

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH MICROSOFT TEAMS**

In attendance were Mayor John Higham, Deputy Mayor Ron Aiken, Councillors Bruce Phinney, Allison Butcher, Andrew Black, Joyce O'Neil, Bill Evans, Shawn Mesheau and Michael Tower. Also, in attendance were CAO Jamie Burke, Clerk Donna Beal, Treasurer Michael Beal, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly-Spurles and Manager of Parks & Facilities Todd Cole.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor John Higham called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF JUNE 22, 2020, 2020 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.

1. Presentation by Mount Allison University

President Dr. Jean-Paul Boudreau provided an overview of pandemic impact and responses for Mount Allison University. Dr. Boudreau spoke on high-quality academic programming, residences and athletic plans for when students return to campus, as well as the importance of University/Town initiatives when welcoming back students. He gave a brief overview of enrolment projections and cost containment within the University.

2. Town of Sackville Financial Overview

Treasurer Michael Beal provided a Financial Overview for the Town amid COVID-19 Pandemic. He explained that 90+ percent of the General Operating budget comes from our tax base and the 2020 tax base is committed to the Town from the Province. He reviewed the revenue and expenses to date and the COVID-19 related savings seen from the Town. He provided an update on the status of Capital projects for 2020.

3. Local and Regional Initiatives

CAO Jamie Burke presented to Council local and regional initiatives around COVID-19. Regionally that included the Tantramar COVID-19 Task Force and Southeast Economic Recovery Task Force. Local initiatives include working with Mount Allison University on a return of students' plan, weekly business check-ins, improved web presence, and preparing Sackville for the pending Atlantic Bubble. Additional initiatives include the Mainstreet Redevelopment AGM, Farmer's Market, return of Summer Students and continued support of the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce.

4. Economic Recovery Funding

CAO Jamie Burke discussed with Council if there was any interest in created an Economic Recovery Fund for local businesses. Establishing a fund could assist local businesses with Personal Protective Equipment, Capital Investments or Renovations, On-Line Commerce or Website Improvements or other options based on recommendations from Council. He spoke on

how there is potential for using Renaissance Sackville Grants as an opportunity to support the local business community. At this point in time in our current pandemic, the majority of Council felt that we should not act on this plan at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF JUNE 22, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk