

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2022, 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, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also, in attendance were CAO Jamie Burke, Clerk Donna Beal, Treasurer Michael Beal, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Kieran Miller, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin and Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling.

Also, in attendance were nine (9) members 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 MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MAY 31, 2022, AS AMENDED.

Public Presentations relating to 2022 First Draft Budget at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer Michael Beal provided an overview of the 2022 Budget and current financial situation for the Town. Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Kieran Miller provided an overview of the responses from the Budget Priorities Survey. Mr. Beal provided the 2023 projections and Staff recommendations for the 2023 Priorities.

Public Presentations – Budget

The following presentations were made to Council regarding capital and operating grant requests of the Town of Sackville:

- Climate Change Advisory Committee
- Struts Gallery and Owens Art Gallery

Following the presentation from the Struts Gallery and Owens Art Gallery, CAO Jamie Burke noted his Disclosure of Interest with Struts Gallery.

- Levee on the Lake
- Tantramar Heritage Trust
- Sackville Farmers Market
- Rural Rides

Questions were asked by Council for further clarification and explanation. All presentations provided to Council prior and during the Council Meeting will be placed on our [website](#).

Deputy Mayor Andrew Black and Councillors Bill Evans and Sabine Dietz provided their items for the 2023 Budget Priorities and all Council were encouraged to send in any additional priorities to the Clerk's Office prior to end of day Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Question Period

Bruce Wark asked if the \$25,000 that is contributed to the Climate Change Committee was for the Climate Change Coordinator position. CAO Jamie Burke responded that the town provides operational funding to the committee in the amount of \$25,000 for projects they may wish to work on including solar projects and tree planting for example. The Town currently does not provide any direct funds towards the Climate Change Coordinator position.

Bruce Wark asked if the Town could provide the financial situation the Town of Sackville would be taking into the new Entity Tantramar. Treasurer Michael Beal responded that the Town has and will continue to focus on debt reduction while maintaining capital investment. The ultimate goal for the Town of Sackville would be to have no debt. The Town will be bringing in significant assets to the new Entity, as will the Village of Dorchester. The Town will make up for over 80% of the overall tax base and will contribute a significant portion of the Budget.

Adjourn

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MAY 31, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk