



ATTENDING

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Deputy Mayor Isabel Madeira-Voss
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Wendy Elliott
- Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin
- Recording Secretary Laura Morrison

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director, Financial Services Mike MacLean
- Director, Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake,
- Director, Parks and Recreation Kelton Thomason,
- Special Projects & Communications Coordinator, Barb Shaw

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Donovan, called the meeting to order at 9am.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	09-01-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS RECEIVED.
	CARRIED
2. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No public input
3.	
a. Info Report 003-2023 – Draft 2023/24 Budget V1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director MacLean presented on the version 1 budget.• Goals for today are understanding, discussion and direction.• Deficit currently at \$110,300 less than 1% of total \$13.3 budget.• Properties Assessment for Wolfville closely mirror overall Provincial stats.• Only \$41m of \$215m commercial assessed value is taxable. Majority being Acadia.• Residential assessments in general are behind by around one year.• Residential and Commercial rate unchanged.• COLA (cost of living allowance) and CAP limit close at 7.5% and 7.7% respectively.• Policy review on strategic partnerships would be required if we were to adjust amounts granted.
i. Attachment 1 – Draft Budget	
ii. Attachment 2 – Draft Project Charters	



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- Policy Review required regarding Low Income increase in threshold to \$36,200 from \$31,500 and Increase exemption from \$780 to \$1,000 (approx. 28%)

What's Not in the Budget

- Professional Development for Council and Staff.

LUNCH BREAK 11:35am
MEETING RESUMED 12:30pm

- Addition of 2nd PT Compliance staff. Results from Video Camera Pilot Project won't be available until later in the year.
- Compliance Coordinator to attend COW and will give brief report on bylaw issues other than Nuisance Party that require to be dealt with.
- Additional Park Resources required to support Festivals and Events.
- Additional budget for Special Events such as Pooch Party and Welcome back to Wolfville: student and community event.

Tanvi Dabas, EDI Project Lead introduced herself and some of the key areas of the role in this 10 week project.

- Red & Blue Crew Town Share not ready for version 2.
- Specific Resources to support EDI actions.
- Deed Transfer moved from \$400 to \$465k.
- Policing Review, Trees, Remuneration Review

10 MIN BREAK

- Capital budget V1 changes since November show overall cost increase
- WWTP Grant Funding confirmed for wastewater improvements out in future years.
- ***Project charter for Traffic Safety/Mobility piece – will look at in Feb COW during Ops Plan discussion.***
- \$400k got added to Capital Budget but there are funding constraints.



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- Options on how to fully balance the ten-year plan part of v2 at Feb COW – grants applied for.

Water Utility Budget

- Requirement to apply rate change to come back to Council.
- Unbilled treated water investigation to take place.

Reserves

- Currently \$7m will be \$5m by end of fiscal year.

Questions & Recap

- Accessibility – items in capital budget including upgrades to clock park. The biggest will be new Town Hall and Library in terms of an accessible building for the community. If there is something that can be covered by the \$5k transit grant will bring back to Council
- Water main breaks - has been studies done which should hint at where the leaks are.
- AT – sidewalk going to Lightfoot not included in funding application.
- Replacing Town Hall – whole project with various components to look at including interim space.
- Micro Transit – part of master transit plan through pilot program – on demand smaller vehicles in town.
- *Wickwire Ave would like update from Director de Sousa on where it could fall in timelines and if a stopgap measure could be put in.*
- Pickleball pending the Parks Master plan.
- Question regarding Parklands that are sold and where the money goes.
- Should a regional rec facility be approved this would be capital building operational reserves and a debt model set up.
- As work through Operational Plan it will better inform what staff resources will be required.

4. Public Input/Question Period

- No public input.

5. Adjournment of In-Camera and Regular Meeting

10-01-23 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN AT 3:12pm.



Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 04-02-23, February 7, 2023
As recorded by Laura Morrison, EA/Town Clerk