



**Special Meeting of Council
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 12:00 Noon
Council Chambers, City Hall**

Mayor Philip Brown Presiding

Present: **Deputy Mayor Jason Coady** **Councillor Terry Bernard**
 Councillor Mike Duffy **Councillor Greg Rivard**
 Councillor Mitchell Tweel **Councillor Terry MacLeod**
 Councillor Alanna Jankov

Also: **Peter Kelly, CAO** **Paul Smith, PC**
 Randy MacDonald, FC **Brad MacConnell, DPC**
 Scott Adams, PWM **Frank Quinn, PRM**
 Richard MacEwen, UM **Paul Johnston, IAMM**
 Ron Atkinson, EconDo **Wayne Long, EDO**
 Bethany Kauzlarick, HRM **Stephen Wedlock, AFM**
 Laurel Lea, TO **Jen Gavin, CO**
 Tracey McLean, RMC

Regrets: **Councillor Kevin Ramsay** **Councillor Bob Doiron**
 Councillor Julie McCabe **Alex Forbes, PM**
 Ramona Doyle, SO

- 1. Call to Order**
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.
- 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**
There were no conflicts declared.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Moved by Councillor Rivard and seconded by Councillor Jankov that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.
- 4. Presentation and approval of the 2019/20 City Budget (General Government and Utility) – Councillor Terry Bernard, Chair of Finance, Audit & Tendering Committee**

Councillor Bernard, Chair of Finance, Audit & Tendering, presented his 2019/20 Budget speech noting that last year, the City began its 15-month 2018-2019 operations with a \$25,452 surplus on the City side of the ledger and with continued good management and oversight of our revenues and expenses, as well as finding operational efficiencies, he estimates that the City will end its 2018-2019 fiscal year with an approximate \$1.8 million dollar surplus.

Councillor Bernard reported that the net expenditure for the City's overall 2019-2020 Capital Budget is \$21.97 million dollars along with \$21.91 million from the Federal and Provincial

governments for a total Capital Budget expenditure of \$43.88 million dollars; with some of those investments being made in the following:

- \$26.3 million - Water & Sewer Infrastructure
- \$2.92 million – Municipal buildings
- \$2.68 million – Roads and streets
- \$2.68 million – Storm water management
- \$1.3 million – Fire services
- \$1.22 million – Recreation infrastructure
- \$896,000 – Information Technology
- \$835,000 – Curbs and sidewalks
- \$820,000 – Fleet replacements
- \$800,000 – Light/intersection upgrades
- \$500,000 – Transit
- \$263,000 – Police Services
- \$200,000 – Bell Aliant Centre
- \$150,000 – Eastlink Centre

Councillor Bernard commended the City in recognizing the challenges in obtaining affordable housing in Charlottetown. The City has stepped forward and developed an Affordable Housing Incentive Program, which will provide an initial \$250,000 for permit offset grants and property tax rebates for new affordable housing units under government or CMHC contract.

With regard to the Water and Sewer Utility, Councillor Bernard reported that the Utility started 2018 with a \$673,954 carry-over deficit and ended March 31st of this year with a projected deficit of \$1.2 million dollars; for the foreseeable future, this department will be completing significant infrastructure upgrades. With increased capital investment comes increased operational costs. To ensure the Utility assets are well maintained and operated to the benefit of residents, the Utility must increase the standard residential water metered charge from \$0.326 a day to \$0.336 a day and consumption charge \$0.264 per cubic metre to \$0.382 per cubic metre. He added that the rate increases amount to approximately 32 cents per day for the average residential customer.

In closing, Councillor Bernard thanked those who participated in the budget preparations – Mayor and Council, the Finance Committee, Senior Management and staff.

**Moved by Councillor Terry Bernard
Seconded by Councillor Greg Rivard**

RESOLVED:

That the 2019 City of Charlottetown Operational Budget estimates as presented by Councillor Terry Bernard, Chair of Finance, Audit and Tendering Committee, be approved.

CARRIED 7-0

**Moved by Councillor Terry Bernard
Seconded by Councillor Greg Rivard**

RESOLVED:

That a Municipal Tax Rate of \$0.67 per \$100 of assessment be levied against all non-commercial property in the City of Charlottetown for the period of January 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019 as per the provisions of the Real Property Tax Act, save and except:

(1) The non-commercial component of property which is owned by a non-resident person or non-resident corporation where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be \$1.33 per \$100 of assessment;

(2) The non-commercial component of hotels and motels where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be:

a. \$0.91 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation; or

b. \$1.57 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-resident corporation;

(3) The non-commercial component of apartment buildings containing four or more units where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be:

a. \$0.91 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation; or

b. \$1.57 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-resident corporation; and

(4) The non-commercial component of properties located in the Parkwood Estates and the Riverview Estates Mobile Home Parks where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be:

a. \$0.42 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation; or

b. \$1.08 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-resident corporation;

For the purposes of this resolution, "non-resident person" and "non-resident corporation" applies to property owners as described in Section 24 of the Real Property Tax Act Regulation

Finance #2

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Municipal Tax Rate of \$2.36 per \$100 of assessment be levied against all commercial property located in the City of Charlottetown for the period of January 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019 as per the provisions of the Real Property Tax Act.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Charlottetown request the Province of PEI to collect an additional \$0.18 per \$100 of assessment on all commercial properties within the Business Improvement Area (BIA), as per the attached map, for the period of January 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The monies collected from this shall be transferred to Downtown Charlottetown Inc. for the purpose of marketing and enhancing the downtown core of the City of Charlottetown.

CARRIED 7-0

**Moved by Councillor Terry Bernard
Seconded by Councillor Greg Rivard**

RESOLVED:

That the Charlottetown Water and Sewer Corporation implement water, sewer and combined water and sewer rates effective April 1, 2019 as detailed on the attached rate schedule.

CARRIED 7-0

5. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Bernard and seconded by Councillor Jankov that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 PM