

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 6:30 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 and Bruce Phinney. Also, in attendance were CAO Jamie Burke, Clerk Donna Beal and Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn Mesheau called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 25, 2021 AS CIRCULATED AND MOVE
INTO IN-CAMERA. MOTION CARRIED.

1. HR-2021-08

PUBLIC

Treasurer Michael Beal, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Manager of Recreation Program and Events Matt Pryde, Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole and Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles joined the meeting.

Also, in attendance were four (4) residents.

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

Mayor Shawn Mesheau spoke on the loss the community has suffered the last few weeks, with the passing of residents from the Drew, as well as long-time Aquacise instructor Pat Belliveau and past Employee, Councillor and Mayor Jim Long.

2022 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that this evening's meeting was to continue review of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets and turned the meeting over to Treasurer Michael Beal.

2. Presentation from the Mayor's Roundtable on Climate Change

The Mayor's Round Table on Climate Change members Richard Elliott, Kirsti Mrazek and Barb Clayton presented to Council on a review of Sackville Capital Budget Proposals 2022 through a Climate Lens. Recommendations were provided to Council that include converting the Town's fleet to electric and/or hybrid vehicles, climate change awareness sessions to Staff, highlight Sackville's climate-friendly actions and re-profile the use of the gas tax fund. The group also submitted a written report to Council and managers.

3. Review and Discussion of 2022 Budget

Treasurer Michael Beal proceeded with summary presentation of the 1st draft of the 2022 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets. Mr. Beal explained that the Budget being presented is one that will allow the Town to maintain the services we provide at relatively the same level in 2022. There were no changes being recommended from the 1st draft and it was recommended that the tax rate be maintained in 2022. A review of the details from the first presentation was done.

From the presentation of the 2022 General and Utility Capital Budgets, Treasurer Michael Beal answered questions that were submitted by Council since the first meeting of Council.

Staff will review the additional questions and comments from Council and determine if an additional budget meeting will be scheduled for November 2, 2021. Staff will continue to move forward with developing motions to be brought forward at the November 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for approval of the allocation of funds for the 2022 Capital Program.

QUESTION PERIOD

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any questions from the Public. There were none.

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 25, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk