

COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 23, 25, 28, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers

Members Present: Roxanne Carr, Mayor
Vic Bidzinski, Councillor Ward 1 (absent November 18, 2016)
Dave Anderson, Councillor Ward 2 (absent November 18, 2016)
Brian Botterill, Councillor Ward 3 (absent November 25, 2016)
Carla Howatt, Councillor Ward 4
Paul Smith, Councillor Ward 5
Linton Delainey, Councillor Ward 6
Bonnie Riddell, Councillor Ward 7
Fiona Beland-Quest, Councillor Ward 8

Administration Present: Rob Coon, Chief Commissioner
Lori Cooper, Assoc. Commissioner, Corporate Services
Kevin Glebe, Assoc. Commissioner, Infrastructure and Planning Services
Gord Johnston, Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services
Greg Yeomans, Chief Financial Officer
Mavis Nathoo, Director, Legislative and Legal Services
Jeremy Tremblett, Legislative Officer
Lana Dyrland, Legislative Officer

- NOVEMBER 18, 2016, Budget Session Day 1 -

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. ADOPT AGENDA

2016/ 374

Moved By F. Beland-Quest

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor (7): R. Carr, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and
F. Beland-Quest

Carried

3. PRIORITY BASED BUDGETING OVERVIEW

Council was provided with an overview presentation on Priority Based Budgeting.

4. INTRODUCTION

4.1 Executive Summary

Chief Commissioner Rob Coon presented Council with the Executive Summary.

4.2 Flagged Items Process

Council was provided with an overview on the Flagged Items process which captures questions asked by Council throughout the budget process.

4.3 Strategic Reference Documents

Council was provided with Strategic Reference Documents - presentations were not heard at the meeting.

5. 2017 RECOMMENDED CONSOLIDATED BUDGETS

Council was provided with an overview presentation on the 2017 recommended consolidated budgets.

- Council recessed at 11:12 a.m. and will reconvened at 9:00 a.m. November 23, 2016 -

- NOVEMBER 23, 2016, Budget Session Day 2 -

6. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING SERVICES DIVISION

Council was provided with an overview presentation on the Infrastructure and Planning Services Division budget.

2016/ 375

Moved By P. Smith

THAT flagged item 1, North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, be brought forward for further information and additional Council discussion on grants, other municipalities contributions and provincial responsibilities, once all budget and community partner presentations have been completed.

In Favor (5): R. Carr, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, and P. Smith

Opposed (4): V. Bidzinski, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Council was provided with an overview presentation on the Community Services Division budget.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Council was provided with an overview presentation on the Corporate Services Division budget.

9. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S DIVISION

Council was provided with an overview presentation of the Chief Financial Officer's Division budget.

10. SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Council was provided with Senior Administration's budget presentation.

11. ELECTED OFFICIALS

Council was provided with the Elected Officials' budget presentation.

2016/ 376

Moved By R. Carr

THAT flagged item 2, Account 1801 in Fiscal Services, be brought forward (in the context of the Council Elected Officials Business Expense Policy and Guidelines), for further information and additional Council discussion, to determine whether there is possible duplication between the use of Account 1801 and the Elected Officials Budget, or a preferable way to address the expenditures, once all budget and community partner presentations have been completed.

In Favor (1): R. Carr

Opposed (8): V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Defeated

- Council recessed at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 a.m. November 25, 2016 -

- NOVEMBER 25, 2016, Budget Session Day 3 -

12. 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET

Council was provided with a presentation highlighting the 2017 Capital Budget.

2016/ 377

Moved By D. Anderson

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act, Sections 24 and 29 at 11:20 a.m.

In Favor (8): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 378

Moved By P. Smith

THAT Council revert to regular session at 11:43 a.m. and recess until 3:00 p.m.

In Favor (8): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

13. COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENTATIONS

- 13.1 Heartland Housing Foundation
Council was provided with a presentation from the Heartland Housing Foundation.

External Presenters:

Lynn Olenek, Executive Director
Kevin Capowski, Assistant Executive Director
Luc Nkera, Accountant

- 13.3 Strathcona County Library
Council was provided with a presentation from the Strathcona County Library.

External Presenters:

Anna Pandos, Chair
Ian McCormack, Vice-Chair
Lynn Walker, Secretary-Treasurer
Sharon Siga, CEO

- 13.2 Information Volunteer Centre
Council was provided with a presentation from the Information and Volunteer Centre.

External Presenters:

Tim Goos, Board Chair
Klay Dyer, Executive Director

- Council recessed at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 a.m. November 28, 2016 -

- NOVEMBER 28, 2016, Budget Session Day 4 -

14. COUNCIL DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

2016/ 379

Moved By B. Riddell

THAT Administration provide, by the end of the third quarter of 2017, an update on the Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS) that will include an update on the Trails Strategy, adopted by Council on April 10, 2012 to guide trail development in the County for a 15-year period, along with a prioritized list for trail development and re-development under the Strategy.

2016/ 380

AMENDMENT Moved By P. Smith

THAT motion 379/2016 be amended by deleting "third quarter" and replace with "second quarter".

In Favor (5): R. Carr, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, P. Smith, and L. Delainey

Opposed (4): V. Bidzinski, C. Howatt, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 379 (as amended)

Moved By B. Riddell

THAT Administration provide, by the end of the second quarter of 2017, an update on the Open Space and Recreation Facility Strategy (OSRFS) that will include an update on the Trails Strategy, adopted by Council on April 10, 2012 to guide trail development in the County for a 15-year period, along with a prioritized list for trail development and re-development under the Strategy.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

ACTION: Recreation, Parks and Culture

DUE: By end of Q2 2017

15. FLAGGED ITEMS REVIEW

Council was provided with the response from Administration on flagged item #1.

2016/ 381

Moved By C. Howatt

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act Sections 24 and 29 at 9:53 a.m.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 382

Moved By C. Howatt

THAT Council revert to regular session at 11:10 a.m. and recess until 1:30 p.m.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 383

Moved By B. Botterill

THAT the 2017 Utility Operating Budget be decreased by the amount of the proposed \$50,000 grant to the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, and that the tax-supported operating budget be increased by a corresponding amount, to allow the grant to be funded through the tax base and not through utility charges.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 384

Moved By C. Howatt

THAT the Elected Officials Budget, not including salaries and benefits, be decreased by 3 percent, and that this amount be used to decrease the municipal tax revenue by a corresponding amount.

In Favor (3):, C. Howatt, L. Delainey, and F. Beland-Quest

Opposed (6): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, P. Smith, B. Botterill, B. Riddell,

Defeated

14. COUNCIL DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

2016/ 385

Moved By B. Riddell

THAT Administration consolidate the Pioneer Housing Foundation budget (having no net impact) with Municipal, Utility and Library operating budgets to form the 2017 Consolidated Operating Budget.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 386

Moved By B. Botterill

THAT the 2017 Consolidated Operating Budget (including a 2.15 percent municipal tax revenue decrease), as set out in Enclosure 1, Section 5 on the November 18, 2016, Council Budget Meeting Agenda, and as amended by Council resolution regarding the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance [2016/ 383] passed on November 28, 2016, be approved.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 387

Moved By D. Anderson

THAT the 2017 Consolidated Capital Budget as set out in Enclosure 1, Section 5 on the November 18, 2016, Council Budget Meeting Agenda, be approved.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

2016/ 388

Moved By C. Howatt

THAT Administration bring forward proposed Bylaw 45-2016: 2017 Fees, Rates and Charges, based upon the approved 2017 Consolidated Operating Budget, for Council's consideration at the December 13, 2016 Council meeting.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

18. ADJOURN

2016/ 389

Moved By P. Smith

THAT the 2017 Strathcona County budget meeting be adjourned and that Administration update the County website to indicate that the December 1, 2016, budget session will not be required.

In Favor (9): R. Carr, V. Bidzinski, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, C. Howatt, P. Smith, L. Delainey, B. Riddell, and F. Beland-Quest

Carried

Mayor

Director, Legislative & Legal Services