CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 199 QUEEN STREET
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

Mayor Philip Brown presiding

Present:	**Deputy Mayor Alanna Jankov**	**Councillor Terry Bernard**
	Councillor Mitchell Tweel	**Councillor Kevin Ramsay**
	Councillor Bob Doiron (T/C)	**Councillor Julie McCabe (T/C)**
	Councillor Norman Beck	**Councillor Trevor MacKinnon**
	Councillor John McAleer	**Councillor Justin Muttart**
Also:	**Brad MacConnell, CAO**	**Michael Ruus, DIG**
	Richard MacEwen, DCS	**Frank Quinn, PRM**
	Tim Mamye, FC	**Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, ESM**
	Joshua McInnis, UM	**Wayne Long, EGAM (T/C)**
	Ylber Gashi, PWM	**Amy McQuillan, FM**
	Sean Coombs, APC	**Isaac Ewuah, FAM**
	Jessica Bradley, SCO	**Anna Keenan, STO**
	Riley Taweel, PWE	**Rory Chaisson, IT**
	Tracey McLean, PRC	

T/C indicates attended via teleconference.

- The Mayor acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq First Nation.

1. Call to Order
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
No conflicts were declared.

3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Councillor Bernard and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the agenda be approved as presented.

4. Discussion Item:

a) 2026-2027 City of Charlottetown and Water & Sewer Corporation Capital Budgets
The Mayor asked Amy McQuillan, Finance Manager, to provide an overview of both the City and Water & Sewer Corporation capital budgets. She presented departmental information outlining amounts carried forward from 2025-2026 budget, 2026-2027 budget/partner funding/net capital and total requests. City's net capital request is $64.8M and Water & Sewer Corporation net capital request is $6.8M.

In response to a question regarding the inclusion of proposed projects in the Capital Budget, the Finance Manager advised that such additions are permissible; however, they would have an overall impact on the City's Operating Budget.

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The Mayor then invited the respective department heads to provide commentary on their budget. A question-and-answer period followed each presentation.

Environment & Sustainability (E&S Manager & Sustainable Transportation Officer)
Budget line items referenced included bike racks, water refill stations, community vegetable planters, street and park trees, downtown tree pits/planters, EV charger, bikeshare program, City building solar project and transit. Net capital request - $4.68M.

Q&A – Bike Share program carried over from 2025/2026 budget due lack of funding. Transit operator is supportive of the proposed investments (i.e. busses and infrastructure).

Fire Department/Emergency Preparedness (Fire Chief)
Budget line items referenced included new fire station design, firefighter turnout gear, small equipment, fast response craft, engine 4 replacement, breathing apparatus and off-road response vehicle. Net capital ask - $9.5M.

Q&A – $6M allocation for Fire Hall Design includes $2M from the previous year's budget (land procurement & design work) but the project is still progressing through stages.

Information Technology (Senior Information Technology Officer)
Budget line items referenced included computers, fiber network cabling, network modernization, domain controllers, CPS camera server, Simmons cellular extension and new website. Net capital ask - $830,000.

Q&A – Simmons cellular extension is only within the facility. Technology in the Chamber is generally up to date; however, the rooms size/layout/heritage features present some limitations.

Parks & Recreation (Parks & Recreation Manager)
Budget line items referenced included arena repairs/upgrades, park development/playgrounds, Victoria Park, sports field development/upgrades, sports facilities/buildings, trails/pathways and upgrades at Confederation Landing. Net capital ask - $7M.

Q&A - Deficiencies related to the Victoria Park Tennis Courts are covered under contractor holdback; new funding is intended for additional upgrades to courts 1-3. $1.1 million carryover for the Elmer MacFadyen Memorial Recreational Complex (multi-sport facility) is for a full overhaul, which includes a new surface, chiller system and boards/infrastructure upgrades. $500K funding has not yet been secured for the artificial turf field project but options continue to be explored.

Police (Acting Police Chief)
Budget line items referenced included vehicle/specialized/communication equipment, investigative tools & tech and community safety. Net capital ask - $494,000.

Q&A – Police station is aging and space is inadequate for current staffing levels. Potentially to share space within the future fire station. Clarification was provided on the Community Safety line item ($14,000); includes speed enforcement (LIDAR), equipment for mobile command unit and roadside screening devices.

Public Works (Public Works Manager & Public Works Traffic Engineer)
Budget line items referenced included Urban Beautification, Municipal Buildings, Traffic and Pedestrian Signals, Street Lighting, Parkades Major Repairs, Land/Property Acquisitions, Street Rehabilitation/ Intersection Upgrades, Sidewalks and Multipurpose Trails, Storm Water Management and Public Works Fleet. Net capital ask - $2,6M.

Q&A – Street rehabilitation is not just paving; full road reconstruction encompasses water, sewer, base and curb requiring coordination with other City departments. With respect to a proposed development (three (3) apartment buildings) on Mount Edward Road and the concerns raised at a recent public meeting related to traffic calming in the area, the Public Works Manager indicated those concerns were received by Public Works for consideration but not necessarily committed in the current budget cycle. $11.5M for Spencer Drive project is to extend beyond the current terminus toward Mount Edward Road and includes upgrades to Capital Drive, multi-use pathway, water & sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and stormwater work.

• At this time, Council agreed to extend the meeting beyond the three-hour limit.

Bell Aliant Centre (CARI)
The Finance Manager referenced the line items. Allan Wood, General Manager, joined the meeting via teleconference for any questions. Net capital ask - $855K

Water and Sewer Utility (Utility Manager)
Budget line items referenced included (but not limited to) upgrades, reconstruction, rehabilitation, wellfield protection, water supply contingency, capital equipment, and motor vehicles. Net capital ask - $6.9M.

Q&A – A "holdback" was explained as is typically 15% retained on contracts until deficiencies are resolved and when the project is completed satisfactorily.

Eastlink Centre (CCCMI)
The Finance Manager referenced the line items. John Abbott, General Manager, joined the meeting via teleconference for any questions. Net capital ask - $1.1M.

Q&A – Funding is being sought to repair rigging points in the Centre's ceiling to enhance event hosting.

In closing, the Finance Manager and Department Heads were commended for their excellent work in preparing the capital budget. The following resolution was brought forward for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor John McAleer
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Alanna Jankov

RESOLVED:

That the 2026-2027 City of Charlottetown and Charlottetown Water and Sewer Corporation Capital Budgets be approved, and

That upon approval of the financial plan, staff be authorized to tender projects and the necessary long-term debt associated with expenditures authorized in the 2026-2027 Capital Budgets for the City of Charlottetown and Charlottetown Water and Sewer Corporation.

CARRIED 9-1
Councillor Beck opposed

5. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Ramsay and seconded by Councillor Muttart that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. The meeting concluded at 8:34 PM.