



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
MINUTES
September 20, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage, Vice-Chair
Councillors: David Hendsbee
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Lisa Blackburn
Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair
Councillor Steve Streach
Deputy Mayor Tony Mancini

STAFF: Jane Fraser, Director of Finance & Asset Management/CFO
Martin Ward, Solicitor
Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m., and Budget Committee adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 16 and July 19, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of July 16 and July 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. Long-Term Capital Strategy

i) Presentation

ii) Public Participation

iii) Debate

The following was before Budget Committee of the Whole:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 10, 2019
- A staff presentation dated September 20, 2019

Crystal Nowlan, Manager of Asset Management, gave a presentation of the Long-Term Capital Strategy. The presentation addressed the definition of the Long-Term Capital Strategy and an overview of the 2014 planned and potential Strategic projects list including the present status of the projects. Sarah Teal, Chief Information Officer, provided a review of the technology strategy noting that service expectations are ever increasing. Teal identified the areas for digital transformation and the need to prioritize and determine the ability to deliver and the total impact on the Business Units.

The Mayor called three times for members of the public to come forward for public participation, and there was none.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Budget Committee:

- 1. Validate the planned and potential projects listed in the Strategic Capital Funding Strategy report dated June 5, 2014;**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to add any additional desired Signature or Significant Business Unit projects to the capital planning portfolio.**

Following a brief discussion and responses from staff, several Councillors expressed an interest in deferring the matter in order to receive more information regarding the Long-Term Capital Strategy and the criteria relevant to the designation of signature projects for the Committee's consideration. Several Councillors stated they desired to receive more information which would assist the Committee to assess the extent to which the capital plan considers a broader scope of capital needs and assists with scheduling and funding capital projects in a manner that considers recent and emerging priority issues. Several Councillors also requested further information pertaining to projected costs for the Stadium.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT consideration of the Long-Term Capital Strategy be deferred for 60 days to enable staff to consult with Community Councils, or with Councillors individually by district or region, to further comprehend the costs and changes associated with the proposed signature projects and provide further information regarding the potential cost of the Stadium.

MOTION TO DEFFER PUT AND PASSED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at *11:17 a.m.*

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk