



TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL (BUDGET) MEETING Tuesday, February 21, 2017 Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor S. Price
Councillors: E. Bremner-Mitchell, T. Chad, B. Fallot, M. Lougher-Goodey and C. McLennan

Absent: Councillor P. Wainwright

Staff: R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services
T. Tanton, Director of Development Services, Engineering, Parks & Works
B. Mikkelsen, Fire Chief
M. Harman, Deputy Fire Chief
T. Restell, Manager of Finance
S. Nelson, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor S. Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – regarding 2017-2021 Financial Plan

1. **J. Treleaven (Grumpy Taxpayers of Greater Victoria)** - commended Council and staff for the prudent preparation of the Town's 2017 budget, however expressed the need to also ensure the same prudent preparation of the CRD's regional budget.
2. **S. Garnett, 9583 Christine Place** – expressed support for the proposed new sign at the SHOAL Centre, and commended staff in scaling down the sign.
3. **K. McMullin, 2312 Henry Avenue** – expressed concerns regarding the proposed new sign at the SHOAL Centre (specifically noting that Resthaven Drive is a busy street and that the sign would be a distraction to motorists) and requested that a safer method be considered for advertising the activities at the Centre.
4. **G. Cavers (Director at SHOAL Centre)** – advised that the new LED sign would be static and only a few words would be posted at a time (not streaming in flashing neon) and that they have wanted this sign for a number of years to better inform the community of the services they offer (i.e. that it's not just a seniors' home).
5. **A. Hudson (Activity & Rental Coordinator at SHOAL Centre)** – advised that there are still a large number of citizens that are unaware of all of the activities and services provided at the Centre and that signage is needed to publicize what the building offers.

Public Participation Period closed at 7:15 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2017. Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. FINANCIAL PLAN 2017 - 2021 – Presentation and Budget Deliberations

Mr. A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services, provided further information respecting the overall budget process and advised that, since the introduction of the 2017 budget in January, there has been a reduction of \$90,750. Mr. Hicik noted that \$141,000 of new taxes from new construction in 2016 also assisted in keeping the general tax increase to a minimum.

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the new **Sign at the SHOAL Centre** (at a cost of \$19,500) be approved as part of the 2017 Capital Budget.

OPPOSED: Councillors: E. Bremner-Mitchell & B. Fallot
MOTION CARRIED 4:2

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor C. McLennan, that the **General Capital Budget** for 2017 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor C. McLennan, that the **General Operating Budget** for 2017 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE: The 2017 general tax increase is set at 0.66%

5. ADJOURNMENT

2017. Moved by Councillor M. Lougher-Goodey, seconded by Councillor T. Chad, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER