



**Public Meeting of Council
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 12 Noon
Council Chambers – City Hall**

Mayor Clifford Lee presiding

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

Also: **Roy Main – CAO** **Phil Handrahan – DFDS**
 Scott Ryan, FM **Randy MacDonald – FC**
 Paul Smith - PC **Paul Johnston – PWM**
 Craig Walker – UM **Dan Hughes – HRM**
 Wayne Long – EvenDO **Ron Atkinson – EconDO**
 Donna Hurry – TO **Laurel P. Thompson - PDO**
 Frank Quinn - PC **Jennifer Gavin – CO**
 Tracey McLean- RMC

Regrets: **Donna Waddell – DCS**

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

1. Presentation and approval of the 2013 City Budget (General Government and Utility)

Councillor Cecil Villard, Chair of Administrative Services, presented his 2013 Budget speech.

Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard
Seconded by Councillor Terry Bernard

RESOLVED:

That the 2013 City of Charlottetown Budget estimates as presented by Councillor Cecil Villard, Chair of Administrative Services, be approved.

Concern was raised regarding budget priorities and it was suggested monies be redirected from projects such as ditch in-filling and the airport roundabout and applied towards the new water source project. Councillor Villard advised that the City is investing \$2.6 million into the

development of a new water source however additional funding is required from other levels of government.

CARRIED 8-2
Councillors Redmond and Tweel recorded “nay” votes

2. Resolutions to set the 2013 Property Tax Rates

Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard
Seconded by Councillor Terry Bernard

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, 2013 to December 31, 2013 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 future 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 Terry Bernard**

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, 2013 to December 31, 2013 as per the provisions of the Real Property Tax Act.

CARRIED 10-0

3. Resolution to set the 2013 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Rate

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard
Seconded by Councillor Terry Bernard**

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, 2013 to December 31, 2013. 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 receive the “City of Charlottetown Debt Review”

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard
Seconded by Councillor Terry Bernard**

RESOLVED:

That Council hereby receive the Report entitled “ City of Charlottetown Debt Review” (as attached) dated March 2013 from MacPherson Roche Smith and Associates as presented to Council at the March 12th Committee of the Whole Council meeting,

And that the Report be made available to the general public and posted on the City’s web site effective immediately,

And further that the Report be referred to the Administrative Services Committee for consideration and action regarding long term debt.

In response to a question regarding the cost and if it went to tender, Councillor Villard indicated he will take it under advisement.

CARRIED 10-0

Mayor Lee thanked all who were responsible for developing the 2013 City Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM