



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 21, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn
Councillors: Steve Streach
David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Richard Zurawski
Matt Whitman
Paul Russell
Tim Outhit

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Jane Fraser, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Denty, Director, Planning & Development
Brad Anguish, Director, Transportation and Public Works
Jerry Blackwood, Director, Corporate & Customer Services
Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation
Ken Stuebing, Fire Chief, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency
Peter Duncan, Manager, Infrastructure Planning
John MacPherson, Manager, Corporate Facility Design & Construction
Sherryl Murphy, A/Municipal Clerk
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Budget Committee at a future regular meeting.

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

The special meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and noted the fortieth anniversary of Terry Fox's arrival in Halifax on the Marathon of Hope.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE

3. Proposed 2020/21 Budget Recast for COVID-19 Impacts (Continuation from May 20)

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 1, 2020
- A staff presentation dated May 12, 2020 entitled "2020/21 Recast Budget Discussion"

The following motion from the May 12, 2020 meeting of the Budget Committee reads:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to revise the 2020/21 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets, as voted on by Regional Council's Committee of the Whole on Budget at their February 12, 2020 meeting, using the revisions proposed in the staff report dated May 1, 2020 as summarized in Table 3, supported by attachment C and D.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke regarding the process and purpose of the proposed revised capital budget outlined in attachment C of the staff report dated May 1, 2020 and answered questions.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Budget Committee maintain funding for the Downtown Dartmouth Infrastructure Renewal land acquisition in the amount of \$2,000,000 and forward this amount to the Parking Lot.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 3 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman, Outhit

Against: Councillors Streach, Walker, Russell

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Whitman

THAT the Budget Committee reduce District Capital Funds by \$750,000 and forward this reduction to the Parking Lot rather than the proposed deferral of \$750,000.

Budget Committee discussed the motion with Jane Fraser, Chief Financial Officer, responding to questions regarding the amount in District Capital Funds that would be available for 2020/21 following the proposed reduction. Fraser agreed to provide additional information on the District Capital Funds carry forward by district to the Budget Committee in the supplementary report coming back to the Committee with the parking lot items.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (10 in favour, 7 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Karsten, Nicoll, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Russell, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Blackburn, Councillors Streach, Hendsbee, Walker, Adams, Zurawski, Whitman

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Budget Committee reduce funding for Corporate Accommodations in the amount of \$3,627,000 and Corporate Accommodations - Alderney in the amount of \$266,000 and forward the reductions to the Parking Lot.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Budget Committee defer funding for Fire Station 2, University Avenue Recap in the amount of \$1,708,000 until next year and forward the deferral to the Parking Lot.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Karsten

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, agreed to have a list of shovel-ready projects that the Municipality would be submitting for federal and provincial government funding consideration circulated prior to the next meeting of the Budget Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Sherryl Murphy
A/Municipal Clerk