



## Municipality of French River

### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held in the Council Chambers  
Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Malcolm Lamothe, Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp, Dean Wenborne

#### **Members Excused:**

#### **Officials Present:**

Marc Gagnon, CAO  
Mélanie Bouffard, Clerk  
Carlie Zwiers, Executive Assistant  
Tom Ng, Treasurer/Tax Collector  
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager  
Michael Campbell, Chief Building Official  
Linda Keenan, Library Chief Executive Officer  
Denis Séguin, Fire Chief

#### **Guests:**

Liliane Lamothe, Library Board Chair  
Roch Bigras, Fire Department Captain  
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#### **1. Call to order, roll call and adoption of the agenda**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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Moved By Denny Sharp and Seconded By Gisèle Pageau

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be accepted as distributed.

Carried

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#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None declared.

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#### **3. Presentation and deliberation of Draft 2017 Budget**

The CAO presented the Draft 2017 Budget Package which included a review of the Priority Work Plan 2015-2018, a Draft 2017 Budget Summary, the Capital Budget vs Actual for the 2016 fiscal year, Reserves report for year ending 2016, the Draft 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets.

The year-end has not been audited, but a surplus is being projected for 2016.

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The Library Chief Executive Officer presented the Public Library's draft budget (within the Recreation and Cultural Services).

The Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's draft budget (within the Protection Services).

Break at 10:35 - 10:50am

Presentation of the Operating Budget of the remainder of the Protection Services and General Governance.

Break at 12:00 - 12:40pm

Presentation of the Operating Budgets of the Transportation Services, the Environmental Services, the Health Services and the Social & Family Services.

Break at 2:20 -2:30pm

Presentation of the Operating Budgets of the Recreation and Cultural Services, the Planning and Development and the Other Services which includes Human Resources.

Presentation of the items and the proposed financing options of the Capital Budget.

To date, the Draft 2017 Operating and Capital Budget represents an overall increase of 8.67%.

Council requested additional information and directed the CAO to re-evaluate the Draft Budget with staff to find reductions to reduce the overall increase to between 4 - 5%.

The next Special Meeting was scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

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#### **4. Closed Session**

A closed session was scheduled, however it was not required.

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**5.0 Adjournment**

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Moved By Malcolm Lamothe and Seconded By Michel Bigras

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the special meeting be adjourned at 3:30p.m.

Carried

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**