



2012 BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes of Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Committee Members present:

Chair Fortier
Councillor Campion (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)
Councillor Carl
Councillor Chiocchio
Councillor DiMarco
Councillor Grenier
Councillor Grimaldi
Councillor Larouche (6:00 p.m.–8:40 p.m.)
Councillor Letourneau
Councillor McLeod (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
Councillor Petrachenko
Councillor Wright

Staff Members present:

City Manager, Craig Stirtzinger
General Manager, Corporate Services/City Treasurer, Kristine Douglas
Manager of Budgets and Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer, Cathy DeLuca
General Manager, Integrated Services, Bill Fenwick
General Manager, Infrastructure Services/City Engineer, Sal Iannello
General Manager, Human Resources, Rosanne Mantesso
Fire Chief, Denys Prevost
Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services, Anna Smith

Regrets

Mayor Sharpe (ill)
City Clerk, Christine Mintoff

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the April 12, 2011 Meeting

Motion made to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting.

Motion carried.

City of Welland Service and User Fees (Revised Report FIN-2011-22)

The City of Welland Service and User Fees report was introduced by the Chair.

The Committee then discussed the report.

Motion made to approve the proposed new user fees and fee increases for 2012 per Appendix I of Report FIN-2011-22, to accept the list of user/service fees attached to report FIN-2011-22 (Schedule 'A') and to direct staff to amend the appropriate By-laws.

Direction given to staff to explore arena ice rental fees and rink advertising.

Amended motion made to approve the proposed new user fees and fee increases for 2012 per Appendix I of Report FIN-2011-22 with the exception of arena ice rental fees and facility advertisement rates, to accept the list of user/service fees attached to Report FIN-2011-22 (Schedule 'A'), to direct staff to prepare the appropriate By-laws, and for staff to complete a fee study report on arena ice rental fees and facility advertising fees to be brought back to Council.

Motion carried.

Water and Wastewater Billing Adjustment Program (Report FIN-2012-01)

Motion made to receive Report FIN-2012-01 for information and discussion.

The Treasurer advised that the intent of the report is to provide direction to staff with respect to establishing a wastewater billing adjustment program or policy.

The Committee then discussed this report.

Direction given to staff to create a water and wastewater billing adjustment policy based on the City of St. Catharines model with a budget of \$75,000 and report back to Council.

Motion carried.

Public Input Session

The following people made a presentation with respect to the 2012 Budgets:

1. Mr. Joe Kovacs, Apt. 706, 210 Denistoun Street, Welland, ON L3C 6T4
2. Mr. Henry O'Keefe, 33 Thomson Road, Welland, ON L3C 3N1

The meeting recessed at 7:44 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

Public Input Session (continued)

3. Mr. Joseph Somers, 17 Lyons Avenue, Welland, ON L3B 1L8
4. Mr. Doug Thomas, 153 Rolling Acres Drive, Welland, ON L3C 6K7
5. Mrs. Yvette Ward, 216 Riverside Drive, Welland, ON L3C 5E4
6. Mr. Ron St. Louis, 58 Cozy Street, Welland, ON L3B 4H1

Welland Rose Festival – Advance for 2012 Rose Festival Parade

Motion made to approve an advance of \$8,000 of the 2012 Permissive Grant to the Welland Rose Festival for the parade.

The Committee then discussed this topic.

Motion made to defer this request to the next budget meeting.

Direction given to staff to obtain additional financial information from the Rose Festival.

Motion to defer this request to the next budget meeting carried.

Review of Draft 2012 Budget Timetable

Motion made to approve the 2012 Budget Timetable.

Motion carried.

New Business

The Committee requested information regarding the City's reserves and reserve funds.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried.