



**Public Meeting of Council
Friday, March 27, 2015 at 12 Noon
Council Chambers, City Hall**

Mayor Clifford Lee presiding

Present: Deputy Mayor Mike Duffy
Councillor Terry Bernard
Councillor Edward Rice
Councillor Terry MacLeod
Councillor Kevin Ramsay

Councillor Melissa Hilton
Councillor Mitchell Tweel
Councillor Jason Coady
Councillor Bob Doiron
Councillor Greg Rivard

Also: Roy Main, CAO
Scott Ryan, FM
Paul Smith, PC
Mandy Feuerstack, HRM
Ramona Doyle, SO
Karen Lavers, EA
Lorenda MacEachern, EA

Donna Waddell, DCS
Paul Johnston, PWM
Randy MacDonald, FC
Frank Quinn, PC
Jen Gavin, CO
Amanda Cheverie, C
Tracey McLean, RMC

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

1. Presentation and approval of the 2015 City Budget (General Government and Utility)

Councillor Melissa Hilton, Chair of Finance, Audit & Tendering, presented her 2015 Budget speech noting that even with limited availability of both Federal and Provincial stimulus monies, costly snowfall events, lack of growth in commercial and non-commercial assessments, etc., Council has worked hard to avoid an increase in taxes and Utility rates. She further noted the City has delayed hiring for Senior management positions and reduced legal fees, fleet acquisitions, maintenance for parks and municipal buildings, etc. however expenditures were planned for major street work, storm water management, lighting, fire hall design, Victoria Park design implementation, Heritage Squares retrofit program and the management of Dutch elm disease. Councillor Hilton was also appreciative of the Province's special grant of \$1.5 million.

**Moved by Councillor Melissa Hilton
Seconded by Councillor Edward Rice**

RESOLVED:

That the 2015 City of Charlottetown Budget estimates as presented by Councillor Melissa Hilton, Chair of Finance, Audit and Tendering, be approved.

CARRIED 10-0

2. Resolutions to set the 2015 Property Tax Rates

Moved by Councillor Melissa Hilton
Seconded by Councillor Edward Rice

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, 2015 to December 31, 2015 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.

CARRIED 10-0

Moved by Councillor Melissa Hilton
Seconded by Councillor Edward Rice

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, 2015 to December 31, 2015 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*.

CARRIED 10-0

3. Resolution to set the 2015 Business Improvement Area (BIA) Rate

**Moved by Councillor Melissa Hilton
Seconded by Councillor Edward Rice**

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, 2015 to December 31, 2015. 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 Discontinue the 2005 CPI Tax Credit

**Moved by Councillor Melissa Hilton
Seconded by Councillor Edward Rice**

RESOLVED:

Whereas, all properties within the City of Charlottetown are assessed by the Province of Prince Edward Island under the provisions of the Real Property Tax Act; and

Whereas, the City of Charlottetown had determined that the average 2005 assessment increases of non-commercial properties within the City have exceeded the annual rate of inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

Whereas the City of Charlottetown provided a Tax Credit equal to the excess of the 2005 assessed amount over the increase in CPI for owner occupied, non-improved homes be implemented commencing in 2006; and

Whereas the Province of Prince Edward Island under the Real Property Assessment Act limits assessment increases to CPI;

Be it resolved that the City of Charlottetown 2005 Tax Credit be discontinued effective January 1, 2015.

CARRIED 10-0

Mayor Lee thanked all who were responsible for developing the 2015 City Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM