EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 301
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Lukes,

WHEREAS on March 3rd, the firm JPMorgan forecast a possible end of year rise in price of Brent oil to US$185 per barrel. Last March, Brent oil was only at US$65 per barrel. US$185 would convert to over $3.00 per litre;

AND WHEREAS the City currently spends over $10 million a year on fuel for all vehicles including transit;

AND WHEREAS the rise in fuel prices to more than double the 2021 price range would result in an additional $10 million in annual costs to the City;

AND WHEREAS the City should plan immediately to address a potential doubling of fuel prices;

AND WHEREAS fuel consumption is operating costs, and the City cannot use debt financing to account for the increased costs;

AND WHEREAS the City cannot rely on its reserves, since they are already near their lower bounds having been drained over the past two years;

AND WHEREAS the City could cut services, improve efficiency, introduce new revenue streams, raise taxes, or request additional funding from the Provincial and Federal governments;

AND WHEREAS cutting services and raising taxes is a disservice to the public unless all other options have been exhausted;

AND WHEREAS the first step should be to improve City operational efficiency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to instruct all departments to immediately develop formal plans to reduce departmental fuel usage, which could include but not be limited to the following:

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A. A means to demonstrate to the public that City departments are actively taking steps to reduce fuel costs.

B. The implementation of no-idling policies, more efficient routing while travelling, travel to and from sites during off traffic hours, carpooling instead of sending multiple vehicles, running onboard devices using batteries instead of the engine, transition to smaller vehicles, purchase of hybrid or electric vehicles, and virtual inspections.

C. The coordination of large amounts of work in a single area of the city rather than having crews travel across the city to various worksites within the same day.

2. That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to request increased funding from the Provincial and Federal governments which are benefiting from the higher fuel prices through increased taxation revenues.

3. That the Chief Financial Officer be directed to develop and present to Council a detailed breakdown of City fuel purchases by department and their sub-units, for each of the past 3 years which would allow for Council to monitor impacts of rising fuel prices and departmental efforts to improve efficiency.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

The Deputy Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Moved by Councillor Klein,

That Rule 16(1) of the Procedure By-law be suspended to consider the motion at this time.

Councillor Klein called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Klein, Lukes, Nason, Santos, and Schreyer 5

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, 9

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost. Accordingly, the motion was referred to the Executive Policy Committee.