

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

AT A MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

AT 5:30 PM

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Present: Mayor Michael Fougere, in the Chair
Councillor Lori Bresciani
Councillor Sharron Bryce
Councillor John Findura
Councillor Jerry Flegel
Councillor Bob Hawkins
Councillor Jason Mancinelli
Councillor Joel Murray
Councillor Mike O'Donnell
Councillor Andrew Stevens
Councillor Barbara Young

Also in Attendance: Chief Legislative Officer & City Clerk, Jim Nicol
Deputy City Clerk, Erna Hall
City Manager, Chris Holden
Chief Financial Officer, Ian Rea
Executive Director, Legal, Byron Werry
Executive Director, City Planning & Development, Diana Hawryluk
Executive Director, City Services, Kim Onrait
Executive Director, Transportation & Utilities, Karen Gasmol
A/Executive Director, Human Resources, Marco Deiana
Director, Communications, Myrna Stark Leader
Director, Community Services, Laurie Shalley
Director, Finance, June Schultz
Director, Transit Services, Brad Bells
Manager, Paratransit & Accessibility, Lynette Griffin

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councillor Sharron Bryce moved, seconded by Councillor Bob Hawkins that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted, after revising the recommendations in report CM17-2 - 2017 General Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budget; and 2017 Utility Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budgets. And that the delegations listed on the agenda be heard when called forward by the Mayor.

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TABLED REPORTS

CR16-139 Regina Police Service 2017 Operating and Capital Budget

Recommendation

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
– DECEMBER 9, 2016**

1. That the 2017 Regina Police Service Operating and Capital Budget, which includes estimated gross operating expenditures of \$84,509,800 and revenues of \$8,849,800, resulting in a Net Operating Budget of \$75,660,000, be approved.
2. That the 2017 Capital Budget of \$3,143,000, with capital funding to be determined by Regina City Council, be approved.

Mayor Michael Fougere moved, seconded by Councillor Barbara Young that the recommendations of the Board of Police Commissioners contained in the report be concurred in.

Chief of Police, Evan Bray, Deputy Chief of Police, Dean Rae and Executive Director of Administrative Services, Louise Mohr were called forward to answer a number of questions.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.

Councillor Bob Hawkins assumed the Chair.

Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the Chair prior to the vote.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS AND RELATED REPORTS

DE17-2 Dylan Morin

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Dylan Morin, representing himself addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2, a report from the Administration respecting the 2017 General Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budget; and 2017 Utility Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budgets.

DE17-3 John Bishop

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. John Bishop, representing himself addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-4 Sara Maria Daubisse and Brandon Wright – Bike Regina

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Brandon Wright, representing Bike Regina addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-5 Tim Otitoju and Rob Reynar – Association of Regina REALTORS® Inc.

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Tim Otitoju and Rob Reynar, representing Association of Regina REALTORS Inc. addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-6 Jennifer Henshaw – Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Jennifer Henshaw, representing Canadian Federation of Independent Business addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-7 Jim Elliott

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Jim Elliott, representing himself addressed Council. There were no questions for the delegation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-8 John Hopkins – Regina & District Chamber of Commerce

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. John Hopkins, representing Regina & District Chamber of Commerce addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-9 Florence Stratton

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Florence Stratton, representing Making Peace Vigil addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-10 Joanne Havelock – Friends of the Regina Public Library

Councillor Sharron Bryce moved, seconded by Councillor John Findura, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

DE17-11 Hillary Aitken – YMCA Regina

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Hillary Aitken, representing YMCA Regina addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

DE17-12 Ann Perry and Keon Flamont – Circle Project

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Ann Perry and Keon Flamont, representing Circle Project addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-2.

RECESS

Councillor Jerry Flegel moved, seconded by Councillor Andrew Stevens, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

The meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

CM17-2 2017 General Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budget; and 2017 Utility Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budgets

Recommendation

1. That the 2017 tax-supported General Operating Budget, with gross expenditures of \$437,298,300 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$214,646,100, be approved.
2. That the 2017-2021 General Capital Budget with total gross expenditures of \$120,613,500 in 2017, as summarized on page 175 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
3. That the General Capital Budget for multi-year tax-supported capital projects underway in 2017 with gross expenditures of \$33,701,000, as described on page 11 of this report, be approved as follows:
 - a) 2018 - \$41,304,000;
 - b) 2019 - \$24,795,000;
 - c) 2020 - \$2,000,000;
 - d) 2021 - \$2,000,000.
4. That the 2017 fee-supported Utility Operating Budget, with total revenues of \$132,342,400 and total gross expenditures of \$74,247,200, be approved.
5. That the 2017-2021 Utility Capital Budget with total gross expenditures of \$66,435,000 in 2017, as summarized on page 202 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.

6. That the Utility Capital Budget for multi-year tax supported capital projects underway in 2017 with gross expenditures of \$7,500,000, as described on page 62 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved as follows:
 - a) 2018 - \$10,000,000;
 - b) 2019 - \$20,000,000;
 - c) 2020 - \$20,000,000;
 - d) 2021 - \$13,500,000.
7. That the 2017 mill rate of 7.9116 representing a 3.18% increase for all programs and services plus a 1% increase for the Residential Road Network Improvement Program, be approved.
8. That the 2017 and 2018 water rates, reflecting an annual rate increase of 5% per year effective March 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, as described on page 53 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
9. That the 2017 and 2018 wastewater rates, reflecting an annual rate increase of 5% per year effective March 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, as described on page 53 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
10. That the 2017 and 2018 storm drainage rates, reflecting an annual rate increase of 5% per year effective March 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, as described on page 54 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
11. That the funding request for Wascana Centre Authority, Economic Development Regina, and Regina Exhibition Association Limited be approved with funding provided by the funds described in Recommendation 1 of this report.
12. That the Regina Board of Police Commissioners recommendation to approve the \$84,509,800 Regina Police Services budget be concurred in and funded by the 2017 tax-supported General Operating Budget, as described in Recommendation 1 of this report.
13. That the Regina Public Library's Board approved budget and mill rate request of 0.78729 for the Regina Public Library be approved.
14. That a transfer of \$370,000 from the General Fund Reserve be approved to fund the Work Ready program in 2017.
15. That the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare all necessary bylaws to implement the above recommendations.

Councillor John Findura moved, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani that:

- 1. The 2017 tax-supported General Operating Budget, with gross expenditures of \$437,298,300 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$214,646,100, be approved.**
- 2. The funding request for Wascana Centre Authority, Economic Development Regina, and Regina Exhibition Association Limited be approved with funding provided by the funds described in Recommendation #1 of this report.**
- 3. A transfer of \$370,000 from the General Fund Reserve be approved to fund the Work Ready program in 2017.**
- 4. The Regina Public Library's Board approved budget and mill rate request of 0.78729 for the Regina Public Library be approved.**
- 5. The 2017-2021 General Capital Budget with total gross expenditures of \$120,613,500 in 2017, as summarized on page 175 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.**
- 6. The General Capital Budget for multi-year tax-supported capital projects underway in 2017 with gross expenditures of \$33,701,000, as described on page 11 of this report, be approved as follows:**
 - a. 2018 - \$41,304,000;**
 - b. 2019 - \$24,795,000;**
 - c. 2020 - \$2,000,000;**
 - d. 2021 - \$2,000,000.**
- 7. The 2017 mill rate of 7.9116 representing a 3.18% increase for all programs and services plus a 1% increase for the Residential Road Network Improvement Program, be approved.**
- 8. The 2017 fee-supported Utility Operating Budget, with total revenues of \$132,342,400 and total gross expenditures of \$74,247,200, be approved.**
- 9. The 2017-2021 Utility Capital Budget with total gross expenditures of \$66,435,000 in 2017, as summarized on page 202 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.**
- 10. The Utility Capital Budget for multi-year tax supported capital projects underway in 2017 with gross expenditures of \$7,500,000, as described on page 62 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved as follows:**
 - a. 2018 - \$10,000,000;**
 - b. 2019 - \$20,000,000;**
 - c. 2020 - \$20,000,000;**

d. 2021 - \$13,500,000.

11. The 2017 and 2018 water rates, reflecting an annual rate increase of 5% per year effective March 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, as described on page 53 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
12. The 2017 and 2018 wastewater rates, reflecting an annual rate increase of 5% per year effective March 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, as described on page 53 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
13. The 2017 and 2018 storm drainage rates, reflecting an annual rate increase of 5% per year effective March 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018, as described on page 54 of the City of Regina 2017 Budget, attached as Appendix A, be approved.
14. The City Solicitor be authorized to prepare all necessary bylaws to implement the above recommendations.

Councillor John Findura moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that:

- An additional \$30,000 be allocated to the base operating budget for Paratransit to fund taxi trips so that the City can maintain the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission paratransit service standards related to unaccommodated trips.
- The Administration report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee in Q1 of 2018, outlining the effectiveness of taxis as a means of meeting provincial paratransit service standards.

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, seconded by Councillor Sharron Bryce, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Administration engage the paratransit user group and provide a report back to the Community & Protective Services Committee in Q1 of 2018 on the effectiveness of the service in meeting user requirements with a focus on approaching a zero refusal rate.

Councillor Barbara Young moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Andrew Stevens, that one-time funding of \$193,000 be provided to Wascana Centre Authority for the Candy Cane Parking Lot Expansion, and that funding be provided out of the 2016 General Operating Surplus.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.

Councillor Bob Hawkins assumed the Chair.

Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the Chair prior to the vote.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Joel Murray that the funding request for Wascana Centre Authority, Economic Development Regina and Regina Exhibition Association Limited be approved with funding provided by the funds described in Recommendation #1 of this report and that one-time funding for Economic Development Regina, for the purpose of the Advantage Regina program, of \$100,000 be provided out of the 2016 General Operating Surplus.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.
Councillor Bob Hawkins assumed the Chair.
Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the Chair prior to the vote.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Sharron Bryce moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Bob Hawkins that the 2016 operating surplus be used to reduce the mill rate increase to 7.2735, representing a 2.99% increase for all programs and services plus 1% for the Residential Road Network Improvement Plan be approved.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.
Councillor Bob Hawkins assumed the Chair.
Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the Chair prior to the vote.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Joel Murray moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor John Findura that:

- The proposed 2017 utility rate increase be set at 4% effective March 1, 2017.**
- The Administration undertake a rate review in 2017 to inform future utility rates that ensure Regina has a sustainable, affordable utility in the future.**
- Funds for the rate review be allocated from the current year's operating budget.**
- A Communication Strategy be developed to inform residents about the Utility, its components, the regulatory requirements and all associated operating and capital costs.**
- The Administration report back to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in Q3 of 2017 with the Communication Strategy as well as the results of the rate review.**

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.
Councillor Bob Hawkins assumed the Chair.
Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the Chair prior to the vote.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Sharron Bryce moved, seconded by Councillor Lori Bresciani, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the 2017 budgets be voted separately.

The 2017 Capital General Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budget was put and declared CARRIED.

The 2017 Utility Operating and 2017-2021 Capital Budgets was put and declared CARRIED.

The 2017 Library Budget was put and declared CARRIED.

The main motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

MOTIONS

MN17-3 Councillor O'Donnell: City of Regina Property Tax Billing

Pursuant to due notice, Councillor Mike O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councillor Jason Mancinelli, that City Council approve that, beginning with the 2017 budget, recipients of property tax notices receive two bills;

- One will stipulate the property tax for both the municipal portion of the property tax and the library portion of the property tax.**
- The other will stipulate the education portion of the property tax and will clearly state that while the City of Regina is the agent for collection, all education property taxes is currently remitted directly to the Regina Public Schools and The Regina Catholic School Division.**

Councillor Mike O'Donnell moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Jason Mancinelli that:

- The date of implementation be changed from 2017 to 2018 to allow Administration time to create and implement the new program.**
- Administration provide an informational report to Council in Q2 of 2017.**

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.

Councillor Bob Hawkins assumed the Chair.

Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the Chair prior to the vote.

The motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

MN17-4 Councillor O'Donnell: City of Regina Property Tax Billing

Pursuant to due notice, Councillor Mike O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councillor Jason Mancinelli, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that City Council approve that, for the 2018 tax year, recipients of property tax notices receive a single page information sheet that will address the average residential property tax bill for a City of Regina property that provides a breakdown of the amount that average household will pay for city services by stating the dollar amount for the largest city services, including, but not limited to, police, fire, capital expenditures, development services, recycling, community development, such as parks and recreation and general government costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Sharron Bryce moved, seconded by Councillor John Findura, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary