



TOWN OF SIDNEY

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL (BUDGET) MEETING Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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
J. Clary, Director of Engineering
B. Mikkelsen, Fire Chief
C. Newcomb, Senior Manager of Long Range Planning
B. Robinson, Manager of Public Works & Parks
B. DeMaere, Manager of Engineering
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. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor respectfully acknowledged that this evening's meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ people.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2020.04.048 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD (*regarding 2020-2024 Financial Plan*)

1. **J. Morris, President & Treasure for the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea** - stated that while the Centre is much stronger and has moved away from being in survival mode, it is imperative that the Centre receive an additional 5-year (2021-2025) funding commitment from the Town, advising that without secured funding, the consequences could be dire and put the Centre back into survival mode, and possibly closing its doors.

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

Written Public Submissions Received:

1. Email from T. Perkins, dated February 11, 2020.

5. FINANCIAL PLAN 2020 - 2024 – Presentation and Budget Deliberations

Mr. A. Hicik, Director of Corporate Services, provided further information respecting the overall budget process. In looking at reductions to the draft budget, he advised staff have provided options (in the staff report dated February 7, 2020) for Council's consideration thereby reducing the property tax impacts to 1.96% if all recommendations are approved by Council.

Mr. R. Humble, Chief Administrative Officer, made a brief statement regarding the development of a comprehensive budget and thanked the Senior Management Team for their work.

Water & Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets

(Already approved at the February 10, 2020 Council Meeting).

Capital Projects and Supplemental Requests

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the changes identified in the staff report dated February 7, 2020 be approved as presented.

2020.04.049 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that \$8,600 for **Event Tent & Chairs** remain in the budget.

**OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keefe
 MOTION CARRIED 6:1**

2020.04.050 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded by Councillor S. Duncan, that \$5,000 for **Seagull Deterrents on Light Poles** remain in the budget.

**OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillors: S. Garnett,
 T. O'Keefe & C. Rintoul
 MOTION DEFEATED 4:3**

The question was called on the original motion as amended:

2020.04.051 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the changes identified in the staff report dated February 7, 2020 be approved as follows:

<u>Eliminate Capital Projects</u>			
RDS-17-038	Sidney Ave Thermoplastic Crosswalks	(17,000)	
			(17,000)
<u>Reduce Capital Projects</u>			
PWG-16-005	Scissor Lift	(10,000)	
			(10,000)
<u>Alternate Funding for Capital Projects</u>			
COM-09-003	Computer Equipment Fund	(5,000)	
ADM-20-001	Tempest - Utility Account Change Management	(5,000)	
ADM-20-003	Tempest - Utility eApply Auto Debit	(17,700)	
BLD-20-001	Tempest - eInspections	(10,500)	
COM-20-002	Tempest - Calls for Service Mobile	(10,000)	
POL-20-002	RCMP Heating System	(10,453)	
POL-20-003	RCMP Window Replacement	(14,361)	
POL-20-004	RCMP Cell/Interview Room Renovations	(9,575)	
POL-20-005	RCMP Garage Door	(9,575)	
			(92,164)
<u>Eliminate Supplemental Item</u>			
	Install Seagull Deterrents on Light Poles	(5,000)	
			(5,000)
<u>Add Tax Funding for Supplemental Item</u>			
	Tsehum Harbour Environmental Management	10,000	
			10,000
	Total Reduction in Property Tax Impacts:		(114,164)

**OPPOSED: Councillor T. O'Keefe
 MOTION CARRIED 6:1**

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that additional funding in the amount of \$140,000 (total = \$205,000 annually) for the **Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea** be approved for the years 2021-2025.

2020.04.052 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that additional funding in the amount of \$140,000 (total = \$205,000 annually) for the **Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea** be approved for the years 2021-2022.

OPPOSED: Councillors: S. Duncan, B. Fallot, C. Rintoul & P. Wainwright
MOTION DEFEATED 4:3

The question was called on the original motion as follows:

2020.04.053 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that additional funding in the amount of \$140,000 (total = \$205,000 annually) for the **Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea** be approved for the years 2021-2025.

OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillors: S. Garnett & T. O'Keeffe
MOTION CARRIED 4:3

Moved by Councillor S. Duncan, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that additional funding in the amount of \$20,000 (total = \$109,985 annually) for the **Sidney Museum & Archives** be approved.

2020.04.054 Moved Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that Mr. P. Garnham, Executive Director of the Sidney Museum & Archives, be permitted to address Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Garnham advised that should matching funding from the District of North Saanich not be received, additional, temporary funding may be found through grant funding programs or internally to fund the additional position.

2020.04.055 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that the Operating Agreement for the **Sidney Museum & Archives** be amended to include additional funding in the amount of \$20,000 (total = \$109,985 annually) with the annual reporting metrics to be determined in consultation with the Town and the Museum.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The question was called on the original motion as amended:

2020.04.056 Moved by Councillor S. Duncan, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that additional funding in the amount of \$20,000 (total = \$109,985 annually) for the **Sidney Museum & Archives** be approved and that the agreement for the Museum be amended to include the additional funding with annual reporting metrics to be determined in consultation with the Town and the Museum.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded Councillor C. Rintoul, that the remaining **Supplemental Requests** be approved.

2020.04.057 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor B. Fallot, that funding in the amount of \$20,000 for the **Trolley Project** in 2022 be removed.

OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillors; S. Duncan, S. Garnett, C. Rintoul & P. Wainwright
MOTION DEFEATED 5:2

The question was called on the original motion as follows:

2020.04.058 Moved by Councillor B. Fallot, seconded Councillor C. Rintoul, that the remaining **Supplemental Requests** be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

General Operating and Capital Budgets

2020.04.059 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that funding in the amount of \$28,650 for **Decorative Street Lighting** be reduced to \$20,000.

OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillors: S. Duncan, B. Fallot, S. Garnett & P. Wainwright
MOTION DEFEATED 5:2

2020.04.060 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that the remaining **2020 Tax Funded Capital** items be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.04.061 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Duncan, that the **Amenity Reserve Funded Capital** items be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.04.062 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Duncan, that the **Land Sale Reserve Funded Capital** items be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.04.063 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded Councillor B. Fallot, that the **General Capital Budget** be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the **Economic Development Fund** be reduced by \$33,308 for 2020.

2020.04.064 Moved by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, seconded by Councillor C. Rintoul, that funding in the amount of \$5,000 remain unallocated in the **Economic Development Fund**.

OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith
MOTION CARRIED 6:1

The question was called on the original motion as amended:

2020.04.065 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the **Economic Development Fund** be reduced by \$28,308 for 2020.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020.04.066 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that funding in the amount of \$13,361 for the **South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP)** be approved for 2020.

OPPOSED: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith & Councillors: S. Duncan, B. Fallot, T. O'Keeffe & C. Rintoul
MOTION DEFEATED 5:2

2020.04.067 Moved by Councillor C. Rintoul, seconded by Councillor S. Duncan, that funding in the amount of \$26,722 for the **South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP)** be approved for 2020.

OPPOSED: Councillors: S. Garnett & P. Wainwright
MOTION CARRIED 5:2

2020.04.068 Moved by Councillor P. Wainwright, seconded by Councillor S. Garnett, that the **General Operating Budget** be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020 General Tax Increase = 1.79%

6. ADJOURNMENT

2020.04.069 Moved by Councillor S. Garnett, seconded by Councillor T. O'Keeffe, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER