



TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL (BUDGET) MEETING
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith
Councillors: S. Duncan, B. Fallot, S. Garnett, T. O’Keeffe, C. Rintoul and P. Wainwright

Staff: R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services
B. Mikkelsen, Fire Chief
C. Newcomb, Senior Manager of Long Range Planning
M. Harman, Deputy Fire Chief
M. van der Linden, Acting Director of Engineering
B. DeMaere, Manager of Engineering
B. Robinson, Manager of Public Works & Parks
T. Restell, Manager of Finance
S. Nelson, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD *(regarding 2019-2023 Financial Plan)*

- J. Treleven, 10134 Third Street** – acknowledged Council must make difficult budget decisions which not only affect Sidney and the Peninsula, but beyond and, in light of the huge economic impact the Shaw Centre has brought into the community, expressed support for Shawn Centre’s funding request.

Public Participation Period closed at 6:06 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2019.15.121 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. FINANCIAL PLAN 2019 - 2023 – Presentation and Budget Deliberations

Mr. A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services, provided further information respecting the overall budget process and advised of one correction in the 2019 budget – the \$42,000 for the First Street Sidewalk Project is not required as the project has been completed and therefore those funds could be reallocated. In looking at reductions to the draft budget, Mr. Hicik advised staff have provided options (in the staff report dated February 20, 2019) for Council’s consideration.

Water & Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets

2019.15.122 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Duncan, that the Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets for 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Supplemental Requests

- 2019.15.123 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that funding in the amount of \$60,000 for 2019 and \$140,000 for 2020 for the **Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea** be approved with the understanding that performance metrics will be agreed for reporting purposes between the Centre and the Town.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2019.15.124 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the **Sidney Business Improvement Area Society** be removed from the 2019 budget and \$65,000 be removed from the future years.
OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillor C. Rintoul
MOTION CARRIED 5:2
- 2019.15.125 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that funding in the amount of \$10,000 for **ArtSea** be approved and an additional \$3,000 be approved on the condition of an agreement of ArtSea administering the Sculpture Walk.
OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 6:1
- 2019.15.126 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that funding in the amount of \$26,722 for 2019 for the **South Island Prosperity Project** be approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 2019.15.127 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that unallocated funding in the amount of \$25,000 remain in the **Economic Development Fund**.
OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillor S. Garnett
MOTION CARRIED 5:2
- 2019.15.128 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that \$5,000 for **Additional Downtown Cleaning** be removed from the 2019 budget.
OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillors: S. Duncan, C. Rintoul & P. Wainwright
MOTION DEFEATED 4:3
- 2019.15.129 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that \$10,000 for the **Refurbishment of Pat Bay Highway Sign** be funded out of the General Amenity Fund.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Operating and Capital Budgets

- 2019.15.130 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the following projects be deferred:
1. Eastview Park Seating - \$10,000
 2. First Street Sidewalk - \$70,000;
- and that the following gas tax funded projects be deferred or cancelled, with the funding reallocated to tax funded projects:
1. Orchard Avenue Sidewalk - \$14,000
 2. Malaview Sidewalk - \$40,000
 3. First Street Sidewalk - \$42,000
- OPPOSED: Councillor S. Duncan**
MOTION CARRIED 6:1
- 2019.15.131 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that \$8,600 for **Event Tents and Chairs** be removed from the 2019 budget.
OPPOSED: Councillor P. Wainwright
MOTION CARRIED 6:1

2019.15.132 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that \$5,000 for **Painting RCMP Cell Blocks** be removed from the 2019 budget.

OPPOSED: Councillors: S. Duncan, S. Garnett & P. Wainwright
MOTION CARRIED 4:3

2019.15.133 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the **General Operating and Capital Budgets** be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019 General Tax Increase = 3.93%

5. ADJOURNMENT

2019.15.134 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER