

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020 AT
12:00 P.M.**

Chair C. Leclerc presided. Members present were S. Bujtas, L. Christiansen, B. Downie, J. McCallum-Miller (entered at 12:05 p.m.), and E. Ramsay. Councillor J. Cordeiro was absent. Also in attendance were H. Avison, Chief Administrative Officer, L. Greenlaw, Director of Finance, J. Klie, Fire Chief, R. Schibli, Director of Public Works, C. Didier, Director of Leisure Services, D. Corstanje, Economic Development Manager, J. Lucash, RCMP Officer in Charge, D. Powell, Information Systems Manager, K. Lautens, Communications Advisor, and A. Thompson, Clerk.

The Finance, Personnel & Administration Component of the Committee of the Whole meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m.

**A. FINANCE, PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION
COMPONENT**

1. 2020-2024 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

Chair Leclerc called the meeting to order and explained the purpose of the meeting was to confirm the Provisional Budget for 2020-2024. CAO indicated this meeting was a follow up to the budget meeting held December 17, 2019.

The Director of Finance addressed the Committee. The budget is the same as the budget presented at the December 17, 2019. In late March Council will adopt the final budget.

This budget included a 7.4% tax increase to the General Fund as well as similar increases to the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund for 2020.

This provisional budget also included a 2% increase to the Terrace Public Library funding, bringing their annual funding to \$724,695 plus \$15,000 for capital purchases.

It included a 2% increase to Terrace and District Museum Society (Heritage Park) funding, bringing their annual funding to \$100,303, plus \$21,000 for capital purchases.

The budget also contains a 2% increase to the funding for Kermodei Tourism Society. Their annual funding is now \$132,600. The budget also has a \$12,000 contribution to the REM Lee Theatre and \$15,000 to Terrace Search and Rescue.

The budget contains enhancements to the bylaw department, additional fire fighters, and a parks supervisor position.

The Chair asked if Council wished to make any changes to the provisional budget. Member Downie asked if there was any appetite to provide additional funding to the downtown enhancements in light of the loss of the flower baskets program, or a smaller flower basket contract for the downtown. The CAO indicated staff could look at other options like banners to beautify the downtown.

It was recommended that the 2020-2024 Provisional Operational Budget be approved and that Administration look at alternatives to the flower basket program for the downtown.

The January 27, 2020 Finance, Personnel & Administration Component of the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Chair

Clerk