

March 16, 2016
Council Chambers, District of Hope Municipal Office
325 Wallace Street
Hope, BC

Council Members Present: Mayor Wilfried Vicktor
Councillor Scott Medlock
Councillor Gerry Dyble
Councillor Heather Stewin
Councillor Bob Erickson
Councillor Donna Kropp
Councillor Dusty Smith

Staff Present: John Fortoloczky, Chief Administrative Officer
Dale Courtice, Director of Finance
Donna Bellingham, Director of Corporate Services
Kevin Dicken, Director of Operations
Wendy Dalman, Deputy Corporate Officer
Linda Goglin, Accounting Supervisor

Public Present: 6

- 1. MAYOR VICKTOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM**
- 2. COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2016 FINANCIAL PLAN**

Dale Courtice, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the draft Financial Plan:

- \$6,900 Parcel Tax Bylaw (changed to reflect refinancing debenture).
- \$294,000 Gas Tax unused from 2015.
- \$250,000 Transfer from prior year surplus (preliminary estimate).
- \$400,000 RCMP/Policing (surplus)
- Removed LGLA Conference Expense of \$5,600.
- Increased Council Contingency by \$3,000 (for scholarship fund).
- Interest Bylaw No. 1080 and 1081 reduced \$16,600 to reflect refinancing of debenture.
- Principal Bylaw No. 1080 and 1081 increased \$2,600 to reflect refinancing of debenture.
- IT Software Maintenance increased by \$4,000 for caseware annual maintenance.
- Increased Fire Department Operations by \$5,000 for FIT Program.
- Landfill monitor and survey contract reduced \$14,000 as per consultant's estimate in report.

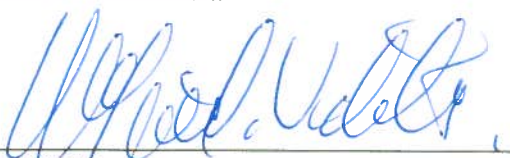
- Parks stump grinding contract increased by \$2,000.
- Sports Bowl Materials/Supplies/Freight reduced \$6,000.
- Water System Contract Work (SCADA tech support) reduced by \$5,000.
- Fire Capital Reserve \$45,000 (reduced transfer to reserve).
- Computer Equipment Replacement – removed server replacement of \$22,000
- Fire Capital command vehicle of \$66,000 removed from budget.
- Capital Vehicles reduced \$20,000 (purchasing used instead of new).
- \$3,500 added for another steel road plate.
- Bike racks reduced by \$700.
- \$35,000 Columbarium removed.
- \$26,000 Parks Capital garbage cans removed.
- Reduced Dump Truck purchase from \$259,000 to \$150,000.
- \$54,000 transfer from Water Capital Reserves (\$36,600 insurance claim will cover portion of stolen generator).
- \$350,000 Johnson Road Waterline project removed; defer to next year.
- Sewer Capital Conditional Grant – reversed \$226,000 conditional grant.
- \$6,000 sewer camera moved from Sewer to Water Fund.

Mayor Vicktor proposed a scenario where tax revenue generated would keep the residential tax amount in line with what was paid in the prior year. Staff will research and provide figures.

The next Budget Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm in District Hall Council Chambers.

5. MAYOR VICKTOR CLOSED THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AT 7:50 P.M.

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council held on March 16, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the District of Hope, British Columbia.



MAYOR
Wilfried Vicktor



CORPORATE OFFICER
Donna Bellingham