



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Wednesday, December 3, 2014 - 1:30 PM
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
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services
Reade Beaudoin, Acting Director, Communications & Marketing
Barb Shuman, Director, Recreation
Mirjam Brett, Director, Budget & Long Term Planning
Shannon Andruchow, Senior Accountant, Budget & Long Term Planning
Len Mueller, Senior Accountant, Budget & Long Term Planning
Sheryl Exley, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. 2015 Budget

Barb Shuman, Director, Recreation highlighted the department's 2015 Capital Projects, and Budget Adjustments.

R262-14

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #72-0044 – DCC Staffing Correction be reduced from \$70,000.00 to \$35,000.00 in the 2015 Budget.

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

Against: Stew Hennig

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 3:01 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 3:11 p.m.

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that request #72-0008 – Harbour Pool Equipment Maintenance in the amount of \$55,000.00 be changed to a one-time expense.

Councillor Blizzard withdrew her motion.

R263-14

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that request #72-0034 – Increase Aqua Lane Swim in the amount of \$38,150.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Sheldon Bossert, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 4:10 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 4:21 p.m.

R264-14

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #72-0007 – Facility Bookings Clerk Increased Hours in the amount of \$12,375.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

In Favour: Frank Garritsen

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

DEFEATED

R265-14

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #72-0037 – Community Recreation Supervisor in the amount of \$90,250.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget.

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

Against: Stew Hennig

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 5:03 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

R266-14 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that request #72-0045 – Future Facilities Planning be reduced from \$500,000.00 to \$245,000.00 in the 2015 Budget.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R267-14 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that grant funding to the Athabasca Landing Trail Committee in the amount of \$10,000.00 be removed from the 2015 budget, and that membership to the Committee be retained.

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

Against: Stew Hennig

CARRIED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 6:36 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

R268-14 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that \$6,000.00 be allocated to the 2015 Budget for the City of Fort Saskatchewan's extranet.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R269-14 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that Council Resolution #221-14 "that request #34-0004-Transit Pilot Project in the amount of \$237,000.00 be removed from the 2015 Budget" be lifted from the table.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Garritsen withdrew his original motion (Council Resolution R221-14).

R270-14 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that the City of Fort Saskatchewan's Transit Pilot Project be withdrawn, effective May 1, 2015.

In Favour: Sheldon Bossert

Against: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

Mayor Katchur called a short recess at 8:07 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

MOVED BY Councillor Garritsen that request #72-0003 – Annual Building Maintenance Projects in the amount of \$700,000.00 be a one-time expense in the 2015 Budget.

Councillor Garritsen withdrew his motion.

R272-14 MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that a Facilities Maintenance Projects Reserve be established in the amount of \$700,000.00 and for 2015, the items to be funded are as outlined in request #72-0003.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R273-14 MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that request #72-0039 – Highway Artificial Turf Program be tax funded in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R274-14 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that the City of Fort Saskatchewan contribute in-kind services for new school playground builds in an amount not less than \$8,000.00 and that this amount be funded from tax revenue.

In Favour: Sheldon Bossert

Against: Gale Katchur, Birgit Blizzard, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

R275-14 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Council direct Administration to undertake a plebiscite with the citizens of Fort Saskatchewan to determine if the cost of the Heritage Centre of \$7,410,000.00 and annual operating budget of \$550,000.00 has majority public support to proceed, and the cost of the plebiscite is not to exceed \$40,000.00, which will be taken from the Financial Stabilization Reserve, and further that the plebiscite is to be undertaken by March 31, 2015, prior to awarding the construction tender.

In Favour: Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Arjun Randhawa, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig

CARRIED

3. Adjournment

R276-14 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the regular Council Meeting adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Director, Legislative Services