

**A meeting of the Budget Committee was held on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Scoop Lewry Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall.**

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

ABSENT: Coun. Kirkpatrick  
Coun. Mitchell

ADMIN: Garry McKay, City Manager  
Jody Hauta, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services  
Mahabub Zaman, Acting Director of Engineering Services  
Heather Walker, City Council Support

MEDIA: Moose Jaw Times Herald  
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The meeting of the Budget Committee was called to deal with the following items:

1. Report dated February 26, 2013 from the Department of Financial Services, **re: Operating Budget Update.**

**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.)*

**Tabled Matter:**

4. 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 5:30 p.m.

**Re: Operating Budget Update**

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Considered was a report dated February 26, 2013 from the Department of Financial Services to provide City Council with an update on the status of the 2013 Operating Budget.

170 Moved by Coun. Eby  
THAT report dated February 26, 2013 from the Department of Financial Services regarding an Operating Budget update be received and filed. Carried.

**Re: Police Service Operating Budget Submission for the Year 2013**

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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.”*

171 Moved by Coun. Boyle  
THAT the Police Service Operating Budget be approved with net funding in the amount of \$7,644,481. Carried.

**Tabled Matter:**

172 Moved by Coun. Eby  
THAT report dated January 2, 2013 from the Financial Services Department regarding the Operating Budget Approval Process be lifted from the table. Carried.

**Re: Operating Budget Approval Process**

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Again considered was a report dated January 2, 2013 from the Financial Services Department to provide the Budget Committee with an outline of the budget approval process and the motions necessary for budget approval.

173 Moved by Coun. Eby  
THAT a second City Planner position be added to the Business Development Division at a cost of no more than \$100,000. Carried.

174 Moved by Coun. Luhning  
THAT \$12,240 from the Miscellaneous Third Party Funding be transferred to the Cultural Centre program funding; and

THAT \$37,760 in new funding be provided to the Cultural Centre on an ongoing basis for total additional funding of \$50,000 to the Cultural Centre.

Carried.

175 Moved by Mayor Higgins  
THAT the Economic Development Officer position be funded from a half-time position to a full-time position in the amount of \$50,000.

Carried.

176 Moved by Coun. Boyle  
THAT the 2013 Operating Budget be approved, as amended, resulting in a mill rate increase of 3.59% which will generate an additional \$717,966 for the City's Operating Budget.

Carried.

177 Moved by Coun. Boyle  
THAT report dated January 2, 2013 from the Financial Services Department regarding the Operating Budget Approval Process be received and filed.

Carried.

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

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) Mayor Higgins  
Chairperson