

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING By Webex Videoconference Monday, November 15, 2021 Immediately following a Public Hearing



**PRESENT:**MAYOR NANCY GRANT<br/>DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ALEXANDER<br/>COUNCILLOR HELEN BOYLE<br/>COUNCILLOR DAVE BROWN<br/>COUNCILLOR PETER J. LEWIS<br/>COUNCILLOR TIFFANY MACKAY FRENCH<br/>COUNCILLOR BILL McGUIRE<br/>COUNCILLOR DON SHEA

TOWN MANAGER JOHN JARVIE TOWN CLERK MARY JANE BANKS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT (DPDS) BRIAN WHITE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (DO) BRETT McLEAN DIRECTOR OF REC/PARKS (DRP) CHARLES JENSEN TREASURER DOUG MacDONALD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT LIZ HAZLETT

Mayor Grant called the videoconference to order at 9:00 p.m.

## 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the agenda be approved as circulated.

#### CARRIED.

## 2. 2022 Rothesay Operating Budgets

2022 General Fund	
Highlights	General Operating Fund Budget
10 November 2021	Memorandum from Treasurer MacDonald RE: General Operating Fund Motions
Master Budget 10 November 2021	General Operating Budget 2022 Donation Requests Motions

#### • 2022 Utility Fund

Highlights	Utility Operating Fund
10 November 2021	Memorandum from Treasurer MacDonald RE: Utility Operating
	Fund Motions
Master Budget	Utility Operating Fund

Treasurer MacDonald reported minor changes to the General Fund Operating Budget, more specifically: a reduction for WorkSafe NB premiums (roughly \$20,000 lower than anticipated); wage adjustments (General Government expense); and an increase of approximately \$20,000 in the Parks and Recreation budget. For clarification, he noted, there were no changes to the proposed tax rate of \$1.20, or the Utility Fund.

Counc. Shea asked why Fiscal Services (P&I) \$972,000 on page 2 differs from the amount listed under Fiscal Services on page 4 (\$4,146,450). Treasurer MacDonald brought Council's attention to page 11, noting the former refers to Fiscal Services in terms of Principal and Interest (P&I) payments, whereas the latter encompasses the entire category which includes transfers for Capital from Operating, as well as Reserves.

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Counc. Shea inquired about the 2020 Actual for "Grant – Other" of \$549,322. Treasurer MacDonald advised this pertains to Designated Highway funding. He explained it is not standard practice to include an amount under revenue because it is difficult to predict if funds will be granted each year; however funds are allocated in the capital budget to cover the Town's share in the event funding is granted.

## **General Operating Fund**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the sum of **\$20,030,000** be the total operating budget of the Municipality, that the sum of **\$18,181,510** be the Warrant of the Municipality for the ensuing year, and that the tax rate for the municipality be **\$1.2000**. The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the *Assessment Act* within the Municipality of Rothesay.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the 2022 budget of the Kennebecasis Public Library be approved at \$213,431 and the Rothesay contribution be approved as \$83,217.

## CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the 2022 operating budget of the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. be approved at \$5,914,895 and the Rothesay contribution be approved as \$2,360,764.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Boyle the 2022 capital budget of the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. be approved at \$3,021,439 and the Rothesay contribution be approved as \$1,236,747.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the 2022 operating budget of the Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners be approved at \$7,578,498 and the Rothesay contribution be approved as \$3,035,186.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the Rothesay contribution to the 2022 budget of Envision Saint John be approved at \$192,000.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the Rothesay contribution to the 2022 budget of Saint John Transit Comex bus service be approved at \$74,938.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Boyle the following 2022 funding requests be approved as follows:

Rothesay High School\$1,000 Fairweather ScholarshipKV3C\$2,500 maximum, in kind

ON THE QUESTION:

Mayor Grant noted the Rothesay High School Fairweather Scholarship is a historical scholarship, and Rothesay has provided longstanding in-kind support to KV3C. Counc. Brown asked if the amounts have changed over the years. Town Clerk Banks noted the Fairweather Scholarship was originally \$750 but was increased to \$1,000 in the past.

CARRIED.

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**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Boyle the 2022 funding request from the Kennebecasis Crimestoppers be approved in the amount of \$2,800.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. McGuire the 2022 funding request from KV Oasis will not be funded be denied.

## ON THE QUESTION:

Counc. Shea asked if the motion should be amended to create a positive, rather than negative, motion.

## Amending motion:

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. McGuire "will not be funded" be replaced with "*be denied*".

### Amending motion, CARRIED. MAIN motion, as amended, CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the 2022 funding request from NB Medical Education Foundation be approved in the amount of \$5,000.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the 2021 funding request from Symphony NB be denied.

## CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the 2022 funding request from the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation be approved in the amount of \$1,000.

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Boyle the 2022 funding request from the Saint John Cycling Club be denied.

## CARRIED.

## **Utility Operating Fund**

Treasurer MacDonald advised the proposed 2022 Utility Operating Budget includes the \$10 increase to the annual sewer charge as previously discussed. He added there are no changes proposed for Water Service charges.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Boyle pursuant to subsection 117(4) of the Local Governance Act, the total budget for the Water and Sewerage Utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of \$3,640,000 and total expenditures of \$3,640,000

#### CARRIED.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Boyle the Sewer Service Charge (Section 9) in Schedule "B" of By-law 1-15 be \$410.00 per equivalent user unit.

#### CARRIED.

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# 3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled as follows:

**Regular meeting** Monday, December 13, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

**MOVED** by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. McGuire the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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CLERK