

**Special Town Council Meeting
June 21, 2018
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Mayor L. Boucher
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor J. MacPherson

Also Present

CAO J. Lawrence
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
B. Luciano, Manager of Accounts
S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator

Absent with Regret

Councillor W. Cormier

Media

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.

Mayor L. Boucher noted that the main purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2018-19 budget, she then took the opportunity to introduce M. Barkhouse to those in the galley.

Mayor L. Boucher called on B. Luciano to go over the budget with Council and address any concerns they may have.

B. Luciano went through the budget line by line and reported on changes from the previous year. He noted the estimated amount of necessary expenditures is \$10.4 million compared to 9.8 million last year.

CAO J. Lawrence spoke briefly on a succession/transition piece in the budget for the Public Works Department and expanded on the details.

CAO J. Lawrence responded to comments regarding the moving of some budgeted items from grants to direct line items, leaving a 3% discretionary fund in the budget.

B. Luciano called for any questions, noting Council had pre-approved a capital budget, and reviewed the capital budget summary.

It was noted that the capital budget for this year would be approximately 2 million dollars.

CAO J. Lawrence called one last time for questions.

Mayor L. Boucher thanked B. Luciano for the work he had done on the budget.

At 7:28 PM the Mayor vacated the chair and called on the Deputy Mayor to the Chair.

Resolution 2018-06-21A Re: 2018-19 Budget

It was "Moved and Seconded

WHEREAS the Town of Antigonish estimates the amount of \$10,442,936.26 as necessary expenditures for the lawful purposes of general Town operations, and revenue, other than taxation revenues in the amount of \$5,094,754.23 for the year 2018-19;

AND WHEREAS the net amount required to be raised by taxation is in the amount of \$5,348,182.03;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the tax rate to be set for 2018-19 at the rate of \$1.09 for Residential and Resource and \$2.61 for Commercial properties per \$100.00 of taxable assessment; and a Fire Levy of \$0.0331 per \$100.00 of assessment.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the due date for 2018-19 taxes to be paid to the Town of Antigonish be July 31, 2018;

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 31, 2018." Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-06-21B Re: 2018-19 Waste Management Collection

It was "Moved and Seconded

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Antigonish that the Waste Management Collection charge for 2018-19 be established as \$300.61 per equivalent unit;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the due date for 2018-19 charges to be paid to the Town of Antigonish be July 31, 2018;

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 31, 2018." Motion carried.

At 7:31 PM the Mayor resumed the Chair.

It was Moved and Seconded to approve the capital budget with amendments as presented.

- Antigonish Downtown Business Association Re: Highland Games Street Fair
Mayor L. Boucher advised that in speaking with J. MacDonald today regarding the street fair that two sponsors had been lost, and his grant was reduced by \$250.

"It was Moved and Seconded to provide an additional \$250 for the street fair." Motion carried.

- Antigonish Chamber of Commerce
Mayor L. Boucher noted that the Chambers puts on various breakfasts and events in support of local businesses and spoke briefly to sponsorship.

"It was Moved and Seconded to provided \$100 to sponsor an upcoming Chamber Breakfast." Motion carried.

Mayor L. Boucher provided final comments on finalizing the budget and thanked staff for their efforts.

At 7:36 PM the meeting was adjourned.