



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES SPECIAL (BUDGET) MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MARCH 25, 2013

**5:45 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL HALL**

PRESENT:

Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Councillor Meagan Brame
Councillor Dave Hodgins
Councillor Robert McKie
Councillor Tim Morrison
Councillor David Schinbein

REGRETS:

Councillor Lynda Hundleby

STAFF:

Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services & IT
David Ward, Fire Chief
Anja Nurvo, Manager of Corporate Services/Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins called the Special (Budget) Meeting of Council to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Hodgins/Councillor Brame:
That the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MINUTES

- (1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council March 18, 2013
- (2) Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council March 18 and 19, 2013

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hodgins:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council March 18, 2013 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council March 18 and 19, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONSIDERATION OF 2013 – 2017 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL REQUESTS AND FUNDING

The CAO summarized the current status, and that Council had requested that staff present Budget options for an increase of approximately 2.0% and 1.5%. She advised that staff had reviewed the Budget in detail and had arrived at 1.96% and 1.89% but that getting below that would impact service levels.

The Director of Financial Services reviewed a PowerPoint presentation. The first scenario of 2.45% was basically the same as reviewed at the last meeting, with the revisions directed by Council (reduce UBCM attendance by 2 members and add familiarization tour). The Director reviewed the various recommended reductions to core, Supplemental requests and Capital projects to arrive at 1.96%. He advised that staff then went through the budget again to identify further potential reductions to arrive at 1.89%.

The CAO stated that staff was requesting direction from Council as to what level of tax increase they are comfortable with, then staff, at the next meeting, would present tax rate calculations based on that direction. Council directed that they were supportive of an increase of 1.96%.

The CAO advised that the next step would be for staff to present tax rate scenarios at the April 15th Council meeting. The Director of Financial Services advised that the April 15 meeting would include a

public input opportunity, and that the next meeting on April 22 would include a public information meeting relating to the proposed Budget.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

Scott Attrill, resident, stated that he had grave concerns regarding the traffic calming proposed for Admirals Road, and submitted a document containing signatures against the project.

Chris Hall, non-resident, also spoke in opposition to the traffic calming for Admirals Road.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Brame/Councillor Hodgins:
That the Special (Budget) Meeting of Council be adjourned at 6:19 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ANJA NURVO, CORPORATE OFFICER