

**Special Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 22, 2021  
Via Zoom Platform**

**Present**

Mayor L. Boucher  
Deputy Mayor A. Murray  
Councillor S. Cameron  
Councillor W. Cormier  
Councillor M. Farrell  
Councillor D. MacInnis  
Councillor D. Roberts

**Also Present**

CAO J. Lawrence  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
S. Scannell, Community Development  
K. Proctor, Town Engineer  
M. Barkhouse, Corporate Services  
K. Gorman, Communications  
L. Roy, Strategic Initiatives

**Call to Order**

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and noted the only item on the Agenda was the 2021-22 budget.

- **Budget Presentation**

Mayor L. Boucher requested M. Barkhouse provide details on the 2021-22 budget.

M. Barkhouse provided comment on the revenue and expenses. She then reviewed the assessment values. She noted administration is recommending a one cent increase in residential, commercial and resource taxes and provided details on the expected residential tax effort put forth by the NS Department of Municipal Affairs, noting the Town is considered low risk or 4%.

Council was provided on details related to the Fire, Waste and Sewer levies.

M. Barkhouse noted grants to organizations will make up \$183,000 of the budget this year, and reviewed other grants on the list.

Community Development Projects were reviewed including Communication, Administration, and Beautification.

A snapshot of the revenue was provided, along with comparison numbers from the previous fiscal year.

An Expenses snapshot was presented and details were provided.

M. Barkhouse reviewed the 2.8 million dollar capital funding and noted some Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding will also make up this amount. Details on projects related to Capital projects were presented.

Mayor L. Boucher commended staff for their efforts in putting the budget together.

**. Resolution 2021-06-22A Re: 2021-22 Budget**

It was "Moved and Seconded

WHEREAS the Town of Antigonish estimates the amount of \$ 11,552,234.00 as necessary expenditures for the lawful purposes of general Town operations, and revenue, other than taxation revenues in the amount of \$ 6,092,331.29 for the year 2021-22;

AND WHEREAS the net amount required to be raised by taxation is in the amount of \$ 5,459,904.46;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate to be set for 2021-22 at the rate of \$ 1.10 for Residential and Resource and \$ 2.62 for Commercial properties per \$100.00 of taxable assessment; and a Fire Levy of \$ 0.036 per \$100.00 of assessment.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the due date for 2021-22 taxes to be paid to the Town of Antigonish be July 30, 2021;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the interest charged on taxes be set at 9% per annum on the taxes outstanding after the aforesaid due date of July 30, 2021." Motion carried with Councillor S. Cameron voting Nay.

**Resolution 2021-06-22B Re: 2021-22 Waste Management Collection**

It was "Moved and Seconded

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Antigonish that the Waste Management Collection charge for 2020-21 be established as \$ 319.98 per equivalent unit;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the due date for 2021-22 charges to be paid to the Town of Antigonish be July 30, 2021;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the interest charged on charges be set at 9% per annum on the amounts outstanding after the aforesaid due date of July 30, 2021." Motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-06-22C Re: 2021-22 Sewer Rate**

It was "Moved and Seconded

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Antigonish that the Sewer Rate charge for 2020-21 be established as 0.666 of Water Base Rate and Total Water Consumption charge;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the due date for 2021-22 charges to be paid to the Town of Antigonish 30 days from the invoice date;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the interest charged on charges be set at 9% per annum on the amounts outstanding after the aforesaid due date of 30 days from the invoice date." Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.