

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SPECIAL MEETING (Budget)

JUNE 14, 2017; 7:00 P.M.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden B. Marchand, Deputy Warden J. MacLean
Councillor A. Martell
Absent: Councillor J. Goyetche & Councillor G. Boucher

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Director of Finance, Mr. Jason Martell, reviewed the Budget Summary and Highlights, March 31, 2018.

BUDGET SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 31, 2018

1) OVERALL BUDGET EXPENDITURES

BUDGET MARCH 31, 2018	13,744,841
BUDGET MARCH 31, 2017	<u>14,404,588</u>
YEAR OVER YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE	-659,747
PERCENT INCREASE IN BUDGET	4.6 PERCENT

2) INCREASE/DECREASE IN MANDATORY/MAJOR EXPENDITURES

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>MARCH</u> <u>31,2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>MARCH</u> <u>31,2017</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	
PVSC - ASS SERVICES	270,644	272,814	-2,170	Decrease
CAPPED ASSESSMENTS	713,102	730,715	-17,613	Decrease
	1,477,88			
POLICE PROTECTION	8	1,424,283	53,605	Increase
ROADS PROVINCE	156,039	153,733	2,306	Increase
EDUCATION	2,635,86	2,700,737	-64,869	Decrease

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CORRECTIONS/JAILS	<u>154,243</u>	<u>157,519</u>	<u>-3,276</u>	Decrease
	5,137,14			
	0	5,166,987	<u>-29,847</u>	Net

3) ONE CENT RESIDENTIAL PRODUCES ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF 72,291. (INCLUDES RESOURCE)
ONE CENT COMMERCIAL PRODUCES ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF 16,500. (TOTAL 88,791)

4) MAJOR BUDGET FACTORS MOVING FORWARD

- A) DECLINING COMMERCIAL ASSESSMENT 3-5 MILLON DOLLARS PER YEAR DUE TO DECLINE IN FRACTIONATION PLANT GAS RESERVES WHICH LOWERS THEIR ASSESSMENT BY THIS AMOUNT ANNUALLY. AT CURRENT RATES THIS IS A TAX DOLLAR LOSS OF 62,000 TO 104,000.
- B) THE CAPPED ASSESSMENTS PROGRAM REPRESENTS A REVENUE LOSS IN EXCESS OF 700,000 DOLLARS ANNUALLY. THIS IS PROVINCIALY REGULATED.
- C) THE FISCAL REVIEW PROVIDES A POTENTIAL INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,500,000 IN SAVINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR BUDGET. WE SHOULD CONTINUALLY BE LOBBYING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.
- D) ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW PROVIDES SAVINGS OF IN EXCESS OF \$300,000 ON AN ANNUALIZED BASIS
- E) REVIEW OF GRANT SYSTEMS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE COMING MONTHS

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MARCH 31, 2018

BUDGET VARIANCE ANALYSIS

INCREASED REVENUE

TAXES	126,038
GIL PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL	10,570
OTHER REVENUE	-636,073
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	-162,500
COLLECTION FOR VSA	<u>1,858</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONAL REVENUE	<u>-660,107</u>

NOTES:

INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT
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DECREASE LARGELY DUE TO TRANSFER FROM OPERATING RESERVE
HAD RECEIVED LARGE ONE TIME GRANTS LAST YEAR
INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT

REDUCED EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	-272,003	DECREASE IN COUNCIL STIPENDS, EDUCATION, ORG REVIEW
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	59,664	INCREASE IN POLICING
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	2,306	SMALL INCREASE IN ROADS
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	-75,221	ORG REVIEW AND GENERAL REDUCTIONS IN COSTS
PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES	0	NO CHANGE
ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	-157,391	REDUCTION IN EXPENSES, ORG REVIEW
RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES	-219,320	ORG REVIEW, GRANT EXPENSES, REDUCTION IN GRANTS
COLLECTION FOR VSA	1,858	INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT
EXTRAORDINARY AND SPECIAL ITEMS	0	
TOTAL INCREASED EXPENDITURES	-660,107	
TOTAL PROJECTED DEFICIT	0	

It was noted that Council needed to review the grants and decide on priorities and come back with direction for Staff.

LIST OF GRANT REQUESTS FOR BUDGET 2017-2018

BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL (DIMA)	5000	
DESTINATIN CAPE BRETON	10000	
KITCHEN FEST - RODNEY MACDONALD	5000	
SPEDE-MUSIC CAMP	5000	
SPEDE-SEASIDE		
LOBSTERFEST	5000	
SPEDE - KITCHEN RACKETS	?	
SPEDE - TOURISM COORDINATOR	14000	PREVIOUSLY 40K
ADULT DROP IN CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH	2500	
CELTIC COLOURS	5000	
BARACHOIS TRAIL ASSOCIATION	5000	(TRAIL WORK)
ROCKY BAY IRISH CLUB	10000	
ST. MARTHA'S REGIONAL HOSPITAL	25000	(10 YEAR COMMITMENT)
CAPE BRETON LOCAL FOOD HUB	7500	
STRAIT AREA TRANSIT	62496	(\$107,700-45,204)
CBRH - CANCER CENTREE	20000	
STRAIT AREA GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE	3000	

DIMA (FEE FOR SERVICE) GET A COPY OF INVOICE	15000
LA PICASSE - SOLAR PANELS	15000
STRAIT RICHMOND PALLATIVE CARE SOCIETY	ANY
PORT HAWKESBURY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK	ANY (MUST RAISE \$6,300)

214496

IMTTA (TOURISM PROJECTS)	121000
SPEDO (TOURISM PROJECTS - CANAL)	<u>260000</u>
	381000

It was noted that St. Anne’s Center and Strait Richmond Hospital should be considered along with St. Martha’s Hospital.

It was noted that the Acadiaville Motorcycle Rally should be added to the list.

The following is the list of recurring grants to Core Community Organizations:

COUNTY OF RICHMOND

RECURRING GRANTS TO CORE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>MUSEUMS</u>			
LE NOIR FORGE	2,500	2,500	2,500
NICHOLAS DENYS MUSEUM	2,500	2,500	2,500
POINT TUPPER HERITAGE ASS.	2,000	2,000	2,000
ISLE MADAME HISTORICAL SOC.	2,000	2,000	2,000
BASIN RIVER INHABITANTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY	2,000	2,000	2,000
OCEANVIEW WILDLIFE MUSEUM ASSOC.	2,000	2,000	2,000
MCCASKILL HOUSE MUSEUM SOCIETY	2,000	2,000	2,000
LITTLE ANSE/SAMPSONS COVE SOCIAL ACTION	2,000	2,000	2,000
CAMP RANKIN 4H ASSOC.	2,000	2,000	2,000
ALLOWANCE NEW MUSEUMS	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	22,000	22,000	22,000
<u>COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGS.</u>			
RICHMOND COUNTY LITERACY	15,000	10,000	10,000
RICHMOND COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUC. ASS.	15,000	15,000	15,000
REGIONAL OCCUPATION CENTER	15,000	12,000	12,000
LEESIDE SOCIETY	5,000	5,000	5,000
DOROTHY'S PETS IN NEED	5,000	5,000	5,000

LA PICASSE	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	65,000	57,000	57,000
<u>OTHER</u>			
SCHOLARSHIPS ECOLE BEAUPORT & RICH. ACAD.	3,000	3,000	3,000
P.H. PAPER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	5,000	5,000	5,000
GRAND TOTAL	<u>92,000</u>	<u>84,000</u>	<u>84,000</u>

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Martell that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CHAIRPERSON