

City Council Meeting No. 14
Minutes
April 15, 2003

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Downes
Seconded by Councillor Clements

THAT the following deferred motion be brought back and dealt with at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting:

*Moved by Councillor Beavis
Seconded by Councillor Stoparczyk*

***THAT** Council appoint a fund-raising team, comprised of at least two members of Council and an appropriate number of residents, to organize and conduct a community campaign to raise \$300,000.00 towards the cost of twinning the Centre 70 Arena.*

CARRIED

Councillor Downes withdrew from the meeting at 9:55pm.

REPORTS

Report No. 43 of the Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Rogers
Seconded by Councillor Meers

THAT Report No. 43 of the Committee of the Whole be received and adopted, clause by clause.

Report No. 43

To the Mayor and Members of Council:

The Committee of the Whole reports and recommends as follows:

1. **WHEREAS**, since 1998, Council has been confronted each year with operation and capital budget challenges that will continue unless the municipality is able to find long-term sustainable solutions, and;

WHEREAS the Bruzzese, Minshull & Associates Inc., 2001, Report on Municipal Competitiveness has determined that *"While the City of Kingston ranked low-mid in terms of residential relative tax burden, the average household incomes are below the average of the survey, resulting in a ranking of high on the taxes as a percentage of income"*, and;

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WHEREAS, as part of the "Getting Our House in Order" Strategic Initiative, an "Organizational Assessment Report" will be presented to Council recommending that, as one of three essential activities, the City of Kingston concentrate on developing a clear Corporate Direction that entails defining a "Vision", a "Mission" and "Values" for the corporation;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Kingston undertake, in consultation with the public, a review of the services offered to its residents to determine

- Which services and programs the municipality should be providing;
- What level of service should be provided;
- How those services should be provided;

–and further–

THAT Council establish a joint task force composed of Council and staff to undertake this service review, led by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer, with an initial mandate to prepare a report to the Committee of the Whole, which would

- Define the scope of the mandate of the task force;
- Establish the desired outcomes and a timetable;
- Suggest an approach and a work plan that would
 - Involve the public in a meaningful discussion of the issues and the desired outcomes;
 - Provide for the participation of all members of staff;
 - Identify best practices for this review;
- Complete a project description that would identify resource requirements and the impact on existing project priorities.

(File No. CSU-C08-000-2003)

CARRIED (9:3)
(See Recorded Vote)

A Recorded Vote was requested by Councillor Garrison and commenced with same.

YEAS: Mayor Turner, Councillor Beavis, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Clements, Councillor Foster, Councillor George, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Stoparczyk, Councillor Sutherland (9)

NAYS: Councillor Garrison, Councillor Meers, Councillor Pater (3)

ABSENT: Councillor Downes (1)

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Council consented to separate the following clause.

2. **WHEREAS** social assistance benefits were cut by 21.6% in 1995 and are insufficient to meet basic needs; and there have been no adjustments to social assistance benefits since 1995; and the cost of living has increased by 15.5%, with the result that the purchasing power of Ontario Works (OW) benefits has declined by 40% and the purchasing power of Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits has declined by 15.5%, and;