



MINUTES
BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
WELLAND CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Committee Members present:

Councillor D. McLeod (Chair)
Mayor F. Champion
Councillor J. Chiocchio
Councillor T. DiMarco
Councillor J. Larouche (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)
Councillor B. Fokkens
Councillor B. Green
Councillor A. Moote
Councillor C. Richard
Councillor G. Speck
Councillor L. Spinosa
Councillor L. Van Vliet

Staff present:

Chief Administrative Officer – Gary Long
General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer – Steve Zorbas
Manager of Budgets and Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer – Elizabeth Pankoff
General Manager, Human Resources & Legislative Services – Rosanne Mantesso
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services – Brian Kennedy
City Clerk – Tara Stephens
General Manager, Infrastructure and Development Services – Erik Nickel
Manager, Engineering Services – Chris Anders
Manager, Recreation and Culture - Richard Dalton
Manager, Welland Transit - Dave Stuart
Administrative Finance Coordinator, Corporate Services – Nicci Hingley

1. OPEN BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approve Agenda

Motion moved by Mayor Campion to approve the agenda.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Speck declared an indirect pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 3.2 - Welland Historical Museum.

Councillor Van Vliet declared an indirect pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 3.4 - Welland McMaster Family Health Team

Procedural Matter – Approve Minutes of the Meeting of January 7, 2019

Motion moved by Councillor Spinosa to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2019.

CARRIED

Councillor DiMarco requested to be recorded as opposed to the motion.

2. OPENING REMARKS

The Budget Review Committee (BRC) Chair and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and made opening remarks to the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

The CFO discussed the revised 2019 Decision Units summary page circulated at the meeting. The revisions include additional new source of revenues from the 2019 Ontario Cannabis Funding Allocation which will result in a 1.43% increase to base budget.

3. BOARD PRESENTATIONS & APPROVAL:**3.1 WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Ken Su and Melanie Gross-Kerho made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2019 grant request for the Welland Public Library.

The Committee then asked questions about the presentation.

Motion moved by Councillor Chiocchio that the Budget Review Committee approves and recommends to Council for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve that the Welland Public Library be given a grant in the amount of \$2,131,017 for 2019.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas – Mayor Campion, Councillors Richard, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, Van Vliet, McLeod, Green, Speck, and Chiocchio

Councillor Larouche asked to be recorded as in favour.

Nays - Councillor DiMarco.

CARRIED

3.2 WELLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Library Board Treasurer Robert Nero and Board Chairman Greg D'Amico made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2019 Grant request for the Welland Historical Museum.

The Committee asked questions about the presentation.

Councillor Moote declared an indirect pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 3.2 - Welland Historical Museum.

Motion moved by Councillor Fokkens that the Budget Review Committee approves and recommends to Council for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve that the Welland Historical Museum be given a grant in the amount of \$224,231, plus additional special request of \$4,500 for 2019.

Mayor Campion requested an amendment to the motion.

The Committee then discussed the motion.

Mayor Campion amended the motion as follows:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve that the Welland Historical Museum be given a grant in the amount of \$224,231 for 2019; and further,

THAT Welland City Council consider the additional special request of \$4,500 as a 2019 Decision Unit.

CARRIED

3.3 YOUNGS SPORTSPLEX

The CFO and Stefania Simonetta of Spectra made a presentation regarding the 2019 Operating & Capital Budget for the Youngs Sportsplex.

The Committee then asked questions about the presentation.

Direction given to staff to provide clarification on the length of commitment on the naming rights contract with Youngs Insurance. This will be provided by the CFO at the January 21 Budget Review Committee meeting.

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves and recommends to Council for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approve the 2019 Operating Budget for the Youngs Sportsplex.

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Motion moved by Mayor Campion that the Budget Review Committee directs staff to provide an 2019 Business Plan which would include financing options for the future of the Youngs Sportsplex.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas - Mayor Campion, Councillors Richard, Spinosa, Fokkens, Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, and DiMarco.

