

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, MONDAY, APRIL 10
AND TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

AT 5:30 PM

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Present: Mayor Michael Fougere, in the Chair
Councillor Lori Bresciani
Councillor Sharron Bryce (Teleconference April 10, 2017)
Councillor John Findura
Councillor Jerry Flegel
Councillor Bob Hawkins
Councillor Jason Mancinelli
Councillor Joel Murray
Councillor Mike O'Donnell
Councillor Andrew Stevens
Councillor Barbara Young (Teleconference April 18, 2017)

Also in Attendance: City Clerk, Jim Nicol
Deputy City Clerk, Erna Hall
City Manager, Chris Holden
Chief Financial Officer, Ian Rea
Executive Director, Legal, Byron Werry
Executive Director, City Planning & Development, Diana Hawryluk
Executive Director, City Services, Kim Onrait
Executive Director, Organization & People, John Paul Cullen
Executive Director, Transportation & Utilities, Karen Gasmol
Director, Assessment, Tax & Real Estate, Don Barr
Director, Communications & Customer Experience, Myrna Stark Leader
Director, Finance, June Schultz
Director, Parks and Open Space, Ray Morgan
Director, Solid Waste, Lisa Legault
Manager, Parking Services, Faisal Kalim

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, seconded by Councillor Joel Murray that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted, after adding the items noted below, and that the delegations be heard in the order they are called by Chairperson. Furthermore, that Appendix A on report CM17-5 – 2017 Amended General Operating Budget be amended as follows:

- **Decrease Asphalt Maintenance Budget – amount should be changed from \$300,00 to \$600,000**

- Reduce Landfill to Winter Hours – amount should be changed from \$61,000 to \$65,000
- The table on page 7 should have the “Service Reductions” number changed from \$874,500 to \$1,692,300.

- DE17-38 Jim Elliott: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-39 Chad Novak - Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group: Boundary Alteration - 2017 Property Tax Exemptions
- DE17-40 Chad Novak - Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-41 John Klein: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-42 Doug Normand - Regina Lawn Bowling Club: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-43 John Hopkins - Regina & District Chamber of Commerce: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-44 James A. Holmes: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-45 Marilyn Pollock - Canadian Condominium Institute - South Saskatchewan Chapter: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-46 Kelly Mentanko: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-47 Richmond Graham, John Aston and Derrick Thue - Regina Airport Authority: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- DE17-48 Michelle Benrot-Carnie: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- CP17-5 Canadian Federation of Independent Business: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- CP17-6 Suzanne and Robin Lendvoy: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget
- CP17-7 Regina Public Library: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

The motion was put and declared CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TABLED DELEGATIONS AND RELEATED REPORTS

- DE17-29 John Hopkins – Regina & District Chamber of Commerce: 2017 Reassessment Tax Policy
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Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. John Hopkins, representing Regina & District Chamber of Commerce addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CR17-24, a report from the Finance and Administration Committee respecting the same subject.

CR17-24 2017 Reassessment Tax Policy

Recommendation

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE - MARCH 7, 2017**

1. That the following principles be adopted in establishing mill rate factors for 2017:
 - a) That the relative share of property taxes between the Residential and Non-Residential Properties does not change due to reassessment.
 - b) That long-term stability be considered in establishing tax policies for mill rate factors.
2. That mill rate factors be set for the group of residential classes of properties and the group of non-residential properties such that the above recommendations are applied.
3. That the subclass for Golf Courses be continued and the mill rate factor set so that the effective tax rate is equal to 65 per cent of the effective commercial tax rate.
4. That a phase-in of property tax changes be implemented for the Commercial and Industrial class of properties for changes in property taxes as a result of the 2017 reassessment, whereby the phase-in shall be revenue-neutral by phasing in decreases and increases, with decreases and increases applied as follows:
 - 2017 increases and decreases limited to 1/3 of the property tax change.
 - 2018 increases and decreases limited to 2/3 of the property tax change.
 - 2019 the full increase or decrease would be applied.
5. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary bylaws.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Mike O'Donnell, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee contained in the report be concurred in after adding an additional recommendation as follows:

- **That item EX16-14 be removed from the list of outstanding items for the Executive Committee.**

DELEGATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND RELATED REPORTS

DE17-36 Brandon Wright - Bike Regina: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Brandon Wright, representing Bike Regina addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-5, a report from the Administration respecting the same subject.

DE17-37 Wilma Staff: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Wilma Staff, representing herself addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-38 Jim Elliott: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Jim Elliott, representing himself addressed Council. There were no questions for the delegation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-40 Chad Novak – Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group: 2017 Amended
General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Chad Novak, representing Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group addressed Council. There were no questions for the delegation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-41 John Klein: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. John Klein, representing himself addressed Council. There were no questions for the delegation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-42 Doug Normand – Regina Lawn Bowling Club: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Doug Normand, Murray Pituley and John Pituley, representing Regina Lawn Bowling Club addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-43 John Hopkins - Regina & District Chamber of Commerce: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. John Hopkins, representing Regina & District Chamber of Commerce addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-44 James A. Holmes: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. James A. Holmes, representing himself addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-45 Marilyn Pollock – Canadian Condominium Institute – South Saskatchewan
Chapter: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Marilyn Pollock, representing Canadian Condominium Institute - South Saskatchewan Chapter addressed Council. There were no questions for the delegation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of CM17-5.

DE17-46 Kelly Mentanko: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Kelly Mentanko, representing himself addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-47 Richmond Graham, John Aston and Derrick Thue - Regina Airport Authority:
2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Richmond Graham, John Aston and Derrick Thue, representing Regina Airport Authority addressed Council and answered a number of questions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-5.

DE17-48 Michelle Benrot-Carnie: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

CP17-5 Canadian Federation of Independent Business: 2017 Amended General Operating
Budget

CP17-6 Suzanne and Robin Lendvoy: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

CP17-7 Regina Public Library: 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Councillor Jerry Flegel moved, seconded by Councillor John Findura, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that items DE17-47, CP17-5, CP17-6 and CP17-7 be received and filed.

DE17-39 Chad Novak – Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group: Boundary Alteration –
2017 Property Tax Exemptions

Pursuant to due notice the delegation was present.

The Mayor invited the delegation to come forward and be heard. Chad Novak, representing Saskatchewan Taxpayers Advocacy Group addressed Council. There were no questions for the delegation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(11)(c) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, this brief was tabled until after consideration of report CM17-4, a report from the Administration respecting the same subject.

CM17-4 Boundary Alteration – 2017 Property Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

1. That the property tax exemptions as outlined in this report be approved.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw to provide for the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix A, B and C to the April 24, 2017 Council meeting.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Mike O'Donnell that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.
Councillor Andrew Stevens assumed the Chair.
Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the Chair prior to the vote.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

CM17-3 2017 Annual Property Tax Exemptions

Recommendation

1. That City Council approve the property tax exemptions outlined in Appendix A.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw to the April 24, 2017 City Council meeting to provide for the property tax exemptions listed in Appendix A to the April 24, 2017 Council meeting.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Barbara Young, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in after reflecting the corrections to Appendix B, which includes new information with updated 2017 values for the Regina Airport Authority as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessment	Municipal Levy	Education Levy	Library Levy	Total Phase in	BID & OTHER ****	Total after PI	Total Actual Exempted	Total Actual Paid
2017 **	81,556,600 33% Exemption Education & Library only	\$690,459.95 Estimated	\$	\$69,061.78 Estimated	\$	\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

RECESS

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Barbara Young, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting recess until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at which time the remainder of the agenda will be considered.

(The meeting recessed at 8:50 p.m.)

(The meeting reconvened Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.)

CM17-5 2017 Amended General Operating Budget

Recommendation

1. That the following be approved to address the shortfall of \$10.3 million in 2017 created by the 2017-18 Provincial Budget:
 - a) 2017 tax-supported General Operating Budget, with gross expenditures of \$435,738,700 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$220,190,100.
 - b) 2017 mill rate, approved by City Council on February 13, 2017, be increased by a further 2.5%, resulting in a total mill rate of 7.4553.
 - c) Street use permit fees in *The Regina Traffic Bylaw*, Bylaw 9900 (the “Traffic Bylaw”) be amended in accordance with the Temporary Street Use Permits detailed below in this report, effective July 1, 2017.
 - d) Program and services be reduced as outlined in Appendix A, providing an annual ongoing financial saving of \$1.69 million plus a one-time saving of \$874,000.
2. That the Regina Police Service 2017 Capital Budget of \$3,143,000 be reduced by \$572,000 to \$2,571,000 and a transfer of \$428,000 be made from the Regina Police Service General Reserve to fund the Regina Police Service’s capital program.

3. To address a potential further shortfall in 2018 created by the 2017-18 Provincial Budget, that Administration undertake the following work in 2017 and make recommendations to Council in preparation for the 2018 budget:
 - a) Review the funding relationship with City service partners to ensure best value for funding invested.
 - b) Review the implications of the repeal of *The Wascana Centre Authority Act* and the introduction of *The Provincial Capital Commission Act*, which changes the relationship and may impact the future financial obligations of the City to Wascana Park.
 - c) Review property tax exemptions to build alignment with the community grant program to ensure equitable treatment and value for funding invested across all stakeholders.
 - d) Review the split of property tax between residential and non-residential property tax payers to ensure equity and fairness.
 - e) Identify other tax opportunities including expanded application of the Amusement Tax.
 - f) Review recreation services and service levels in response to the recommendations of the Recreation Master Plan.
 - g) Explore opportunities to establish solid waste management as a self-sustaining utility.
 - h) Review fees for Planning and Building applications. In support of this review, approve a one-time transfer of \$60,000 from the Planning and Sustainability Reserve in 2017.
4. That property tax notices issued in 2017 and 2018 clearly describe the impact of the 2017-2018 Provincial Budget.
5. That the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare all necessary bylaws to implement the above recommendations.

(Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.)

(Councillor Andrew Stevens assumed the Chair.)

Mayor Michael Fougere moved, seconded by Councillor Bob Hawkins that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

Mayor Michael Fougere moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Sharron Bryce that Appendix A be amended by removing the following items from the list of proposed program and service reductions:

- a) PlayEscapes Program elimination - \$125,200**
- b) Conventional Transit Statutory Holiday services elimination - \$68,300**
- c) Leslie Lawn Bowling Greens closure - \$65,300**
- d) Regent Park Golf Course closure - \$36,000**

(Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the chair prior to the vote.)

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor John Findura that:

- a) \$3 million of the 2016 surplus/reserve be allocated to offset any shortfall in the revised 2017 budget**
- b) Any increase to the February 13, 2017 approved mill rate be set at 1.5%**

Councillor Lori Bresciani's amendment was put and declared LOST.

Councillor Mike O'Donnell moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Bob Hawkins that:

1. A letter be included with the 2017 tax notices that provides the following information:

- a) The City of Regina is the agent for all property tax collection within its municipal boundaries**
- b) Tax collection done on behalf of the Regina Public Library is re-directed to the library board**
- c) Education tax collection for 2017 will be re-directed to either the public or separate schools boards, as has been the case since the adoption of *The Cities Act***
- d) Beginning in 2018, education tax collection will be re-directed to the province of Saskatchewan for disbursement to the school board**
- e) Beginning in 2018, the City of Regina will provide education tax collection service for the Province of Saskatchewan without a fee**

2. The 2017 tax notice issued by the City of Regina show, as a separate line item titled "Provincial Download", the amount for the deficit in provincial funding.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.

Councillor Andrew Stevens assumed the chair.

Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the chair prior to the vote.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

(Councillor Bryce left the meeting.)

Councillor Andrew Stevens moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Jason Mancinelli that Appendix A be amended by removing the following items from the list of proposed program and service reduction:

- a) Summer Sweep (downtown) elimination - \$130,000**
- b) Collection Depot Program (leaf and yard waste, household hazardous waste and treecycle) elimination - \$400,000**
- c) Recycling Communication reduction - \$100,000**
- d) Recycling Public Outreach to Schools reduction - \$30,000**

Councillor Joel Murray moved, in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Councillor Jason Mancinelli that items a), c) and d) be removed from the list in the amendment.

The amendment to the amendment was put and declared LOST.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.

Councillor Andrew Stevens assumed the chair.

Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the chair.

Councillor Lori Bresciani moved, in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Councillor Jason Mancinelli that items c) and d) be removed from the list in the amendment.

The amendment to the amendment was put and declared LOST.

The original amendment to the main motion made by Councillor Andrew Stevens was put and declared LOST.

Councillor Jason Mancinelli moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Andrew Stevens that Appendix A be amended by removing the following items from the list of proposed program and service reductions:

- a) Reduce snow fencing - \$55,000**
- b) Decrease Asphalt Maintenance Budget - \$600,000**
- c) Reduce Landfill to Winter Hours \$61,000**
- d) Elimination of the Condo Waste Rebate \$250,000**
- e) Collection Depot Program (leaf and yard waste, household hazardous waste and treecycle) elimination - \$400,000**

Mayor Michael Fougere ruled item e) out of order and it was not voted on.

A recorded vote was requested with the following result:

Councillor Hawkins – No
Councillor Findura – Yes
Councillor Bresciani - No
Councillor Murray - No
Councillor Stevens –Yes
Councillor Flegel – Yes
Councillor Mancinelli - Yes
Councillor O’Donnell – No
Councillor Young - No
Mayor Fougere - No

Councillor Jason Mancinelli’s amendment was put and declared LOST.

Councillor Jerry Flegel moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Jason Mancinelli that a mill rate increase of 3.5% and a draw of \$2 million from the reserve be used to address the shortfall remaining to cover items in Appendix A.

Councillor Andrew Stevens moved, seconded by Councillor Jerry Flegel that a call for a challenge to the Chair regarding the ruling on the items for Appendix A, list of items excluded be re-introduced for debate, be voted on.

A recorded vote was requested with the following result:

Councillor Hawkins – No
Councillor Findura – No
Councillor Bresciani - No
Councillor Murray - No
Councillor Stevens – Yes
Councillor Flegel – Yes
Councillor Mancinelli - Yes
Councillor O’Donnell – Yes
Councillor Young - No
Mayor Fougere - No

The motion to challenge the Chair was put and declared LOST.

RECESS

Councillor Andrew Stevens moved, seconded by Councillor Mike O’Donnell, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting recess for five minutes.

The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.
Councillor Andrew Stevens assumed the chair.
Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the chair.

Councillor Jerry Flegel's amendment was put and declared LOST.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, in amendment, seconded by Councillor Mike O'Donnell that:

- 1 The Schedule K, Notice of Violation, the *The Regina Traffic Bylaw, 1997*, Bylaw No. 9900, be amended by increasing the current amount for the notice of violation, voluntary payment and amounts and specified penalty sums for default convictions by \$10 effective July 1, 2017.**
- 2 The following Sections be exempt from the increase:
43(1) Parked on private property in a zone marked as "not parking" or "no stopping".
43(2) Parked on private property in a stall marked by signs as reserved for persons with disabilities.
43(3) Stopped or parked on private property without consent of owner.**
- 3 The City Solicitor prepare the necessary amending bylaw for approval by City Council.**

A recorded vote was requested with the following result:

**Councillor Hawkins – Yes
Councillor Findura – Yes
Councillor Bresciani - No
Councillor Murray - Yes
Councillor Stevens –Yes
Councillor Flegel – No
Councillor Mancinelli - No
Councillor O'Donnell – Yes
Councillor Young - Yes
Mayor Fougere - Yes**

Councillor Bob Hawkins' amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

Mayor Michael Fougere stepped down to enter debate.
Councillor Andrew Stevens assumed the chair.
Mayor Michael Fougere returned to the chair.

A recorded vote was requested on the main motion, as amended, for report CM17-5, excluding Recommendation 1 b), with the following result:

**Councillor Hawkins – Yes
Councillor Findura – Yes
Councillor Bresciani - No
Councillor Murray - Yes
Councillor Stevens –No
Councillor Flegel – No
Councillor Mancinelli - Yes
Councillor O’Donnell – Yes
Councillor Young - Yes
Mayor Fougere - Yes**

A recorded vote was requested on Recommendation 1 b), with the following result:

**Councillor Hawkins – Yes
Councillor Findura – No
Councillor Bresciani - No
Councillor Murray - Yes
Councillor Stevens –Yes
Councillor Flegel – No
Councillor Mancinelli - Yes
Councillor O’Donnell – Yes
Councillor Young - Yes
Mayor Fougere - Yes**

The motion respecting Recommendation 1 b) was put and declared CARRIED.

The main motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

The main motion, as amended, including the revised Appendix A, was put and declared CARRIED as follows:

- 1. That the following be approved to address the shortfall of \$10.3 million in 2017 created by the 2017-18 Provincial Budget:**
 - a) 2017 tax-supported General Operating Budget, with gross expenditures of \$435,738,700 and a net property tax levy requirement of \$220,190,100.**
 - b) 2017 mill rate, approved by City Council on February 13, 2017, be increased by a further 2.5%, resulting in a total mill rate of 7.4553.**
 - c) Street use permit fees in *The Regina Traffic Bylaw*, Bylaw 9900 (the “Traffic Bylaw”) be amended in accordance with the Temporary Street Use Permits detailed below in this report, effective July 1, 2017.**
 - d) Program and services be reduced as outlined in Appendix A, providing an annual ongoing financial saving of \$1.69 million plus a one-time saving of \$874,000.**

2. That the Regina Police Service 2017 Capital Budget of \$3,143,000 be reduced by \$572,000 to \$2,571,000 and a transfer of \$428,000 be made from the Regina Police Service General Reserve to fund the Regina Police Service's capital program.
3. To address a potential further shortfall in 2018 created by the 2017-18 Provincial Budget, that Administration undertake the following work in 2017 and make recommendations to Council in preparation for the 2018 budget:
 - a) Review the funding relationship with City service partners to ensure best value for funding invested.
 - b) Review the implications of the repeal of *The Wascana Centre Authority Act* and the introduction of *The Provincial Capital Commission Act*, which changes the relationship and may impact the future financial obligations of the City to Wascana Park.
 - c) Review property tax exemptions to build alignment with the community grant program to ensure equitable treatment and value for funding invested across all stakeholders.
 - d) Review the split of property tax between residential and non-residential property tax payers to ensure equity and fairness.
 - e) Identify other tax opportunities including expanded application of the Amusement Tax.
 - f) Review recreation services and service levels in response to the recommendations of the Recreation Master Plan.
 - g) Explore opportunities to establish solid waste management as a self-sustaining utility.
 - h) Review fees for Planning and Building applications. In support of this review, approve a one-time transfer of \$60,000 from the Planning and Sustainability Reserve in 2017.
4. That property tax notices issued in 2017 and 2018 clearly describe the impact of the 2017-2018 Provincial Budget.
5. That Appendix A be amended by removing the following items from the list of proposed program and service reductions:
 - a) PlayEscapes Program elimination - \$125,200
 - b) Conventional Transit Statutory Holiday services elimination - \$68,300
 - c) Leslie Lawn Bowling Greens closure - \$65,300
 - d) Regent Park Golf Course closure - \$36,000

6. That a letter be included with the 2017 tax notices that provides the following information:
 - a) The City of Regina is the agent for all property tax collection within its municipal boundaries
 - b) Tax collection done on behalf of the Regina Public Library is re-directed to the library board
 - c) Education tax collection for 2017 will be re-directed to either the public or separate schools boards, as has been the case since the adoption of *The Cities Act*
 - d) Beginning in 2018, education tax collection will be re-directed to the province of Saskatchewan for disbursement to the school board
 - e) Beginning in 2018, the City of Regina will provide education tax collection service for the Province of Saskatchewan without a fee
- 6.b) The 2017 tax notice issued by the City of Regina show, as a separate line item titled "Provincial Download", the amount for the deficit in provincial funding.
7. That the Schedule K, Notice of Violation, the *The Regina Traffic Bylaw, 1997*, Bylaw No. 9900, be amended by increasing the current amount for the notice of violation, voluntary payment and amounts and specified penalty sums for default convictions by \$10 effective July 1, 2017.
 - a) The following Sections be exempt from the increase:
 - 43(1) Parked on private property in a zone marked as "not parking" or "no stopping".
 - 43(2) Parked on private property in a stall marked by signs as reserved for persons with disabilities.
 - 43(3) Stopped or parked on private property without consent of owner.
 - b) The City Solicitor prepare the necessary amending bylaw for approval by City Council.
8. That the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare all necessary bylaws to implement the above recommendations.

Appendix A – Proposed Program and Service Reductions

Program and Service Reductions

Program/Service	Ongoing 2017	One-time 2017	Comments
Heritage Conservation Program Review - Scope adjustment		\$50,000	<i>The 2017 one-time investment of \$100,000 will be reduced to \$50,000. The scope of this work would be scaled back to only address criteria for moving properties on/off the list.</i>
Limit implementation of the Housing Services -- Downtown initiative		\$37,500	<i>This will postpone an external consulting engagement. More would be required to be done in house or implementation slowed/stopped on certain strategies and plans.</i>
Eliminate the Heritage Conservation Awards Ceremony	\$6,000		<i>The awards will continue, however, the City Hall ceremony will be discontinued.</i>
Eliminate Agribition Transit Grant	\$60,000		<i>This is a grant for transit services for Agribition patrons. Agribition is a profitable event so this subsidy is no longer warranted.</i>
Reduce the display and maintenance of 300 flower pots	\$18,500		<i>The Outdoor Flowerbed Program will reduce the display and maintenance of 300 flower pots. The contract for flowers has already been executed so each reduced pot will still cost \$25/pot in 2017. This eliminates 0.55 Casual FTE.</i>
Reduce Contracted Pruning	\$50,000		<i>The contract for tree pruning will be executed for \$50,000 less than anticipated in 2017. ie. All 2,070 trees will be pruned as set out in the tender specifications. The contractor will not prune additional trees in 2017.</i>
Suspend the 2017 Fall Herbicide Spraying Program	\$63,000		<i>Controlling weeds is "cosmetic" and not a safety concern. This reduction consists of \$56,500 in labour (1.1 Casual FTE) and \$6,500 in material. This reduction excludes spraying of Athletic Fields.</i>

Program/Service	Ongoing 2017	One-time 2017	Comments
Reduce snow fencing	\$55,000		<i>Service Level Impacted due to higher potential drifting of snow and snow ridges on roadways. May cause drifting of snow in some areas where we regularly install snow fences.</i>
Decrease Asphalt Maintenance Budget	\$600,000		<i>Maintenance Paves are done at locations where it has been determined that the cost to pave is less then performing isolated annual maintenance activities such as patching and pothole filling. Maintenance paves often extend the life of roadways and often result in isolated maintenance not needing to be performed for a number of years. Could result in higher cost to maintain.</i>
Eliminate Summer Sweep (primarily downtown)	\$130,000		<i>This is primarily the sweeping of the downtown core after the spring sweep. Concerns could be responded to on an as needed basis. Higher risk of debris getting into storm sewer system</i>
Eliminate Collection Depot Program (Leaf & Yard Waste, Household Hazardous Waste, Treecycle)		\$400,000	<i>Eliminates the hazardous household programs, leaf and yard depot in the fall and the treecycle program. These three programs help the City reach the diversion goals identified in Waste Plan Regina. Not doing these programs will increase waste sent to the landfill, increase to landfill operations, and a reduction of casual staff.</i>
Reduce Landfill to Winter Hours		\$61,000	<i>Reduce the hours that the Landfill is open to the public. Currently, the summer landfill hours currently are (Sun - Sat. 7 am - 7pm). Winter hours are (Mon - Sat. 7 am - 5:30 pm). Could result in more waste being put in the waste bins and make it challenging for collections. This change will result in a reduction of casual staff.</i>

Program/Service	Ongoing 2017	One-time 2017	Comments
Alter Solid Waste Collection to a Bi-weekly schedule in the Winter		\$132,000	<i>This change will result in a reduction labour required (primarily full-time casual staff). There could be some concern or push back in rolling out smaller carts as garbage pick-up is less frequent and could result in overfilled garbage carts.</i>
Close Landfill on stat. holidays		\$60,000	<i>Effective May1, 2017 the Landfill will be closed on stat. holidays. The landfill is currently open on all stats except for Christmas day. This will impact staff and users of the landfill.</i>
Eliminate the Condo Waste Rebate	\$250,000		<i>Currently Condos receive a rebate because City waste services are not provided by the city garbage collection and the cost is funded by Mill rate.</i>
Reduce Recycling Communication		\$100,000	<i>This challenges the City to reach Diversion targets</i>
Reduce Recycling Public Outreach to Schools		\$30,000	<i>This program provides education to schools and may have staffing implications</i>
Eliminate the Snow Busters Program	\$50,000		<i>This is an advertising campaign designed to encourage residents to help their neighbours with sidewalk snow removal.</i>
Eliminate the printed Leisure Guide	\$40,000		<i>The leisure guide will remain available online, but print versions and distribution of those versions will be discontinued.</i>
Eliminate spring road construction advertising campaign	\$75,000		<i>The annual summer road construction campaign reminds drivers and pedestrians of summer construction plans and safety practices.</i>
Total Program and Service Reductions	\$1,097,500	\$870,500	

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, seconded by Councillor Joel Murray, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary