

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING of the EDMUNDSTON City Council

Monday, January 16, 2006 Council Chamber, City Hall

Present:

Gérald Allain, Mayor

Roger Rioux, Clerk

Marc Michaud, AGM

Councillors:

Ward 1:

Aldéo Nadeau

Ward 2: Ward 3: Louis Lavoie Gérald Morneault

Ward 4:

Charles Fournier

Réal Morneault

Albert W. Martin

Réal Gervais, General Manager

Doreen Banville, Ass. Clerk

Don Moreau

Michel Dubé

Mayor Allain called the meeting to order at 8:00. He underlines the skater Shawn Sawver for his Canada games bronze medals and his accessibility to the Olympics in Turin.

It was moved by Councillor Don Moreau and seconded by Councillor Michel Dubé that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

2006-008

Councillor Gerald Morneault moved that the minutes of the following meeting be accepted as presented:

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Seconded by Councillor Louis Lavoie.

Carried.

SCHEDULE FOR THE EQUALIZATION OF TAX RATES

2006-009

Whereas section 32(5.2) of the Edmundston Act, 1998, allows the municipality to establish a schedule for the equalization of tax rates in Edmundston as of January 1, 2006;

Whereas rates shall be established pursuant to shared services, excluding the fire departments and old debts for each of the zones;

Whereas a period of 8 years is considered a reasonable time to adjust a common flat rate for the same levels of service and that the equalization is independent of any tax increase that could occur during this period;

Be it resolved that the schedule for the equalization of the common tax rates be adopted and that the following increases (per \$100 of assessment) apply to the respective tax rates of each of the zones for fiscal years 2006 to 2013:

Zone 2 \$0.0462 Zone 3 \$0.0208 Zone 4 \$0.0486 Zone 5 \$0.0373

Motion by Charles Fournier. Seconded by Louis Lavoie. Carried.

2006 OPERATING BUDGETS

GENERAL ACCOUNT

2006-010 It was moved that the Edmundston Council accept the amount of \$21,974,172 to be the total municipal budget for the year 2006, that the amount of \$15,520,423 be the municipal mandate, and that the taxation rates be as follows:

\$1.5950 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 1/Edmundston \$1.1001 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 2/Saint-Jacques \$1.4383 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 3/Saint-Basile \$1.3532 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 4/Verret \$1.0889 per \$100 of assessment for Zone 5/ Mad. LSD

The Council orders and states that the mandate be levied by the Minister of the Environment and Local Government on the real estate property appraisal that are taxable under the provisions of the Assessment Act and that are on the territory of the Edmundston Municipality.

Motion by: Louis Lavoie Seconded by: Charles Fournier Carried.

WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT

2006-011 It was moved that the Edmundston Council decide that pursuant to section 189(4) of the *Municipalities Act*, the total operating budget for the Water and Sewer department for the year 2005 include revenues of \$5,118,238 and expenses of \$5,118,238 and that \$496 be the annual fee for the entire territory.

Motion by: Aldéo Nadeau Seconded by: Don Moreau Carried.

ENERGY ACCOUNT

2006-012 It was moved that the Edmundston Council decide that pursuant to section 189(4) of the *Municipalities Act*, the total operating budget for the Energy Department for the year 2005 include revenues of \$18,042,641 and expenses of \$18,042,641. Motion by: Gerald Morneault Seconded by: Réal Morneault Carried.

Treasurer Jeannot Raymond presented the details of the 2006 Budgets for General, Water & Sewer and Energy accounts respectively.

MUNICIPAL BY-LAW

#24R-2006 - WATER & SEWER BY-LAW / SCHEDULE A

The Clerk gave 1st reading in its entirety and 2nd reading by title of Schedule A of Municipal By-Law #24R-2006 regarding Water and Sewer services.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Next public meeting – January 30, 2006 at 8 p.m.

QUESTION PERIOD:

There were no comments.

Councillor Gerald Morneault moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8: 48 p.m.

Gérad Allain, Mayor

Doreen Banville, Assistant Clerk