

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor Shawn Mesheau, Deputy Mayor Andrew Black and Councillors Allison Butcher, Sabine Dietz, Matt Estabrooks, Bill Evans, Kenneth Hicks, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also in attendance were CAO Jamie Burke, Clerk Donna Beal, Treasurer Michael Beal, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Manager of Recreation Programs and Events Matt Pryde, Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole and Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles.

Also in attendance was one (1) member of the Public.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn Mesheau called the meeting to order.

Mayor Shawn Mesheau acknowledged that we are located within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 18, 2021. AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.

1. 2022 Budget

**2022 GENERAL OPERATING AND UTILITY OPERATING BUDGETS
PRESENTATION**

Treasurer Michael Beal proceeded with the presentation of the 1st Draft General Operating and Utility Operating Budgets for 2022 and also presented the 1st Draft General Capital Budget and the Utility Capital Budget. Draft budget documents can be found here:<https://sackville.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-Budget-Update-Draft-Council-Public.pdf>

During the presentation of the 2022 General and Utility Operating and Capital Budgets, discussions occurred and were explained, clarified and addressed by the Treasurer.

Treasurer Michael Beal confirmed that as time had permitted, both the draft General and Utility Budgets had been presented and that the Tuesday October 19, 2021 meeting is cancelled.

Mr. Beal encouraged Council to review the documents presented and forward any further questions or concerns to him via email and he would address them back to all of Council as well as provide the answers at the next Budget Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021.

2. Question Period

Erica Butler asked that although she's read that RCMP contracts have gone up around 20%, Sackville is budgeting for an increase of 8%. Treasurer Michael Beal responded that the updated 5-year budget was received in the summer and that for budgeting purposes, the 2022-2023 budgeted numbers for the ten officers was used. That number does not include the backpay amount which was budgeted separately.

Erica Butler asked if Council has the authority to give individual tax relief. Treasurer Michael Beal responded that we are only able to provide grants, however Section 102(4) of the Local Governance Act states "*A local government shall not make a grant under this section that directly reduces or reimburses the taxes or utility charges paid or payable to the local government by the recipient of the grant*".

Erica Butler noted that the Mayor had mentioned Council had been in a meeting since 5 p.m. and wanted to know if she missed a scheduled meeting. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that Council had attended Workplace Harassment and Violence Training session prior to the Council meeting.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 18, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk