

The "THIRD MEETING" (SPECIAL) of the Committee of the Whole was held at the Municipal Offices, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 commencing at approximately 5:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Vance Badawey presided with the following members in attendance:

COUNCILLORS:

D. Elliott	W. Steele
A. Desmarais	Y. Doucet
F. Danch	B. Kenny
R. Bodner	B. Butters

STAFF:

R. Heil, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Aquilina, Director of Planning & Development
R. Hanson, Director of Engineering & Operations
P. Senese, Director of Community & Corporate Services
T. Cartwright, Fire Chief
H. Hakim, Manager of Community Services
S. Thompson, General Manager and Director, Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing
J. Parry, Director of Library Services
S. Powell-Baswick, Museum Curator
M. Minor, Asst. Marina Manager
J. Huppunen, Manager of Engineering
A. Molenaar, Recording Clerk

Also in attendance were members of the news media.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – MAYOR VANCE BADAWEY

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor W. Steele
Seconded by Councillor B. Kenny

That the Agenda dated January 22, 2013 be confirmed as circulated.
CARRIED.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS

**(a) Continuation of Draft 2013 Budget Overview
Peter Senese, Director of Community and Corporate Services**

DCCS Senese advised that he will continue this evening with presentation of the 2013 Budget package, starting with Capital projects. He reviewed the Capital Replacement requests and noted for each item where the item could be funded. He noted the Capital Replacement Requests in 2013 estimated cost is \$2.5 million which includes new Capital Requests. He noted the Capital Levy Funds amount is \$1,189,800.00, including \$104,000 new capital levy for 2013.

DCCS Senese advised amortization for the City's capital assets amounts to \$3,500,000 of which the City levys \$1,200,000 and allocates Federal Gas Tax

funds of \$500,000. The total allocation for capital amounts to \$1,700,000 with a shortfall in covering capital amortization in the amount of \$1,800,000.

DCCS Senese presented the 2013 Budget, Funding capital Amortization Funds transferred to Capital projects.

Capital Replacement Requests:

Sidewalk Replacements

DEO Hanson reviewed the Killaly Street West sidewalks and Lion's Field parallel parking. He advised the City is responsible for new sidewalks and repair of old sidewalks along Killaly Street West. This will be done once the Killaly Street project is done by the Region. He noted the total cost of the Killaly Street West project is \$5.5 million. The City's cost is \$1.4 million for the watermain replacement portion of this project, in addition to the sidewalks and Lion's Field parallel parking.

Museum

S. Powell-Baswick reviewed the Museum's items – replenish Heritage Archives Reserve, Archives specialized equipment, and furnace repair/upgrade.

Discussion took place respecting new capital request for Museum/Library cultural block, for security cameras. This item was deferred from 2012.

DCCS Senese advised there is \$75,000.00 capital reserve levy to use that is unallocated.

Moved by Councillor W. Steele
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais
That \$15,000.00 - \$5,000 for equipment, \$5,000 for furnace and \$5,000 for building repairs, be put towards the Museum capital requests for the Museum's annual budget.
CARRIED

DCCS Senese advised the unallocated amount is now \$60,000.00.

Library

J. Parry reviewed the Library's allocated items, in a total amount of \$35,000.00. The items included flooring repair, HVAC maintenance contract, computers repair and maintenance, shelving and lighting/security cameras for Library/Museum.

Vehicles and Equipment

Public Works Superintendent P. Peyton reviewed the equipment replacement in the amount of \$300,000.00 for 2013.

Marina

Asst. Marina Manager M. Minor reviewed the Marina's items, that being van replacement, fuel tank replacement and weed harvester.

Staff Direction:

Council direct Marina staff and Public Works/Engineering staff to review the list of Public Works surplus vehicles and possibly work out a solution for the Marina's request for van replacement for 2013.

Discussion took place respecting the fuel tank replacement and staff outlined the 4 options as provided on pages 107-108, ranging from \$85,000 - \$280,000.

Moved by Councillor W. Steele
Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That staff review a plan of action for 2014 and maintain the tanks that are in place.

That \$10,000.00 be allocated to the fuel to bring up to standards.

CARRIED

DCCS Senese advised the unallocated reserve is presently at \$50,000.

T.A. Lannan Complex

Staff presented and reviewed asphalt pathway repairs for the TA Lannan Complex.

Centennial Park

Staff reviewed the repair of tennis courts and fence.

Moved by Councillor R. Bodner

Seconded by Councillor B. Butters

That staff put \$15,000.00 aside for repairs of the tennis courts at Centennial Park to complete in 2014; and

That the City investigate if any groups would be willing to sponsor this project.

CARRIED

Fire Department

Fire Chief T. Cartwright reviewed the Fire Department items, that being bunker gear replacement and air bottle replacement.

Parks Playground equipment

Public Works Superintendent P. Peyton reviewed the Melissa Memorial Playground and discussion ensued.

DCCS Senese advised \$50,000.00 is available from 2012 budget plus \$100,000 from Parks Development Charge Reserve Fund, giving a total project cost of \$150,000.

HH Knoll Park

Staff reviewed the spray pad pump house at HH Knoll Park.

Animal Shelter

Councillor Butters requested to put the Animal Shelter Roof and Siding item, in the amount of \$18,500, on hold and will provide a listing for the next meeting.

City Hall

DCCS Senese reviewed City Hall items, that being replacing inside front doors, computers, back door replacement, security swipe pads and front entrance rails.

Engineering

DEO R. Hanson presented and highlighted the decorative city entrance signs.

Moved by Councillor D. Elliott

Seconded by Councillor W. Steele

That it be recommended to budget \$20,000 for decorative City entrance signs; locations to be determined.

CARRIED

DEO R. Hanson reviewed the hamlet signs (8).

Mayor Badawey called for a 20 minute break at 8:30 p.m.

Budget deliberations resumed at 8:50 p.m.

Traffic Signal Reserve

Staff reviewed the traffic signals request (King & Clarence Streets) for \$205,000.00. It was discussed to do the work for the clock and signals together and possibly incorporate the intersection work into CIP design. It was recommended to use \$100,000 of the Federal Gas Tax Funds from 2014, along with the existing remaining Federal Gas Tax Funds for signals of \$105,000.00.

Moved by Councillor W. Steele

Seconded by Councillor Y. Doucet

That Council recommend to remove the existing clock now and defer the traffic signals and new clock to 2014.

CARRIED

New Capital Requests

Fire Department

Fire Chief T. Cartwright reviewed Communications Equipment item. It was recommended to allot \$7,000.00 from the \$42,000 Fire Equipment Reserve Account.

Museum/Library

Cultural Block Library/Museum

Moved by Councillor W. Steele

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That the Cultural Block, Library/Museum be approved in the amount of \$15,000.00.

CARRIED

Museum

Building Equip/repairs

Moved by Councillor B. Kenny

Seconded by Councillor A. desmarais

That the Museum Building Equip/Repairs be approved in the amount of \$5,000.00, in addition to the previously approved \$5,000.

CARRIED

Museum

Heritage Resource Building

It was recommended not to approve Phase 2 of shelving in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Museum Heritage Resource Building.

Parks

New Solar Park Lighting

Public Works Superintendent P. Peyton reviewed this item.

Moved by Councillor Y. Doucet

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That new solar park lighting be placed at 2 parks for \$14,000 from a list of 5; and that the East Village/Victoria Park be one of the Parks, and the 2nd to be determined.

CARRIED

East Village Action Committee

Moved by Councillor A. Desmarais

Seconded by Councillor Y. Doucet

That Council recommend \$1,500 for hydro seeding.

CARRIED

**Engineering
New Sidewalk**

DEO R. Hanson reviewed this item.

It was recommended that the new sidewalk, Lakeshore Road West, in the amount of \$90,000 be deferred to 2014.

**Tourism
Brochure Racks**

Moved by Councillor B. Butters

Seconded by Councillor Y. Doucet

That Brochure racks in the amount of \$15,000 be deferred; and, that the General Manager/Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing bring back a report to Council for consideration of this request.

CARRIED

**Council request
Walkway east canal to Skatepark**

Deferred.

DCCS Senese advised that the unallocated funding is over the capital levy by \$5,000.

Mayor Badaway requested that for the next budget meeting that staff prepare a list of roads to be done. He advised that Council is looking to reduce the budget by \$200,000 - \$300,000 and to bring in the budget at 2.75% plus capital amortization of .82% = 3.57% increase.

It was noted that the proposed 2013 tax levy is presently at 5.65%

Next meetings:

Business Planning meeting – Monday, February 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Next Budget meeting – Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

4. ADJOURN

Moved by Councillor F. Danch

Seconded by Councillor A. Desmarais

That there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting be adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

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