



BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

Committee Members present:

Mayor F. Campion (arrived at 5:09 p.m.)
Councillor J. Mastroianni
Councillor M. Belcastro
Councillor M. Carl (arrived at 5:37 p.m.)
Councillor J. Chiocchio
Councillor P. Chiocchio
Councillor T. DiMarco (5:07 p.m. – 8:21 p.m.)
Councillor B. Fokkens
Councillor M. Grimaldi
Councillor J. Larouche (5:18 p.m. - 6:57 p.m.)
Councillor D. McLeod (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)
Councillor C. Richard
Councillor L. Van Vliet

Staff present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Gary Long
General Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Steve Zorbas
Manager of Budgets & Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer, Elizabeth Pankoff
General Manager, Human Resources & Legislative Services, Rosanne Mantesso
Chief, Fire & Emergency Services, Brian Kennedy
Acting General Manager, Infrastructure & Development Services/City Engineer, Erik Nickel
Acting Manager, Engineering Services, Chris Anders
Infrastructure Planning & Development Supervisor, Marvin Ingebrigtsen
Acting City Clerk, Carm Radice
Transit Manager, Alfred Stockwell
Deputy Fire Chief, Adam Eckhart
Acting Manager, Recreation & Culture, Richard Dalton
Acting Revenue Services Manager, Janet Ferland (5:07 p.m. – 5:53 p.m.)
Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services, Anna Smith

Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Approve Agenda

Councillor Grimaldi added a motion that the Budget Review Committee reconsiders the Human Resources Assistant decision unit and that it be included with all Decision Units for consideration by the Budget Review Committee.

The Committee then discussed this motion.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Grimaldi to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion carried.

Disclosure of Interest

None.

Procedural Matter – Approve Minutes of the Meeting of December 4, 2017

Motion moved by Councillor Richard to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2017.

Motion carried.

Committee Decisions – Water & Wastewater Budget***a) 2018 Proposed Water/Wastewater Capital Budget***

The CFO introduced agenda item 2(a), 2018 proposed Water & Wastewater Capital Budget.

The Committee then asked questions about the proposed 2018 Water & Wastewater Capital Budget.

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves the 2018 Water & Wastewater Capital Budget as referenced on pages 5-7 of the December 11, 2017, Budget Review Committee agenda.

Motion carried.

b) 2018 Proposed Water/Wastewater Operating Budgets & 2018 Rates Including Decision Units

Motion moved by Councillor Grimaldi that the Budget Review Committee approves Option 1, third and final year of three-year phase-in of equivalency factor for fixed charges for multi-residential (2-6 units) for the Water & Wastewater Operating Budget and the resulting Water/Wastewater rates for 2018 as listed on page 9 of the Budget Review Committee agenda of December 11, 2017.

Motion carried.

c) Proposed 2019-2027 Water/Wastewater Capital Budget Forecast

Motion moved by Mayor Campion that the Budget Review Committee receives for information the 2019-2027 Water & Wastewater Capital Budget Forecast, referenced as pages 151-158 of the Budget Review Committee agenda of October 16, 2017.

Motion carried.

Committee Decisions - Tax Supported Budgets***a) Revised Grants & Special Assistance Policy***

The CFO introduced the Grants & Special Assistance Policy Report and the Deputy Treasurer provided an overview of the report.

The Committee then asked questions about the Grants & Special Assistance Policy Report.

The Committee directed staff to provide a list of organizations who are currently being provided services and assistance for their events that the City has built into the base budget. Councillor Carl left the meeting.

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves the amendments to the Grants & Special Assistance Policy as outlined in Appendix I to Report FIN-2017-39.

Councillor J. Chiochio asked to be recorded as opposed to the motion.

Motion carried.

b) 2018 Grant Requests***i. Report FIN-2017-37 Niagara Central Airport Commission Capital Projects for 2018***

The CFO introduced Report FIN-2017-37, Niagara Central Airport Commissions Capital Projects for 2018.

The Committee then asked questions about the Niagara Central Airport Commission Capital Projects for 2018 Report.

Motion moved by Councillor McLeod that the Budget Review Committee approves the proposal of a loan of \$96,880 for the Niagara Central Airport Commission ("NCAC") capital projects for the repairs to the runways and taxiways; and further

THAT the Budget Review Committee authorizes the City Clerk to prepare all necessary agreements and By-laws to advance the funding.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, P. Chiochio, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Larouche, Mastroianni, McLeod, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Councillors J. Chiochio, DiMarco, and Richard.

Motion carried.

ii. Report FIN-2017-38 – 2018 Operating Grants

The CFO introduced Report FIN-2017-38, 2018 Operating Grants.

The Committee then asked questions about the 2018 Operating Grants Report.

Motion moved by Councillor Fokkens requesting to split the 2018 Operating Grants recommendations.

Motion carried.

Welland Public Library Board

Motion moved by Councillor J. Chiochio that the Budget Review Committee approves an Operating Grant for the Welland Public Library in the amount of \$2,081,017 for 2018.

Motion carried.

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

Welland Historical Museum

Motion moved by Councillor Fokkens that the Budget Review Committee approves an Operating Grant for the Welland Historical Museum in the amount of \$219,834 for 2018.

Motion carried.

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

Niagara Central Airport

Motion moved by Councillor Larouche that the Budget Review Committee approves an Operating Grant for the Niagara Central Airport in the amount of \$41,820 for 2018.

Motion carried.

iii. Memorandum – 2018 Youngs Sportsplex Budget & Estimated Deficit

The memorandum regarding the 2018 Youngs Sportsplex Budget and estimated deficit was introduced by the CFO.

Councillor Carl returned to the meeting.

The Committee then asked questions about the memorandum regarding the 2018 Youngs Sportsplex Budget and estimated deficit.

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves the 2018 Budget for the Youngs Sportsplex (YSP), attached as Appendix I to Budget Review Committee memorandum dated December 11, 2017, as recommended by the Facility

Management Review Team and as presented by Global Spectrum Facility Management L.P.; and further

THAT the Budget Review Committee approves that the 2018 estimated deficit of \$634,985 be funded by the Sports and Culture Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund (SCICRF).

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, J. Chiocchio, P. Chiocchio, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, McLeod, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Councillors DiMarco and Richard.

Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

c) 2018 Proposed Tax Supported Decision Units

The CFO introduced the 2018 Proposed Tax Supported Decision Units agenda item and advised that the current municipal tax levy increase is 1.91% and combined all-in impact is 1.86% before any Decision Units are considered this evening.

Motion moved by Councillor DiMarco to remove all the Decision Units listed under numbers 4 and 5 on page 35 and item 'a' on page 36 of the Budget Review Committee agenda dated December 11, 2017.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Councillor DiMarco.

Nays: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, J. Chiocchio, P. Chiocchio, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, McLeod, Richard, Van Vliet.

Motion lost.

The Committee then deliberated on the Tax Supported Budget Decision Units.

Motion moved by Councillor McLeod that the Budget Review Committee approves a dedicated tax rate increase of 1% for 'Investing in Welland Roads' for approximately \$374,830 be included in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Mayor Campion and Councillor Grimaldi asked to be recorded as opposed to the motion.

Motion moved by Mayor Campion that the Budget Review Committee approves Asphalt Paving (Misc. Locations) in the amount of \$33,000 be included in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Carl that the Budget Review Committee approves Missing Sidewalk Links in the amount of \$100,000 be included in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor J. Chiochio that the Budget Review Committee approves a Marketing & Promotion Coordinator for the net cost amount of \$1,713 be included in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Councillors J. Chiochio, Mastroianni, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, P. Chiochio, DiMarco, Fokkens, Grimaldi, McLeod, and Richard.

Motion lost.

Motion moved by Councillor Carl that the Budget Review Committee approves a Development Engineering Supervisor for the net cost amount of \$33,026 be included in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Councillors Belcastro, Carl, J. Chiochio, Mastroianni, McLeod, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Mayor Campion, P. Chiochio, Fokkens, Grimaldi, and Richard.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor J. Chiochio that the Budget Review Committee approves a WCWC Aquatic Coordinator for the net cost amount of \$18,329 be included in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, J. Chiochio, Mastroianni, McLeod, Richard, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Councillors P. Chiochio, Fokkens and Grimaldi.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor McLeod that the Budget Review Committee approves Waterfront Lifeguards – Recreational Waterway for the net cost amount of \$2,500 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, J. Chiochio, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, McLeod, Richard, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Councillor P. Chiochio.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor J. Chiochio that the Budget Review Committee approves a Summer Aquatic Coordinator for the net cost amount of \$13,693 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor McLeod that the Budget Review Committee approves a Transit Morning Serviceperson in the amount of \$69,373 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion lost.

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves a Development Researcher in the amount of \$50,750 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, McLeod, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Councillors J. Chiochio, P. Chiochio, Fokkens, and Richard.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves a Fire Prevention Officer in the amount of \$133,284 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, J. Chiochio, P. Chiochio, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, McLeod, Richard, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Councillor Fokkens.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Carl that the Budget Review Committee approves an additional operating grant to the Welland Public Library for the Seaway Mall location in the amount of \$50,000 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Grimaldi that the Budget Review Committee approves an additional grant to the Welland Historical Museum for workplace improvements, display case, enhancements to Metis exhibits in the amount of \$6,000 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Carl that the Budget Review Committee approves a change in the interest allocation reserve policy and create a Tax Rate reduction reserve fund to reduce the 2018 Operating Budget by \$200,000.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Fokkens that the Budget Review Committee approves the creation of a Forks Road Bridge Replacement Reserve Fund with an allocation in the 2018 Operating Budget in the amount of \$374,830.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor McLeod that the Budget Review Committee approves Crack Sealing in the amount of \$50,000 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor McLeod with an amendment that the Budget Review Committee approves the funding shortfall for sidewalks in the amount of \$200,000 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote on the amendment was requested.

Yeas: Councillors Carl, J. Chiochio, Mastroianni, McLeod, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Mayor Champion, Councillors Belcastro, P. Chiochio, Fokkens, Grimaldi, and Richard.

Amended motion lost.

Motion to amend moved by Councillor P. Chiochio to reduce the amount to \$100,000.

A recorded vote on the amendment was requested.

Yeas: Councillors Carl, J. Chiochio, P. Chiochio, and McLeod.

Nays: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Richard, and Van Vliet.

Amended motion lost.

Motion to amend moved by Councillor McLeod to reduce the amount to \$75,000.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Councillors Carl, J. Chiochio, P. Chiochio, and McLeod.

Nays: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Fokkens, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, Richard, and Van Vliet.

Amended motion lost.

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves the funding for sidewalks in the amount of \$670,000 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion lost.

Motion moved by Councillor J. Chiochio that the Budget Review Committee approves funding for the 2018 Concert Series for the Canoe Polo opening ceremonies in the amount of \$10,000 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Councillor Grimaldi that the Budget Review Committee approves the Human Resources Assistant for the net cost of \$16,314 in the 2018 Operating Budget.

A recorded vote was requested.

Yeas: Mayor Campion, Councillors Belcastro, Carl, J. Chiochio, P. Chiochio, Grimaldi, Mastroianni, McLeod, Richard, and Van Vliet.

Nays: Councillor Fokkens.

Motion carried.

d) 2018 Proposed Tax Supported Capital Budget

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves the 2018 Tax Supported Capital Budget as referenced on pages 37-41 of the Budget Review Committee meeting agenda of December 11, 2017.

Motion carried.

e) 2018 Proposed Tax Supported Operating Budget

Motion moved by Councillor Van Vliet that the Budget Review Committee approves the 2018 Tax Supported Operating Budget.

Motion carried.

f) Proposed 9 Year (2019-2027) Tax Supported Capital Budget Forecast

Motion moved by Councillor Grimaldi that the Budget Review Committee receives for information the 2019-2027 Tax Supported Capital Budget Forecast as referenced on pages 43-60 of the Budget Review Committee agenda dated October 16, 2017.

Motion carried.

The Chair advised that all Budgets approved this evening will proceed to Council for ratification during its meeting on December 19, 2017.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion moved by Councillor Belcastro to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Motion carried.

UNAPPROVED