



**Public Meeting of Council
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 12 Noon
Council Chambers, City Hall**

Mayor Clifford Lee presiding

Present: **Deputy Mayor Mike Duffy** **Councillor Melissa Hilton**
 Councillor Terry Bernard **Councillor Jason Coady**
 Councillor Edward Rice **Councillor Greg Rivard**
 Councillor Terry MacLeod **Councillor Kevin Ramsay**

Also: **Donna Waddell, CAO** **Scott Ryan, FM**
 Paul Johnston, PWM **Craig Walker, UM**
 Randy MacDonald, FC **Brad MacConnell, DPC**
 Mandy Feuerstack, HRM **Frank Quinn, PRM**
 Alex Forbes, PM **Tim Mamyne, DFC**
 Ramona Doyle, SO **Jen Gavin, CO**
 Tracey McLean, RMC

Regrets: **Councillor Mitchell Tweel** **Councillor Bob Doiron**

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order. He recognized Hon. Robert Mitchell, Minister of Communities, Land and Environment who was in attendance.

1. Presentation and approval of the 2016 City Budget (General Government and Utility)

Councillor Melissa Hilton, Chair of Finance, Audit & Tendering, presented her 2016 Budget speech noting that Council faced many challenges in developing this year's budget with the City projecting a budget of \$47.55 million, and the Water and Sewer Utility projecting a budget of \$9.66 million. She indicated that in order to try and balance the budget, Council did not want to increase taxes or Water & Sewer rates, therefore a number of increases are being proposed relating to fees, fines and rates in Planning, Parking, Police and Recreation and it is projected to raise approximately \$550,000.

Councillor Hilton reported that a multi-department mass notification system which will notify residents of a pending emergency will be introduced, three (3) speed sentries will be purchased, levels of snow clearing (roads, sidewalks and hauling) have been increased and an Energy Efficiency Program to improve City facilities has been announced. She further reported there are a number of projects which started in 2015 that will be completed in 2016 – Official Plan, Integrated Sustainability Plan and A Barrier-Free City Report. Also, Capital projects proposed for 2016 include street lighting enhancement (LED), traffic and accessible pedestrian signals, maintenance of various civic buildings and projects in City parks, rinks, fields and trails. She

stated that it has been a very difficult budget and that the City will carry a \$1.5 million deficit into 2017.

In closing, Councillor Hilton thanked those who participated in the budget - Council, the Finance Committee, Mayor Lee, Donna Waddell, Scott Ryan and staff.

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

RESOLVED:

That the 2016 City of Charlottetown Budget estimates as presented by Councillor Melissa Hilton, Chair of Finance, Audit and Tendering, be approved.

CARRIED 8-0

2. Resolutions to set the 2016 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, 2016 to December 31, 2016 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 8-0

**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, 2016 to December 31, 2016 as per the provisions of the *Real Property Tax Act*.

CARRIED 8-0

3. Resolution to set the 2016 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, 2016 to December 31, 2016. 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 8-0

4. Resolution to set Planning, Parking, Police and Recreation Rates and Fees

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

RESOLVED:

That the City of Charlottetown approve the increase to various rates, fees, and fines for Planning, Parking, Police, and Recreation as per the attached schedule.

The changes shall be effective April 1, 2016 unless otherwise specified.

CARRIED 8-0

Mayor Lee thanked all who were responsible for developing the 2016 City Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM