

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022, AT 4:30 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, Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower. Also, in attendance were Acting CAO Michael Beal, Clerk Donna Beal, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Town Engineer Jon Epell, Manager of Recreation Program and Events Matt Pryde and Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles.

Also, in attendance were five (5) 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 MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2022, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.

1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022

#22-212 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022, AS CIRCULATED. MOTION
CARRIED.

2. Bills and Payroll December 2022

#22-213 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT
\$744,666.58; GENERAL CAPITAL \$500,601.10; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$122,973.66;
UTILITY CAPITAL \$6,107.95; AND SALARIES \$241,069.61. MOTION CARRIED.

3. 2022 Reserve Fund

#22-214 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR
THE BUDGET YEAR 2022, OF \$794,000 FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
TO THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

#22-215 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL AUTHROIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2022, OF \$371,500 FROM THE UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET TO THE UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Presentation of Certificates

Acting CAO Michael Beal presented service certificates to outgoing Mayor Shawn Mesheau and Councillors Sabine Dietz, Bill Evans and Kenneth Hicks and thanked them for their service to the Municipality.

Question Period

Bruce Wark asked for clarification regarding reserve money being used for the Lagoon project. Acting CAO Michael Beal responded. Town Engineer Jon Eppell further explained the lagoon upgrade process.

Bruce Wark asked for clarification on the process for 2022 expenses already committed. Acting CAO Michael Beal responded on the process for those expenses such as the Lorne Street project and the new fire truck.

Bruce Wark asked if the 2023 budget had been received. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that no, the 2023 budget had not been received by either Council or Staff.

Erica Butler asked if the Town was in a position to beginning the application process for funding of the lagoon project. Acting CAO Michael Beal responded that the information is ready for an application to proceed.

Erica Butler if the Town could submit multiple applications for multiple projects. Acting CAO Michael Beal responded that in the past, the priority project has been applied for.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TWOER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF DECEMBER 14, 2022. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk