



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Monday, November 23, 2015 - 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers – City Hall

Present:

Members of Council:

Mayor Gale Katchur
Councillor Birgit Blizzard
Councillor Sheldon Bossert
Councillor Frank Garritsen
Councillor Stew Hennig
Councillor Arjun Randhawa
Councillor Ed Sperling

Administration:

Kelly Kloss, City Manager
Jeremy Emann, Chief Financial Officer
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services
Wendy Kinsella, Director, Communications & Marketing
Barb Shuman, Director, Recreation Services
Richard Gagnon, Director, Culture Services
Ian Gray, Director, Infrastructure Management
Shannon Andruchow, Senior Accountant, Budget & Reporting
Len Mueller, Senior Accountant, Budget & Reporting
Colleen Wagner, Senior Accountant, Finance
Sheryl Exley, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. 2015 Budget

R217-15 MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that request #72-0068 – Park Summer Trails Maintenance in the amount of \$19,172.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Frank Garritsen

Against: Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

Barb Shuman, Director, Recreation Services presented Implementation Plan #1 of the Recreation Facility & Parks Master Plan Update for projects starting in 2016 and 2017.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 9:13 a.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

R218-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that the Harbour Pool Universal Change Room in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen,
Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R219-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that the High Performance Sports Field & Amenities in the amount of \$7,700,000.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Birgit Blizzard, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen

CARRIED

R220-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that the full revitalization of the Curling Club in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 be moved from the 2017 Budget to the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen,
Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 10:12 a.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

R221-15 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that Council allocate up to \$240,000.00 on a 50/50 cost share basis for the Skateboard / BMX Park project from the Self-Financing Infrastructure Reserve, and further that Council provide \$10,000.00 upfront in seed dollars to the Skateboard Park Fundraising Committee from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen,
Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R222-15 MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #72-0059 – Recreation Development Supervisor in the amount of \$121,194.00 be removed from the 2016 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen

Against: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa,
Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

Richard Gagnon, Director, Culture Services presented additional information on request #16002 – Fort Heritage Precinct Site Enhancements.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 11:04 a.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that effective January 1, 2016, a fee in the amount of \$5.00 per billing cycling be added to the Fees & Charges Bylaw for property owners when a copy of a utility bill is mailed to the renter of the property.

Councillor Garritsen withdrew his motion.

Mayor Katchur called a recess at 11:41 a.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Ian Gray, Director, Infrastructure Management highlighted the 2016 Utilities Budget.

Councillor Bossert vacated Council Chambers at 1:07 p.m.

Councillor Bossert re-entered Council Chambers at 1:09 p.m.

Councillor Hennig vacated Council Chambers at 1:11 p.m.

Councillor Hennig re-entered Council Chambers at 1:15 p.m.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 1:44 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

R223-15 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Council hereby agrees to the following:

1. A grants-to-organizations program be established for an initial period of two years subject to a review at the end of that period;
2. That within the 2016 Budget \$75,000.00 for grants and \$10,000.00 to administer the program be allocated from the Financial Stabilization Reserve; and
3. Administration develop a policy for Council's consideration, which will guide the implementation of the program.

In Favour: Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Birgit Blizzard

CARRIED

R224-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council include \$250,000.00 from Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding in the 2016 Budget for future renovations to the lower level in City Hall.

In Favour: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur

CARRIED

R225-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council agree that the tax split between residential and non-residential property tax payers be distributed by 41% residential and 59% non-residential.

R226-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Resolution #225-15 be amended by replacing the residential property tax of 41% with 40.5% and replacing the non-residential property tax rate of 59% with 59.5%.

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 2:44 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

Resolution #226-15 was brought forward, and

CARRIED

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Frank Garritsen, Ed Sperling

Against: Sheldon Bossert, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa

Resolution #R225-15 was brought forward, as amended.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Adjournment

R227-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the regular Council Meeting adjourn at 3:02 p.m.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig,
Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Director, Legislative Services