, Manager of Information Technology and Continuous Improvement.

Moved by Coun. Luhning

133 THAT the Budget Committee reconvene in open session.

Carried.

The Budget Committee reconvened in open session at 9:56 p.m.

Moved by Coun. Boyle

134 THAT the Moose Jaw Police Service 2015 Operating Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$8,980,056; and

THAT the Moose Jaw Police Service 2015 Capital Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$50,000.

Carried.

Outstanding Matters:

Re: 2015 Operating Budget Estimates for the Public Library

Again considered was a report (Communication #110) dated October 14, 2014 from Ms. Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, Moose Jaw Public Library to submit the 2015 Moose Jaw Public Library Operating Budget estimates.

Resolution #669 from the November 3, 2014 City Council Meeting:
“THAT Communication #110 being a letter dated October 14, 2014 from Karon Selzer, Head Librarian, presenting the estimates for the 2015 Public Library Operating Budget be referred to City Council’s Budget Committee for consideration during Operating Budget deliberations.”

Moved by Coun. Kirkpatrick
135 THAT the Moose Jaw Public Library 2015 Operating Budget, including the Palliser Regional Library Levy be approved with net funding in the amount of \$1,105,785.

Vote Delayed by Amendment.

Amendment Moved by Coun. Swanson
THAT the motion be amended by reducing the Moose Jaw Public Library 2015 Operating Budget, including the Palliser Regional Library Levy, by \$25,000.

The Amendment was Defeated.
The Main Motion was Carried.

Re: Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Operating and Capital Budget Submission

Again considered was the budget submission from Mr. Scott Clark, General Manager, Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. to transmit the Operating and Capital budget estimates and funding request of the facilities for the year 2015.

Moved by Coun. Boyle
136 THAT the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Operating Budget be approved with City funding in the amount of \$549,909; and

THAT the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Capital Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$225,000.

Vote Delayed by Amendment.

Amendment Moved by Coun. Swanson
THAT the motion be amended by reducing the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Operating Budget to \$434,009.

The Amendment was Defeated.

136a Amendment Moved by Coun. Mitchell
THAT the motion be amended by reducing the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Operating Budget to \$499,009.

The Amendment was Carried.
The Motion, as Amended, was Carried.

The Motion, as Amended, reads as follows:

“THAT the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Operating Budget be approved with City funding in the amount of \$499,009; and

THAT the Moose Jaw Downtown and Soccer/Field-House Facilities Inc. 2015 Capital Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$225,000.”

Referred Matter:

Re: Operating and Capital Budget Estimates

Moved by Coun. Swanson
THAT the SPC Funds to Operating of \$1,400,262 be reallocated to the Capital Budget with a corresponding reduction in expenses to be determined following a report from Administration outlining options.

Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Luhning
THAT the 2015 budget for Revenue Sharing be set at \$6,877,000.

Defeated.

Moved by Coun. Swanson
THAT this matter be tabled until the Provincial Budget is announced.

Defeated.

137 Moved by Coun. Boyle
THAT the 2015 Operating Budget be approved, as amended; and

THAT the 2015 – 2019 Capital Budget be approved as amended; and

THAT City Administration be authorized to tender and award the capital projects set forth in year 2015 of the 2015 – 2019 Capital Budget as amended subject to the limitations set forth in:

- a) the City’s Purchasing Policy; and
- b) the City’s Administration Bylaw; and further

THAT a mill rate increase of 5.13% which will generate an additional \$1,170,121 for the City’s Operating and Capital Budgets be approved

Carried.

Moved by Coun. Swanson
THAT the Fire Department 2015 Operating Budget be reduced by \$150,000.

Defeated.

Tabled Matter:

Re: Budget Approval Process

Again considered was a report dated December 14, 2014 from the Financial Services Department to provide Budget Committee with an outline of the budget approval process and the motions necessary for budget approvals.

138 Moved by Coun. Eby
THAT the following motion:

“THAT report dated December 14, 2014 from the Financial Services Department be tabled pending further deliberations.”

be received and filed.

Carried.

139 Moved by Coun. Luhning
THAT the meeting now adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd.) Mayor Higgins
Chairperson