



**Public Meeting of Council  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 12 noon  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

**Mayor Clifford Lee presiding**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen      Councillor Mitchell Tweel  
Councillor Cecil Villard      Councillor Edward Rice  
Councillor Terry Bernard      Councillor Jason Coady  
Councillor Melissa Hilton      Councillor David MacDonald  
Councillor Rob Lantz      Councillor Danny Redmond

**Also:** Roy Main – CAO      Joseph Coady – DPS  
Phil Handrahan – DFDS      Scott Ryan – FM  
Paul Johnston – PWM      Sue Fraser – PRM  
Dan Hughes – HRM      Craig Walker – UM  
Paul Smith – PC      Randy MacDonald – FC  
Ron Atkinson – EconDO      Wayne Long - EDO  
Tracey McLean – RMC

**Regrets:** Donna Waddell - DCS

Mayor Clifford Lee called the meeting to order.

**1. Presentation and approval of the 2012 City Budget (General Government and Utility)**

Councillor Cecil Villard, Chair of Finance, Audit, Tendering and Public Property, presented his 2012 Budget speech.

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard  
Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

**RESOLVED:**

That the 2012 City of Charlottetown Budget estimates as presented by Councillor Cecil Villard, Chair of Finance, Audit, Tendering & Public Property as attached hereto, be approved.

Several concerns were raised regarding the budget such as the process, priorities, new initiatives, debt and the need of additional police officers. Councillor Villard provided an overview of the current budget process and indicated the procedure works well. He noted it is not unusual that new initiatives and priorities developed for the budget be reconsidered since priorities change throughout

the year which requires reallocation of funds to deal with issues that arise. With respect to servicing the debt, Councillor Villard indicated he would take it under advisement.

Concerning the issue of not hiring new police officers, Councillor Villard referred the matter to the Chair of Protective and Emergency Services who indicated the Organizational Review and Evaluation of the Charlottetown Police Service stated the complement of officers is consistent and appropriate in relation to the size of Charlottetown.

**CARRIED 7-3**

**(Councillors Tweel, Redmond and Coady registered “nay” votes)**

## **2. Resolutions to set the 2012 Property Tax Rates**

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard**

**Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

### **RESOLVED:**

That a Municipal Tax Rate of \$0.67 per \$100 of assessment be levied against all non-commercial property in the City of Charlottetown for the period of January 01, 2012 to December 31, 2012 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*, save and except:

- (1) The non-commercial component of property which is owned by a non-resident person or non-resident corporation where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be \$1.33 per \$100 of assessment;
- (2) The non-commercial component of hotels and motels where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be:
  - a. \$0.91 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation; or
  - b. \$1.57 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-resident corporation;
- (3) The non-commercial component of apartment buildings containing four or more units where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be:
  - a. \$0.91 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation; or
  - b. \$1.57 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-resident corporation; and
- (4) The non-commercial component of properties located in the Parkwood Estates and the Riverview Estates Mobile Home Parks where the Municipal Tax Rate shall be:
  - a. \$0.42 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a resident person or a resident corporation; or
  - b. \$1.08 per \$100 of assessment where the owner is a non-resident person or a non-resident corporation;

For the purposes of this resolution, “non-resident person” and “non-resident corporation” applies to property owners as described in Section 24 of the *Real Property Tax Act* Regulations.

In response to a question regarding a possible increase in property assessments, Councillor Villard advised that the Provincial Government maintains control over assessment increases and the municipal tax rate is set by the City.

**CARRIED 10-0**

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard  
Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

**RESOLVED:**

That a Municipal Tax Rate of \$2.36 per \$100 of assessment be levied against all commercial property located in the City of Charlottetown for the period of January 01, 2012 to December 31, 2012 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*.

**CARRIED 10-0**

**3. Resolution to set the 2012 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Rate**

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard  
Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

**RESOLVED:**

That the City of Charlottetown request the Province of PEI to collect an additional \$0.15 per \$100 of assessment on all commercial properties within the Business Improvement Area (BIA) as per the attached map for the period of January 01, 2012 to December 31, 2012. The monies collected from this shall be transferred to Downtown Charlottetown Inc. for the purpose of marketing and enhancing the downtown core of the City of Charlottetown.

**CARRIED 10-0**

**4. Resolution to set the 2012 Fire Dues**

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard  
Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

**RESOLVED:**

That for the period of January 01, 2012 to December 31, 2012, the City of Charlottetown levy fire dues of \$0.077 per \$100 of assessment on:

- (1) real property that is exempt from property tax by virtue of it being used for learning and education purposes; and
- (2) real property that is exempt from property tax by virtue of it being owned or leased and operated by a harbour authority.

**CARRIED 10-0**

**5. Resolution to set hydrant rates for outside fire protection**

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard**

**Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

**RESOLVED:**

That the City/Utility implement the following rates for outside fire protection effective January 01, 2011:

Hydrant charge – Water, Maintenance, and Capital: \$793.00

Hydrant charge – Water and Maintenance: \$702.00

**CARRIED 10-0**

**The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.**