Nays - Moote, VanVliet, and McLeod.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 7:33 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

3.4 WELLAND McMASTER FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Dr. Jennifer Mueller and Dr. Amanda Bell made a presentation regarding a 2019 grant request.

The Committee then asked questions about the presentation.

Motion moved by Councillor Richard that the Budget Review Committee receives for information and consideration the presentation made by the Welland McMaster Family Health Team and consider as a 2019 Decision Unit.

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Motion moved by Councillor Spinosa that the Budget Review Committee direct staff to provide further information and the expiry date of the current agreement with the Welland McMaster Family Health Team, to be provided to the Committee at the January 28, 2018 BRC meeting.

CARRIED

4. 2019 COMMENTS/FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM YOUR CHANNEL

All comments are summarized from feedback received up to January 9, 2019 at 12 p.m.; all of which is also available to the public on the City's website through YourChannel.

Motion moved by Mayor Campion that the Budget Review Committee receives for information the update received from YourChannel regarding the proposed 2019 Budgets.

CARRIED

5. PROPOSED 2019 TAX SUPPORTED DECISION UNITS – *Opening Remarks by CAO & Presentations by General Managers*

General Managers and the CFO each gave a brief overview of the Decision Unit support sheets that relate to their respective departments.

6. FUNDING OPTIONS - FORKS ROAD BRIDGE – *Update by Chief Financial Officer*

The CFO presented two funding options for the Forks Road Bridge for consideration by the Committee.

Option #1 - City issue \$4 million in debentures, increasing self-imposed debt limit to 12% from 11%, as Decision Unit.

Staff recommended Option #2 - Niagara Region pay and contribute \$4 million for demolition, pier testing, and detailed design.

The committee then asked questions.

Motion moved by Councillor DiMarco to defer any decisions on the Forks Road Bridge funding to the January 28 Budget Review Committee meeting, once feedback has been received from Niagara Region.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas - Councillors DiMarco and Richard.

Nays - Mayor Champion, Councillors Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, VanVliet, McLeod, Larouche, Green, Speck, and Chiocchio.

MOTION LOST

The CFO will provide an update to the Committee at the January 28 BRC meeting of the proposed tax increases, and where Niagara Region is at with their decisions.

Motion moved by Councillor Larouche that the Budget Review Committee approves and recommends to Council for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves and recommends that Niagara Regional Council be requested to fund Phase 1 costs of \$4 million for demolition, pier testing, and detailed design of the Forks Road Bridge.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas - Mayor Champion, Councillors Richard, Spinosa, Fokkens, McLeod, Larouche, Green, Speck, Chiocchio, and DiMarco.

Nays - Councillors Moote and VanVliet.

CARRIED

7. QUESTIONS / REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

7.1 PROPOSED 2019 TAX SUPPORTED DECISION UNITS

The Committee asked questions about the proposed 2019 Tax Supported Decision Units.

Motion moved by Councillor Larouche that the Budget Review Committee approves and recommends to Council for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the Canal Lands Animal Waste Control Decision Unit in the amount of \$16,000.

The Committee discussed the motion.

CARRIED

Motion moved by Councillor DiMarco that the Budget Review Committee approves and recommends to Council for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the Road Resurfacing Decision Unit in the amount of \$390,000.

The Committee discussed the motion.

A recorded vote was requested

Yeas - Councillors Richard, Spinosa, Fokkens, Moote, VanVliet, McLeod, Larouche, Speck, Chiochio, and DiMarco.

Nays - Mayor Campion and Councillor Green.

CARRIED

The General Manager of Engineering will provide a list of roads that are flagged for resurfacing work in 2019 to the Committee at the January 21 BRC meeting.

Motion moved by Councillor Spinosa that the Budget Review Committee approves and recommends to Council for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND approves the Waterway and Tourism Coordinator position in the amount of \$83,567.

The Committee discussed the motion.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas - Mayor Campion, Councillors Spinosa, Moote, VanVliet, McLeod, and Larouche.

Neas - Councillors Richard, Fokkens, Green, Speck, Chiochio, and DiMarco.

MOTION LOST

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 21, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved by Van Vliet to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

CARRIED