

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Committee Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore

Finance and Infrastructure

Monday, Mar 7, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts, Howard Ellis, Rick Bain, Peter Vriends, Gary Bradley and CAO Stephanie Moase

REGRETS: Doug Smith, John Cook

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 pm by Committee Chair Peter Vriends.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Gary Bradley and seconded by Howard Ellis

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2.1. Disclosure of Pecuniary (Financial) or Other Conflicts of Interest

Division 4, Section 96 of the *Municipal Government Act*

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Feb 7, 2022 meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by Howard Ellis and seconded by Rick Bain

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

3.1. Business arising from the minutes

ACOA grant has been approved for ballfield fencing, benches, dugouts, etc and Grand Tracadie parking lot.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.1. 2022-2023 Draft Operational Budget

Chair Peter Vriends referred the Committee to the draft 2022-2023 Operational budget. CAO made requested updates.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Finance and Infrastructure Committee recommend Council to approve the 2022-2023 Operational budget as presented with a surplus of \$351.

Moved by Rick Bain and seconded by Gary Bradley

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

4.2. 2022-2023 Draft Capital Budget and 5 year Capital Plan

Chair referred committee to the Capital Budget. Committee discussed the funding for after 2024 from the CCBF (former Gas Tax) that is currently being agreed between the Feds and the Province. New items for the five year plan will be added after the Recreation Master Plan is completed.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Finance and Infrastructure Committee recommend Council to approve the 2022-2023 Capital Budget and 5 Year Capital Plan as presented.

Moved by Rick Bain and seconded by Howard Ellis

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

4.3. 2022 Tax Rates

Committee discussed the plan for tax rates from last year and agree that the only change should be the agreed upon \$0.02 raise for Pleasant Grove from \$0.14 to \$0.16. This will be year 4 in the five year plan to bring the taxes in Pleasant Grove equivalent to the rest of the municipality as was agreed to in the amalgamation.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Finance and Infrastructure Committee recommend Council to approve the 2022-2023 Municipal Property Tax Rates as follows:

North Shore Non-Commercial- \$0.18 Commercial- \$0.18
Grand Tracadie Non-Commercial- \$0.18 Commercial- \$0.18
Pleasant Grove Non-Commercial- \$0.16 Commercial- \$0.16

Moved by Gary Bradley and seconded by Howard Ellis

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

4.4. 2022 Fire Rate

As per the email communication received from the North Shore Fire Company board representative, there will be no change to the fire rates and will remain at \$0.08 for 2022.

4.5. Feb 2022 Budget Tracking

The Committee reviewed the Budget Tracking for Feb 2022. With only one month left to the fiscal year the budget is still on track. Despite the lower amounts in taxes received due to an accidental overpayment by the Province in 2021, at this time there is still a surplus of \$35,000.

4.6. Feb 2022 Capital Projects Update

The Committee reviewed the update. Discussion was held regarding the attic hatch location at Grand Tracadie School and possible fixes to the water coming in the basement.

5. NEXT MEETING: Apr 25, 2022 @ 4:00pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Moved by Rick Bain and seconded by Gary Bradley

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

SIGNED: Councilor Peter Vriends, Chair

DATE: