

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Special Meeting Regarding Fire Department Budget
March 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:10 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Jody Crook
- George El-Jakl

- Shaun Hatfield was absent

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Leah d'Eon, Manager of Finance
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

Also, in attendance were 9 members of the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department.

The purpose of the special meeting was to review the draft budget of the Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Department as prepared by the fire department based on meetings held previously with municipal staff.

Garnet Sullivan, Treasurer and Dwayne Hunt, Fire Chief addressed members.

The proposed budget was reviewed in detail with the Treasurer providing explanation where necessary. He advised that due to unforeseen vehicle repairs and maintenance it looked like the year would end with a deficit.

The Fire Chief then provided information on their proposal to add 5.54 cents to the area rate for 10 years to purchase a new quint (ladder) truck. This area rate would generate \$900,000.00 to cover the purchase. The new quint truck would replace current truck #37. Truck #37 would be sold or traded and the amount would be applied toward the purchase of the new truck.

The Fire Chief also provided a Truck Replacement Plan for their current fleet.

Much discussion took place regarding this proposal. Members of the department were advised that their proposal would be considered during the budget process.

Members were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

A revised version of the budget will be brought back to Committee for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting