



**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 13, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair  
Mayor Mike Savage  
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit  
Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon  
David Hendsbee  
Becky Kent  
Trish Purdy  
Sam Austin  
Tony Mancini  
Waye Mason  
Lindell Smith  
Shawn Cleary  
Kathryn Morse  
Patty Cuttell  
Iona Stoddard  
Pam Lovelace  
Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer  
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
Phoebe Rai, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and recessed at 12:04 p.m. Budget Committee reconvened in at 1:04 p.m. Budget Committee adjourned at 2:33 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE**

**5. 2021/22 Fiscal Framework**

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 20, 2020
- A handout of revised page 5 of the staff recommendation report dated December 20, 2020 entitled “Revised Figure 1c – Anticipated Expenditure Changes”
- A staff presentation dated January 13, 2021 entitled “2021/22 Fiscal Framework”

Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the 2021/22 Fiscal Framework and gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**That Budget Committee:**

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop the 2021/22 Budget according to Council's approved priorities, and preliminary fiscal direction, including setting the average property tax bill for residential and commercial properties at a 1.9 per cent increase and,**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to establish an area rate of approximately \$0.341 per \$100 of assessed value for provincial mandatory contributions.**

Jane Fraser, Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer and Bruce Fisher, Manager Financial Policy and Planning answered Budget Committee questions regarding the 2021/22 Fiscal Framework.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Deputy Mayor Outhit and Councillor Cuttell

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk