

**COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor John Higham, Deputy Mayor Joyce O’Neil, Councillors Bruce Phinney, Allison Butcher, Ron Aiken, Andrew Black, Bill Evans, Megan Mitton and Michael Tower. Also in attendance were CAO Phil Handrahan, Treasurer Michael Beal, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Jamie Burke, Manager of Recreation Programs and Events Matt Pryde, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly-Spurles, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Deputy Fire Chief Wendell Crossman, Clerk Donna Beal, and Assistant Clerk Stacey Hicks

Bruce Wark – Media and approximately 3 residents.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor John Higham called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Regular Council Meeting December 12, 2016

#16-199 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O’NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2016 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was held for which questions were asked on the following topics:

- Vehicle use – Fire Department
- Water meters/changes

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor John Higham asked if there were any disclosures of interest to declare. There were none at this time.

5. MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting, November 14, 2016

#16-200 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MEGAN MITTON THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Special Meeting of Council December 5, 2016

#16-201 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2016 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Special Meeting of Council Closed In-Camera December 5, 2016

#16-202 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL CLOSED IN-CAMERA MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2016 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Special Meeting of Council December 6, 2016

#16-203 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2016 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes at this time.

7. BILLS AND PAYROLL – NOVEMBER 2016

Treasurer Michael Beal gave a brief overview of the bills and payroll for the month of November 2016.

#16-204 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2016 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$297,206.48; GENERAL CAPITAL \$4,996.34; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$107,954.03; UTILITY CAPITAL \$259,517.29; AND SALARIES \$183,280.89. MOTION CARRIED.

8. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

- i) Regional Service Commission – Mayor John Higham

Mayor Higham noted two items from the Regional Service Commission Meeting; first being the Lidar system which is being used in the North of the Province and an explanation as to why it is not in our Region has not received any answers of as yet. Also the Tourism Strategy was noted and the Regional Recreation Plan.

- ii) Planning – Lori Bickford

Mayor Higham noted that the Planning Report could be found on page 18 of the package and noted a few of the highlights.

- 9. CAO REPORT – Phil Handrahan

CAO Phil Handrahan spoke to the highlights within the report found on page 19 of the package.

10. REPORTS

- A) Finance & Administration
 - Liaison Councillor Michael Tower and Councillor Aiken
 - i) Report from Finance and Administration

Councillor Ron Aiken spoke to the highlights found within the Finance, By-Law and Animal Control reports found on pages 20-27 of the package. Councillor Aiken gave an overview of the 2017 budget process and whereby the General Operating Budget would be \$10,598,424 and also noted that the Tax Rate will remain unchanged at \$1.5500/\$100 of assessment for 2017. On the Utility Front a total budget of approximately \$1,900,000 was advanced and included a rate adjustment from 2017-2021. Capital Budget for both General Capital and Utility Capital was also touched on. Treasurer Michael Beal then gave a brief explanation of the motions coming forward with regards to the Budget for 2017.

#16-205 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2016, OF \$150,000 FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-206 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O'NEIL THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2016, OF \$40,000 FROM THE UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-207 WHEREAS COUNCIL HAS MET WITH STAFF AND DELIVERATED THE BUDGETS OF GENERAL OPERATING, GENERAL CAPITAL, UTILITY OPERATING AND UTILITY CAPITAL FOR 2017;

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED 2017 BUDGET DOCUMENTS DATED DECEMBER 12, 2016 AS THE BUDGETS FOR THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE FOR THE YEAR 2017 WITH THE ASSOCIATED ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES AS ATTACHED. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-208 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2016, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE, NB RESOLVE THAT THE SUM OF \$10,833,387 BE THE TOTAL BUDGET OF THE MUNICIPALITY, THAT THE SUM OF \$9,753,225 BE THE WARRANT OF THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR, AND THAT THE TAX RATE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY BE \$1.5500. THE COUNCIL ORDERS AND DIRECTS THE LEVYING BY THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SAID AMOUNTS ON REAL PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE, NB AND AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-209 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O'NEIL THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION FOR THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2017 AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COOPERATIVE AND REGIONAL PLANNING</u>	<u>\$ 3,584.00</u>
<u>SOLID WASTE SERVICES</u>	<u>\$114,142.00</u>
<u>LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES</u>	<u>\$206,453.00</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

#16-210 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$336,000 FOR THE YEAR 2017 FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 81-195 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT (O.C. 81-974). MOTION CARRIED.

#16-211 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT ON THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2016, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE, NB RESOLVE THAT PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 189 (4) OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT, THE TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR WOULD CONSIST OF TOTAL REVENUE OF \$1,885,209 AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF \$1,885,209 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-212 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE YEARS 2017 – 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, NOTED AS FUTURE PROJECTIONS/RATE PROPOSAL (5 YEAR) AND PROVIDED TO COUNCIL IN THE DOCUMENT TITLED WATER/SEWER RATES 2017 – 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-213 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A GENERAL CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT OF \$961,000; WITH \$850,000 COMING FROM CAPITAL OUT OF REVENUE AND \$111,000 COMING FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS FOLLOWS:

TOURISM/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<u>HIGHWAY SIGNAGE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<u>ARTS WALL REVITALIZATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,000</u>
<u>VIC IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,000</u>

PARKS & RECREATION:

<u>NEW STORAGE FACILITY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>300,000</u>
<u>60' ARTICULATING BOOM</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>51,000</u>
<u>BEAUTIFICATION OF EXIT 506</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<u>BEECH HILL PARK IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>25,000</u>

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

<u>COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,000</u>
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PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING:

<u>LOADER REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>310,000</u>
<u>WHEATON LANE REPAIRS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<u>BUILDING UPGRADES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>KING STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>SIDEWALK RENEWAL</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>CROSSWALK FLASHING LIGHTS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<u>MAIN/MALLARD TRAFFIC LIGHT UPGRADE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<u>RESURFACING OF DOT HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>961,000</u>

MOTION CARRIED.

#16-214 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE SUBMIT TO THE MUNICIPAL CAPITAL BORROWING BOARD, AN APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW OR GUARANTEE THE REPAYMENT OF MONEY BORROWED FOR A CAPITAL EXPENSE FOR THE TERMS AND AMOUNTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE SAID DOCUMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:

<u>BRIDGE STREET WATER/SEWER/LIFT STATION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>60,000</u>
<u>WATER METER REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>100,000</u>
<u>LIFT STATION UPGRADES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<u>WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	TOTAL \$	240,000

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

<u>BUNKER GEAR REPLACEMENT</u>	\$	14,000
<u>FIREFIGHTING HOSE REPLACEMENT</u>	\$	25,000

RECREATION AND CULTURE

<u>NEW STORAGE FACILITY</u>	\$	300,000
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

<u>LOADER REPLACEMENT</u>	\$	310,000
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TOTAL \$ 649,000

GRAND TOTAL \$ 889,000

MOTION CARRIED.

- B) Tourism & Business Development
Liaison Councillor Megan Mitton and Councillor Ron Aiken
 - i) Report from Tourism & Business Development

Councillor Megan Mitton congratulated Mainstreet Redevelopment on their two successful Midnight Madness events held on November 18 and December 2 and a draw for the gift basket took place. Congratulations was extended to the winner of the gift basket, Karen Wells.

Councillor Megan Mitton spoke to the highlights found within the report found on page 28 of the package.

- C) Public Property & Facilities
Liaison Councillor Bruce Phinney and Councillor Michael tower
 - i) Report Public Property & Facilities

Councillor Michael Tower noted the highlights of the reports found on page 32 of the package.

#16-215 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN THAT WHEREAS A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE BY PROPERTY OWNER OF PID #70049937 FOR THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE TO GIVE UP THE RIGHT TO A PORTION OF THE CROWN ROAD GOING FROM MOUNT VIEW ROAD TO THE BACK OF BEECHHILL PARK AS A RESULT OF HIS GARAGE BEING LOCATED ON THIS ROAD;

AND WHEREAS THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO NEGOTIATE WITH NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES FOR A SLIVER OF LAND IN ORDER TO MOVE THE CROWN ROAD OVER SLIGHTLY FROM ITS CURRENT LOCATION AND MAINTAIN ITS TOTAL WIDTH REQUIRED FOR A ROAD;

AND WHEREAS STAFF AND COUNCIL HAVE REVIEWED THIS REQUEST AND DETERMINED THAT THE TOWN NEEDS TO KEEP THE CROWN ROAD AND MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT WIDTH AS A POSSIBLE ACCESS ROAD FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN BEECH HILL PARK;

AND WHEREAS THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE HAS MAINTAINED IT'S POSITION ON THIS MATTER SINCE 1998.

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL DIRECTS THAT THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND THE OWNERS OF THE EFFECTIVE PROPERTY KNOWN AS PID #70049937 BE NOTIFIED THAT THE POSITION OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE IS THAT THIS ROAD NEEDS TO REMAIN A CROWN ROAD WITH ITS CURRENT FULL WIDTH ACCESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF A FUTURE SECOND ACCESS TO BEECH HILL PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

- D) Recreation Programs & Events
Liaison Councillor Allison Butcher and Councillor Bruce Phinney
 - i) Report Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Allison Butcher spoke to the highlights of the report found on page 35 of the package. Manager Matt Pryde gave a brief explanation of the motions coming forward.

#16-216 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REVISED SACKVILLE SPORTS WALL OF FAME GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES DATED DECEMBER 5, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-217 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE SACKVILLE SPORTS WALL OF FAME BOARD OF GOVERNORS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2020; GREGOR MACASKILL AND DAVID HICKS. MOTION CARRIED.

- E) Public Safety
Liaison Councillor Joyce O'Neil and Andrew Black
 - i) Fire/EMO, RCMP/CPO Report

Deputy Mayor Joyce O'Neil spoke to the highlights of the Fire/EMO found within the report on page 38 of the package and Councillor Andrew Black spoke to the highlights of the RCMP/CPO found within the report on pages 39-41 of the package. Deputy Mayor O'Neil noted that the parade of lights was a great success again this year, thanking everyone involved.

Fire Chief Craig Bowser explained the purpose of a Thermal Imaging Camera.

#16-218 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE UP-GRADE OF THE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA TO MICMAC FIRE AND SAFETY SOURCE LTD., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,499.00 PLUS H.S.T. MOTION CARRIED.

- F) Policy/By-Law
Liaison Councillor Andrew Black and Councillor Bill Evans
 - i) Report Policy/By-Law

Councillor Bill Evans noted the highlights of the report found on page 42 of the package and spoke to the BIA motion coming forward.

#16-219 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 253, A BY-LAW TO REPEAL BY-LAW NO. 135, A BY-LAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE RESPECTING OFFICIALS. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-220 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O'NEIL THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION TO BY-LAW NO. 254, A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY IN THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-221 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 254, A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA LEVY IN THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-222 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MEGAN MITTON THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE, NB ENACTED BY BY-LAW THAT A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT LEVY BE IMPOSED ON ALL NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY THAT IS LIABLE TO TAXATION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT. THE LEVY SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,369.40 AND AT THE RATE OF \$0.2000 AND THE COUNCIL HEREBY DIRECTS AND ORDERS THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO LEVY THE SAID AMOUNT PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ACT AND AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS.

#16-223 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MEGAN MITTON THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 255, A BY-LAW TO REPEAL BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-224 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION TO BY-LAW NO. 255, A BY-LAW TO REPEAL BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE. MOTION CARRIED.

- G) Personnel
Liaison Councillor Bill Evans and Deputy Mayor Joyce O’Neil

Deputy Mayor Joyce O’Neil noted some of the highlights of the report found on page 50 of the package.

- H) Corporate Affairs and Strategic Development
Liaison Councillor Megan Mitton and Councillor Allison Butcher
 - (i) Report

Councillor Megan Mitton spoke to the highlights of the report found on page 51 of the package.

#16-225 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MEGAN MITTON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RON AIKEN THAT COUNCIL RE-APPOINT MALCOLM FISHER TO THE HERITAGE BOARD FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018. AYE VOTES WERE RECORDED FROM DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O’NEIL AND COUNCILLORS MICHAEL TOWER, MEGAN MITTON, BILL EVANS, ANDREW BLACK, RON AIKEN AND ALLISON BUTCHER. A NAY VOTE WAS RECORDED FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

#16-226 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MEGAN MITTON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL RE-APPOINT ALEXANDRE CLERMONT TO THE HERITAGE BOARD FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018. AYE VOTES WERE RECORDED FROM DEPUTY MAYOR JOYCE O’NEIL AND COUNCILLORS MICHAEL TOWER, MEGAN MITTON, BILL EVANS, ANDREW BLACK, RON AIKEN AND ALLISON BUTCHER. A NAY VOTE WAS RECORDED FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Higham noted some additional comments regarding the 2017 Budget the first and foremost noting another balanced budget and the tax rate remains unchanged for 2017. I would like to note attention to our Utility Budget and note that these essential services are the cornerstone of our community. The introduction of a responsible 5 year increase in our utility rates will mean that Sackville will be in a better position to invest in our water and sewer system in the years to come which would include the upgrades to our lagoons. Lastly I would state that our Departments have the funds they need to continue to contribute to the high quality of life that we have here in Sackville from some of the best and diverse recreation programs, to wonderful parks and open spaces, and some of the best snow clearing we’ve ever seen. I’m delighted that once again we will be able to continue to provide the same level of programs and services in 2017.

Councillor Bill Evans spoke on a motion that he intended to bring forward regarding Energy East Pipeline. Council suggested proponents of the Energy East pipeline should be provided the opportunity to provide their perspective on this project prior to advancing a motion.

There was consensus that Energy East be contacted and offered the opportunity to make a presentation at the February 6th Special Meeting of Council.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was held with questions on the following topics:

- 2017 Budget
- Energy East Pipeline
- Flooding issues – interest in Helcon report information
- Property assessment rates

13. ADJOURN

#16-227 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2016 BE ADJOURNED. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk