

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 14, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the Warden, at 2:36 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Warden George El-Jakl
  - Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
  - Councillor Murray Atkinson
  - Councillor Louise Halliday
  - Councillor Shaun Hatfield (2:37 p.m.)
  - Councillor Cecil O'Donnell
  - Councillor Cathy Stoddard
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

### PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was:

1. To finalize discussion of the 2012-2013 budget for presentation to Council.
2. Closed Session Re: Personnel Matters.

### BUDGET

Members were presented with three different alternatives for rate calculations for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. These rate calculations were explained and reviewed for the purpose of determining the effect of setting alternative tax rates. A list of Area Fire Rates was presented to members, and a list of priorities for the fiscal year was also circulated to members for their review and comment.

It was the consensus of members that the Residential Tax Rate and Commercial Tax Rate for the Municipality remain unchanged for the coming fiscal year, and the budget be presented to Council with rates unchanged.

The financing required for one time purchases of various equipment will be financed through transfers from the Special Reserve Fund Operating.

The Area Fire Rates to be forwarded to Council will be as follows:

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| - Wood's Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department | \$0.120/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department | \$0.081/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Barrington 7E Volunteer Fire Department               | \$0.050/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department                  | \$0.050/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Port LaTour Volunteer Fire Department                 | \$0.059/\$100.00 of assessment |

The priorities list that was circulated to members was discussed and reviewed as follows by mutual consent of members:

Council Priorities:

- Fire Services Amalgamation
- Economic Development
- Health Care
- Seal Island Light Restoration
- Election

Clerk-Treasurer's Priorities

- Climate Change Action Plan/MPS/LUB Review
- CIP Review and Update
- Waste Management Improvement

Property Services

- McGray Avenue Paving
- Sherose Island Sewage Treatment Plant
- Construction & Demolition Site Upgrades

Recreation Department

- Physical Activity Strategy
- Pool Decking

There then followed some discussion regarding the Order of Barrington, and it was agreed that this matter would be added to the next Committee of Whole agenda.

Members then recessed for a short break at 3:40 p.m. and returned for a Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

CLOSED SESSION RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS

Members discussed various personnel matters in relation to employee performance and direction.

There was some general discussion of the governance system of the Municipality.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed their discussion of these matters, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 5:00 p.m.

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Warden

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Secretary for the Meeting

**Emailed to Councillors June 15, 2012.**