

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING**

July 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:15 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

FIRE SERVICES

Members were informed that the Fire Services budget has been reviewed by the fire departments, and as a result there have been two significant changes. The Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department has indicated that \$28,000.00 of revenues should be removed as these are revenues from the previous fiscal year that will not be obtained again this year. The second significant change is that the estimated cost of the truck loan repayment at the Woods Harbours Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department will be \$85,200.00 instead of \$67,000.00. The expenditures and resulting annual operating grants required to fund the departments will be adjusted accordingly.

SEWER CHARGES

The Municipal sewer charges for both the Barrington and Woods Harbour systems were reviewed in detail. The proposed sewer charges resulting from the current estimates are \$374.00 per unit in Barrington and \$387.00 per unit in Woods Harbour. The estimates for both sewer systems were reviewed in detail. The following changes were suggested:

1. Reduce wages by \$3,000.00.
2. Buy one less pump in the Barrington sewer system.
3. Reduce training costs by \$1,000.00.
4. Reduce collection system costs by \$1,000.00.
5. Reduce the telephone expenses in both systems by \$300.00 each.

It was requested that further review of the sewer services budget be reviewed and attempt to reduce the resulting charges in the range of \$325.00 per unit for both systems.

It was also suggested that the UV light system that is proposed for the Woods Harbour sewer system be reduced, however, there was some discussion regarding having this funded through the Gas Tax Program. It will be determined if the conversion to the UV disinfection system in Woods Harbour can be funded through the Gas Tax Program.

ARENA BUDGET

Members were informed that an additional \$8,000.00 will be required to repair the fire prevention system at the Arena.

It was also agreed that the Arena would open two weeks later and close two weeks sooner at the end of the season in order to reduce the total expenditures.

PROPERTY SERVICES

There was much discussion regarding the time spent mowing and plowing of the various municipal properties, especially the sidewalks. There is provision in the budget for a new mower for the sidewalks. This machine will also be used for snowplowing.

It was the consensus of members that a tender be issued for snowplowing on both the Woods Harbour sidewalk and the Barrington Passage sidewalk so that these will be done by external sources. This would then eliminate the need for a machine for this purpose. The expenditure for this machine contained in the budget is \$28,000.00 and it will be reduced accordingly.

Other financing requirements that were contained in the budget were also considered and these will also be reduced accordingly.

The sidewalk tractor will be removed from the budget as well as one (1) pump from the Barrington sewer system, and the UV disinfecting system proposed for the Woods Harbour system will only be included in the budget if it can be funded through Gas Tax Funds.

The resulting amendments to the budget will be prepared.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 11, 2013.