Special Council Meeting Notes



March 24, 2020

COVID-19 Budget Request (31:01)

Council approved a one-time allocation of \$250,000 from the Mill Rate Stabilization and Utility reserve to cover the cost of the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including technology to enable employees to work remotely, increased garbage collection, and support for the Emergency Coordination Centre.

Beaumont Sport and Recreation Centre Contingency (38:24)

Council approved borrowing of up to \$200,000 as a contingency for the Beaumont Sport and Recreation Centre construction project. Council heard that the existing contingency fund had been exhausted in order to replace air handling units that did not meet the requirements for the expanded building. The city paid for the replacement units to keep construction on schedule, but will take measures to recover the costs.

Tax and Bill Relief (56:08)

Council approved a relief program that allows residents and businesses experiencing financial difficulties due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to pause payment of tax, water, wastewater and curbside garbage collection bills. Under the program, ratepayers and taxpayers can delay payment until September 30 without penalty. More details are available at www.beaumont.ab.ca/covid19

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey (1:29:44)

Council reviewed the results from a survey of Beaumont businesses regarding the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most businesses reported impacts to their operations and revenue.

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