



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, 2015 September 15

An 'Open' meeting of the Financial Management Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 2015 September 15 at 5:30 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
Councillor Colleen Jordan, Vice Chair
Councillor Paul McDonell, Member

STAFF: Mr. Lambert Chu, Deputy City Manager
Mr. Lou Pelletier, Director Planning and Building
Ms. Denise Jorgenson, Director Finance
Mr. Leon Gous, Director Engineering
Ms. Edel Toner-Rogala, Chief Librarian
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. MINUTES

- a) [Minutes of the Open meeting of the Financial Management Committee held on 2015 June 25](#)

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting of the Financial Management Committee held on 2015 June 25 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from the Chief Librarian**
Re: 2015 Library Vehicle and RFID Conversion
Project Completion Bylaw Funding Request

The Chief Librarian submitted a report seeking funding approval for a Library vehicle and completion of the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) conversion project.

The Chief Librarian recommended:

1. THAT the Financial Management Committee recommend Council authorize staff to bring down a Capital Reserves bylaw in the amount of \$109,950 (inclusive of GST of \$4,950) to finance two projects, as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT the recommendation of the Chief Librarian be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Jordan

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL

THAT the Financial Management Committee request staff to prepare a report for the Committee's consideration outlining the impact of the recent wind storm, and also the stage 3 watering restrictions on the City infrastructure and provide the Committee and Council with recommendations as to the advisability, feasibility and budgetary implications of potential remedies to reduce the impact in the future.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This report should cover matters such as the following, and include the other topics that staff wish Council to consider during the upcoming budget process:

- the loss of power to IT systems;
- the loss of power to pump stations and failure of backup systems;
- the implications of City facilities being 'down' for protracted periods;
- the implications for fire dispatch, and fire response when power lost;
- policing issues related to loss of all power to major intersection controls;
- significant loss of plant material both from storm, and also imposed stage 3 water restriction regulations.

Councillor Johnston recommended that the report also include any positive outcomes and successes.

Staff advised that debriefing with several departments affected by the wind storm took place, some information has been already gathered and internal action plan is being worked on. There have been some strengths and weaknesses identified (long term and short term) and a report will be submitted to the Committee in the near future. Mr. Chu also gave credit to many contractors who were quick to respond to the City's requests.

Councillor Jordan expressed concerns with impact on the City when other businesses or facilities loose power (i.e. high rise apartment buildings with no water, no heat, no elevator, difficult access to medical assistance for seniors, etc.).

Councillor Jordan further inquired regarding BC Hydro priorities and noted that Hilton Hotel and Metrotown Library were the last places to get power.

Staff noted that the City register with BC Hydro priority buildings, such as fire halls and RCMP building; however, this is a good time to update a list and ensure that critical facilities have power.

Councillor Johnston suggested that libraries and recreation centres should be on the priority list, as these are the places people would be evacuated or gathered in case of earthquake or another disaster. Further, Councillor Johnston suggested to identify priority, multi-lane and large intersections.

Staff undertook to report back to the Committee.

Ms. Denise Jorgenson

The Director Finance submitted a memorandum providing information and seeking direction in response to a motion made at the Open Financial Management Committee meeting on 2015 June 25 regarding a resolution to

amend the Workers Compensation Act which currently excludes compensation coverage for elected officials within BC municipalities.

The individual insurance plans were provided by the Director Finance as an alternative to address the matter of loss of income.

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested staff provide more information on insurance plans and report back to the Committee.

5. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

6. CLOSED

[Public excluded according to Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter](#)

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT this meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 6:04 p.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT this meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCDONELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Dan Johnston
CHAIR