

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BRANTFORD CITY HALL**

Mayor Friel in the Chair

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Bucci, Councillor Dignan-Rumble, Councillor Wrobel, Councillor Neumann, Councillor Ceschi-Smith, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Kings, Councillor Utley, Mayor Friel

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 2012 Estimates Committee Meeting Dates and Process (CS2012-013)

Moved by Councillor Utley
Seconded by Councillor Kings

- A. THAT January 24, 26, 30 and 31st BE APPROVED as meeting dates for the reconvening of the Estimates Committee to consider the 2012 Operating Budget; and
- B. THAT the starting position for the 2012 Budget at the January 24, 2012 meeting BE a net budget of \$119,803,168, which represents a 2.67% budget increase (3.29% tax increase - residential; 2.07% tax increase – multi-residential; 4.2% tax increase - commercial and -0.4% tax increase – industrial)

Councillor Carpenter requested a friendly amendment to the motion to include the percentages related to tax increases for all property classes, as well as percentages for budget increase. Councillor Bucci advised that he is not in favor of providing for 4 additional dates for budget meetings, and will proposing an amendment to provide one additional date – January 30th – where Council can bring forward their concerns and suggestions for changes/alterations. Councillor Kings advised of concerns with prolonging monies promised to various community groups who are in need of immediate funding. In response, C. Brubacher advised that Council could agree to

release funding to specific groups. Mayor Friel requested Staff review community groups or projects that are in dire need for funding and bring back this information to Council next week.

Moved by Councillor Bucci
Seconded by Councillor Kings

THAT Clause "A" BE ALTERED to remove the dates of January 24, 26 and 31, 2012.

Concern was expressed that providing for only one meeting date for budget deliberations which could cause concerns if progress isn't made and additional dates are required. Councillor Kings noted that if only one meeting date is being considered, all Councillors should ensure that their ideas for budget cuts are filtered through Staff prior to the meeting to provide for efficiencies. As no process has been developed on where to start with the review process, it is hard for staff to determine what time frame will be required.

Members of the Committee were in agreement to a separate recorded vote on each day contained in Clause A (January 24, 26, 30 and 31) to determine which dates would remain in effect.

Recorded Vote – Keep January 24, 2012 date

YES: Councillor Wrobel, Councillor Ceschi-Smith, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley (5)

NO: Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Bucci, Councillor Dignan-Rumble, Councillor Neumann, Councillor Kings, Mayor Friel (6)

The motion to keep January 24, 2012 was defeated.

Recorded vote – Keep January 26, 2012 date

YES: Councillor Wrobel, Councillor Ceschi-Smith, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utley (5)

NO: Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Bucci, Councillor Dignan-Rumble, Councillor Neumann, Councillor Kings, Mayor Friel (6)

The motion to keep January 26, 2012 was defeated.

Recorded vote – Keep January 30, 2012 date

YES: Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Bucci, Councillor Dignan-Rumble, Councillor Wrobel, Councillor Neumann, Councillor Ceschi-Smith, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utle, Councillor Kings, Mayor Friel (10)

NO: Councillor Carpenter (1)

The motion to keep January 30, 2012 was approved.

Recorded Vote – Keep January 31, 2012 date

YES: Councillor Vanderstelt, Councillor Wrobel, Councillor Neumann, Councillor Ceschi-Smith, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Utle, Mayor Friel (7)

NO: Councillor Bucci, Councillor Dignan-Rumble, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Kings (4)

The motion to keep January 31, 2012 date was approved.

Clause A now reads as follows:

- A. THAT January 30 and 31st BE APPROVED as meeting dates for the reconvening of the Estimates Committee to consider the 2012 Operating Budget.

2.2 To re-enact and amend Chapter 326 – General Provisions of the City of Brantford Municipal Code (CS2012-014)

Moved by Councillor McCreary
Seconded by Councillor Bucci

- A. THAT Report CS2012-014 BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT a By-law to re-enact and amend Chapter 326 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

CARRIED

3. BY-LAWS

1st and 2nd Reading

Moved by Councillor Kings
Seconded by Councillor McCreary

THAT Leave BE GIVEN to the Mover and Seconder to introduce the following By-laws for First and Second Reading:

BY-LAW READINGS PREAMBLE

1-2012 THREE By-law to re-enact and amend Chapter 326 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code (CS2012-014)

CARRIED

3rd Reading

Moved by Councillor Utley,
Seconded by Councillor Wrobel

THAT By-law 1-2012 BE TAKEN as read a third time, be finally passed and numbered serially by the Clerk

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor C. Friel
Chair

V. Kershaw, Council &
Committee Services Co-ordinator

