

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014

AT A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 4:00 PM

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Present: Councillor Wade Murray, in the Chair
Councillor Bryon Burnett
Councillor Shawn Fraser
Councillor Bob Hawkins
Councillor Terry Hincks

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Ashley Thompson
Solicitor, Mark Yemen
Acting CFO, Pat Gartner
Director, Assessment and Property Taxation, Don Barr
Director, Community Development, Recreation and Parks, Chris Holden
Manager of Financial Services, Janet Aird

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Terry Hincks moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, with the addition of agenda item FA14-9 – Letter from the Royal Regina Golf Club.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on March 4, 2014 be adopted, as circulated.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

FA14-3	Royal Regina Golf Club Request for Reduction in Mill Rate Factor for Golf Courses
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Recommendation

1. That the request from the Royal Regina Golf Club, to have the mill rate factor for the Golf Course subclass reduced from 65% to 30% of the mill rate factor for the commercial class, be DENIED.
2. That this report be forwarded to the April 14, 2014 City Council meeting.

(Councillor Bryon Burnett declared a conflict of interest on FA14-3 and left the meeting prior to the delegation.)

The following addressed the Committee:

- Mr. Archie Cameron, representing the Royal Regina Golf Club; and
- Mr. Chad Novak, representing the Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA14-4 Sale of City Laneway

Recommendation

1. That the sale of the subject property to Habitat for Humanity Regina Inc. be approved under the terms and conditions shown in the body of this report;
2. That the City Manager or his designate be authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the legal sale documents;
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute the legal sale documents as prepared by the City Solicitor; and
4. That this report be considered by City Council on April 14, 2014 after public notice has occurred.

(Councillor Bryon Burnett returned to the meeting.)

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA14-5 Regina's Warehouse Business District - 2014 Budget

Recommendation

1. That City Council approve the Warehouse Business Improvement District's 2014 budget as detailed in Appendix A.
2. That City Council approve the proposed mill rate for the Warehouse Business Improvement District for 2014 of 0.7588 mills.
3. That this report be forwarded to the April 14, 2014 City Council meeting.

Councillor Shawn Fraser moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA14-6 Regina Downtown Business Improvement District - 2014 Budget

Recommendation

1. That City Council approve the 2014 Regina Downtown Business Improvement District budget as detailed in Appendix A, along with the provision for estimated assessment appeals in the amount of \$83,000.
2. That City Council approve the proposed 2014 mill rate for Regina Downtown Business Improvement District of 0.7388 mills.
3. That this report be forwarded to the April 14, 2014 City Council meeting.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Mr. Chad Novak, representing the Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group; and
- Ms. Judith Veresuk, representing the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District.

Councillor Terry Hincks moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA14-7 The Regina Property Tax Bylaw, 2014 and School Division Property Tax Bylaw

Recommendation

1. That City Council approve the following mill rate factors for 2014: 0.87880 for residential and multi-family, 1.32901 for commercial and industrial, 0.86359 for golf courses, 1.32901 for resource and 1.32901 for agriculture;
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary property tax bylaws for consideration by City Council on April 14, 2014 that include the municipal mill rate, the other taxing authorities' mill rates, the mill rate factors, and the business improvement districts' mill rates as outlined in this report.
3. That this report be forwarded to the April 14, 2014 City Council meeting.

Mr. Chad Novak, representing the Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group, addressed the Committee.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

FA14-8 Community Investment Funding for Economic & Promotional Initiatives

Recommendation

That a grant of \$45,000 be approved for Canadian Western Agribition.

- Mr. Chad Novak, representing the Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group, addressed the Committee.

RECESS

Councillor Wade murray moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED that the Committee recess for 10 minutes.

Meeting recessed at 5:04 pm

Meeting reconvened at 5:11 pm

- Marty Seymour, representing Canadian Western Agribition, addressed the Committee. The delegations answered a number of questions.

Councillor Terry Hincks moved, in amendment, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the grant for \$45, 000 be increased to \$60, 000.

COMMUNICATION

FA14-9 Letter from the Royal Regina Golf Club

Councillor Shawn Fraser moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Terry Hincks moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary