

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FINANCE / POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, CITY HALL,
ON MONDAY, 2010-FEB-15 COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor J. R. Ruttan, Chair

Members: Councillor W. L. Bestwick
Councillor W. J. Holdom
Councillor D. K. Johnstone
Councillor J. A. Kipp
Councillor L. D. McNabb
Councillor J. F. K. Pattje
Councillor L. J. Sherry
Councillor M. W. Unger

Staff: A. C. Kenning, City Manager
A. W. Laidlaw, General Manager of Community Services
D. W. Holmes, General Manager of Corporate Services
E. C. Swabey, General Manager of Development Services
I. Howat, Director of Legislative Services
T. L. Hartley, Director of Human Resources
B. E. Clemens, Director of Finance
T. M. Hickey, Director of Engineering and Public Works
T. P. Seward, Director of Development
T. F. Moscrip, Senior Manager of Engineering
Chief R. Lambert, Nanaimo Fire Rescue
A. J. Tucker, Director of Planning
S. Graham, Manager of Financial Planning & Payroll
J. E. Harrison, Manager of Legislative Services
T. Wilkinson, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that Minutes of the Regular Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held in the Board Room, City Hall on Monday, 2010-FEB-01 at 4:30 p.m. be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address Council. The motion carried unanimously.

(a) Delegations Pertaining to the 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan

- No one spoke to the 2010 – 2014 Financial Plan.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

[Note: Mr. A. C. Kenning's report regarding Proposed Budget Cuts from the Special Open Finance / Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting held 2010-JAN-14, was redistributed for information].

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$63,000. from Economic Development and Destination Marketing (Level 1 cuts). The motion carried.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Johnstone, McNabb, and Unger*

It was moved and seconded that Council reduce SAP system development by \$50,000. for 2010. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Holdom, McNabb, and Unger*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$50,000. from the GIS capital budget and related temporary staffing wages. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Holdom, Johnstone, McNabb, and Unger*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$67,000. by not filling the vacant Planning Technician position for one year. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Holdom*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$80,000. for hiring one Traffic/Engineering Technician in 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Council retain Economic Development and Destination Marketing (Level 2 cuts - \$53,000.) in the Budget. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Bestwick, Kipp, Pattje, and Sherry*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$100,000. from the New Sidewalk Program.

It was moved and seconded that the main motion be amended to read that Council cut \$50,000. from the New Sidewalk Program. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillors Bestwick, Holdom, Kipp, and McNabb*

The vote was taken on the main motion as amended.

The main motion carried as amended.

Opposed: *Councillors Holdom, Kipp, and McNabb*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$93,000. by not filling the vacant Subdivision Planner position for one year. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor Holdom*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$80,000. from the Storm Sewer Replacement budget. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Holdom, Johnstone, McNabb, Pattje, Sherry, and Unger*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$60,000. from Land Acquisition. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Holdom, Johnstone, McNabb, Pattje, and Unger*

It was moved and seconded that Council cut \$10,000. from Mayor & Council – Gifts and Souvenirs. The motion carried.

Opposed: *Councillor McNabb*

It was moved and seconded that Council delay the Bowen Road Project for two years.

It was moved and seconded that Council direct Staff to bring back a report regarding cost and design of the Bowen Road expansion, and the area by Quarterway. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Bestwick, Holdom, Johnstone, Kipp, McNabb, Pattje, and Unger*

The vote was taken on the main motion.

The main motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Bestwick, Holdom, Johnstone, McNabb, Pattje, and Unger*

It was moved and seconded that Council bring back a report regarding new items that equal the amount left in the budget from Items 18 – 28 for potential budget cuts, after cutting \$293,000. from the Budget. The motion was defeated.

Opposed: *Mayor Ruttan, Councillors Holdom, Johnstone, McNabb, and Unger*

6. QUESTION PERIOD:

- Mr. Fred Taylor, re: storm sewers, budget surplus.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:55 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

DIRECTOR,
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES