



SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR BUDGET PURPOSES

Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11:15 AM
Fraser River Presentation Theatre
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Clerk's Note: The meeting was conducted with Council members and staff attending electronically as per Ministerial Order 192/2020.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Froese

Councillors P. Arnason, D. Davis, S. Ferguson, M. Kunst, B. Long,
K. Richter, B. Whitmarsh, and E. Woodward

M. Bakken, S. Gamble, S. Ruff, S. Scheepmaker, R. Seifi, P. Tulumello,
and J. Winslade

W. Bauer, S. Little, K. Mahil. S. Nam, and K. Stepto

A. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Special Council Meeting for Budget Purposes Agenda - January 11, 2021

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Arnason,
That Council adopt the agenda and receive the agenda items of the
Special Council Meeting for Budget Purposes held January 11, 2021.
CARRED

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 2021 Draft Operating Budget

2021 Draft Operating Budget

S. Ruff provided the Universal Service Budget Overview updated
information:

Preliminary Universal Services Budget:

- Non-discretionary and other (1) 6.71%
- Recreation Centre (COVID) increases (2) 1.75%
- (reduced by allowing staff to determine hours and adjust services levels)
- Recreation Centre Revenue/Cost reduction (3) 2.35%
- Growth reforecast(5) (0.17%)
- Deferments and Reductions (5) (1.03%)

- Restart Grant (One-time) (5.47%)
- Balance 4.14%

Budget options to decrease tax increases were revised as follows:

- Levies – use of levies will aid in transparency and in targeting funds to specific initiatives. Will not reduce overall costs in ensuring revenues are used in a sustainable fashion.
- Deferrals – As reviewed in 2020 – are there any expenses which can be deferred to 2022?
- Reallocations – Can funds from any Operating program or Capital project be reallocated?
- Reductions – Could any programs be eliminated or could/should the Contribution to Capital be reduced?
- Reserves and surpluses – Limited balances.
- Strategic borrowings – Long term implications
- Differential mill rate adjustments – re-implement?

Further potential refinements to decrease tax increases were presented.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

D. TERMINATE

Moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Whitmarsh,
That the meeting terminate at 12:21pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor

Township Clerk