Minutes of a Council Budget Meeting held Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT; Mayor Wayne Hurst

Deputy Mayor Anthony Leardi Councillor Robert Bailey Councillor Gord Freeman Councillor Carl Gibb Councillor Paul Renaud Councillor Rosa White

ALSO PRESENT; Frank Pizzuto, CAO

David Mailloux, Clerk Paul Beneteau, Treasurer

Lou Zarlenga, Public Works Manager Pam Malott, Dep. Treasurer/Tax Collector

Dave Carpenter, IT Manager

Carol Bendo, Human Resource Specialist/Dep. Clerk Ralph Barnwell, Arena Manager & Rec. Facilities Super.

Rick Murray, Fire Chief
Lory Bratt, Planning Coordinator
Steve Brown, Chief Building Official

PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET

Look into alternate side street parking.

Anthony Leardi asked that illumination of rural intersections be brought to Council for discussion as to which intersections will be done.

Issue Paper #11 - additional students – OK

#12 - Radio System – staff to report to Council

#13 - Asset Management approved in principle

#14 - Public Works Department Defibrillator Unit – defer to Police

Budget

#15 - Reforestation 20,000 increase - defer

Ralph to contact Steve Bouchard to discuss use of River Canard Park – set up meeting – Anthony Leardi will attend.

Lou and Paul to clarify 2005 & 2006. Norris Contract

Issue Paper #19 - Parks equipment specific to 2006 – OK

Discussion on By-law Control – report will be coming back.

CAPITAL

Laptops - purchase 1 laptop in 2006 for Council.

Discussion on theory of establishing a reserve agreed to borrow \$400,000 from Development Charges to set up equipment reserve.

PARKS

Items 8 - 12 deferred to another year.

Lou to bring back a report on Kings Navy Yard Park maintenance.

Briar Ridge Park Parking Area – delete

Track at Centennial Park - \$100,000 leave in.

Ranta Marina shoreline – defer to 2007

Compare taxes on a \$200,000 home in other Municipalities in the County

CAO Stated that what was approved would produce approximately a 9% increase in taxes – need to do some prioritizing.

Next meeting January 31, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.