



ATTENDING

- Mayor Wendy Donovan
- Deputy Mayor Wendy Elliott
- Councillor Jodi MacKay
- Councillor Mike Butler
- Councillor Jennifer Ingham
- Councillor Ian Palmeter
- Interim Chief Administrative Officer Rob Simonds
- Recording Secretary, Laura Morrison

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director, Finance & Corporate Services, Beth Hopkins
- Director, Planning & Economic Development, Devin Lake
- Director, Engineering & Public Works Alex de Sousa
- Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, Barb Shaw
- Manager of IT, David Hopkins

REGRETS

- Councillor Isabel Madeira-Voss

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mayor Donovan, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Approval of Agenda	<p>01-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
2. Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public input.
3. Staff Reports for Discussion	
<p>a. 2024/25 Budget Summary & Department Workplans for Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of version 5 of the budget. • Grant to organizations clarification. • Capital Reserves – 6% of operating expenses plus 180k of savings every year. • Costs have increased. • What are residents’ priorities for Council? • Community Planning & Recreation • Capital budget overview, change of \$15k. • Cost benefit of staff focus on applying for grants.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff to provide list of grants applied for and received quarterly.</i> • <i>List of all grant requests to be included quarterly.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Departmental Work Plans. • Structure of overlaps/how staff work together. • Asset Management/Project Management tools. • Link with overall budget spend/High level budget costs for each item. • Top 3 priorities, budget information, information in appendix - committees of council. • Public Works capital • Project charters • Climate change/environment – Tree Policy discussion. • A tool to help Council answer the questions from the street without having to take up staff’s time. • Communications Plan – role of councilor/mayor. • Mores support for Council. • Student hire for summer months • Active Transportation – working group to prioritize – 3 years to complete these projects. • Feedback to staff for changes within the next week. • Maple Ave discussion/speed bumps discussion for future meetings at AT Working Group. <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To finalize budget</i> • <i>Council would like more information on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Pavement index</i> – <i>Sidewalk index – is it in the budget</i> – <i>Crosswalk studies</i> – <i>Pickleball</i> – <i>Pooch Party</i> – <i>Try it in Wolfville – minimum vs maximum</i> <p>Council Motions</p> <p><i>Staff additions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Funds spent outside of external IMSA</i> • <i>Acadia funding, Randall House, Curling club</i> • <i>Capital grants/one-time asks/events</i>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Acknowledgement of approval for staff person accelerator fund.</i>• <i>Motion of acknowledgement for paving at Legion</i>
4. Public Input/Question Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No public input
5. Regular Meeting Adjourned	02-05-24 IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURN AT 3:00PM.

Approved by Committee of the Whole Motion 02-06-24, June 11, 2024

As recorded by Laura Morrison, Town Clerk