



**Public Meeting of Council
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 12 Noon
Council Chambers, City Hall**

Mayor Clifford Lee presiding

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

Also: **Peter Kelly, CAO** **Scott Ryan, FM**
 Paul Johnston, PWM **Randy MacDonald, FC**
 Brad MacConnell, DPC **Alex Forbes, PM**
 Richard MacEwen, AUM **Wayne Long, EDO**
 Ramona Doyle, SO **Allan MacKenzie, SFO**
 Christopher Drummond, PC **Beth Hoar, PCon**
 Karen Lavers, EA **Laurel Lea, PO**
 Jen Gavin, CO **Alicia Packwood, CA**
 Jackie McKinnon, AA **Tracey McLean, RMC**

Regrets: **Councillor Bob Doiron**

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order.

1. Presentation and approval of the 2017 City Budget (General Government and Utility)

Councillor Melissa Hilton, Chair of Finance, Audit & Tendering, presented her 2017 Budget speech reflecting upon the past two budgets and the challenges the City faced due to weather and inadequate funding. She noted that due to careful budget examination, the City ended 2016 with a \$530,000 deficit rather than the budgeted \$1.5 million deficit and head into 2017 with a balanced budget.

Councillor Hilton indicated that the Province is currently reviewing provincial policing, school closings, carbon tax credits versus cap and trade, and finding a more equitable distribution of municipal funding; the City is not and has not been pleased with the current funding model. Discussions are ongoing with the Province and municipal partners to try to bring this matter to resolve. She further indicated it is important that the Province recognize that if municipal

governments are going to be financially stable, they will require additional long-term, predictable revenue sources.

She reported that the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the City is balanced at \$49.54 million and the City's Capital Budget, as previously announced, is budgeted at a gross expenditure of \$21.5 million. As well, this year's Water and Sewer Utility Operational budget is balanced and she further reported that municipal property taxes and sewer/water rates will not increase.

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

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

RESOLVED:

That the 2017 City of Charlottetown Budget estimates as presented by Councillor Melissa Hilton, Chair of Finance, Audit and Tendering, be approved.

CARRIED 9-0

2. Resolutions to set the 2017 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, 2017 to December 31, 2017 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 9-0

**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, 2017 to December 31, 2017 as per the provisions of the Real Property Tax Act.

CARRIED 9-0

3. Resolution to set Planning 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 and Recreation as per the attached schedule,

And that the changes shall be effective April 1, 2017 unless otherwise specified.

CARRIED 9-0

Mayor Lee expressed appreciation and acknowledged City Council and staff for their hard work in managing and eliminating the deficit over a two year period.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm