

Motion carried three times

It took three motions to pass one motion regarding professional activity days at the elementary level at a meeting of the elementary panel of the Cochrane-Iroquois Falls Board of Education, May 14 in Matheson.

At the last regular meeting of the elementary panel, April 23 in Iroquois Falls, a motion was brought before the trustees recommending that there be 12 professional activity days in the upcoming school year. The

motion also outlined exactly when the days were to be scheduled.

This motion was amended and tabled when the trustees recommended that there be only ten professional activity days. The motion was tabled as Superintendent of Schools, R. G. Michon, wanted to consult the principals as to the removal of the two days.

When the motion was brought before the board on May 14, the first order of business was to

pass a motion removing the amended and tabled motion from the table. A second motion was required to bring the matter before the board again and a third was required to have the ten days included within the motion the board was to consider.

All three motions were passed by the elementary panel. The elementary schools will have ten professional activity days in the upcoming school year.

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Mill rate up 7.45%

On Monday Iroquois Falls Council introduced a strictly "no frills" budget for 1979.

This year's general rate budget of 17.88 mills, means an increase of 1.24 mills or 7.45 percent.

A breakdown of mill rate figures as they affect public and separate school supports is shown elsewhere on this page.

In a prepared statement, council said that through efficient departmental operations, close scrutiny and budget control, council ended 1978 with a small surplus. Council said it is its intention to continue to offer the same degree of service as last year.

In compiling this year's budget, council was faced with increased wages, material, service and other costs already built into the general economic inflation, said the statement. It also had to decide what improvements, capital undertakings and maintenance items were in greatest need.

Council arrived at its mill rate figure

Dust layer country roads	20,000.00
Roof repairs to Town Hall	5,000.00
Playground equipment	5,000.00
Phase 1 of O'Mara Park upgrading (Balance scheduled for next year). Total project cost over	
two years.	34,000.00

Miscellaneous equipment for fire department upgrading	4,750.00
Rebuilding outdoor rinks	9,000.00
New three ton cab and chassis truck	
New one ton flat bed truck	
New street pavement marker	21,700.00
Provision for students, summer employment	50,000.00
New culvert thawing steamer	5,000.00

In his comments finance committee chairman Councillor George Critchley reiterated remarks made in the press statement.

"It is strictly a no frills budget and the only way we could have made further cuts would have been by eliminating some existing services which we, of course, were not prepared to do

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