

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG  
Minutes of a **SPECIAL MEETING** of  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
Held in the Council Chamber, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, N. S.  
**Thursday, April 30, 2009 - 12:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Don Downe  
Deputy Mayor Donald Zwicker - District 2  
Councillor Basil Oickle - District 1  
Councillor Frank Fawson - District 3  
Councillor Milton Countway - District 4  
Councillor Sandra Statton - District 5  
Councillor Wade Carver - District 6  
Councillor Cathy Moore - District 7  
Councillor John Veinot - District 8  
Councillor Arthur Young - District 9  
Councillor Lee Nauss - District 10  
Councillor Martin Bell - District 11  
Councillor Eric Hustvedt - District 12

Staff: Tammy S. Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gordon Pettipas, Director of Financial Services and Municipal Treasurer  
Carroll Randall, Recreation Coordinator  
Dave Waters, Community Economic Development Officer  
Pierre Breau, Director of Engineering and Public Works  
Heather Whynott, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Downe called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He thanked the Budget/Finance Committee for all the preparation work they did so that Council could deal with the proposed budget for 2009/10 today.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2009/2010 BUDGET**

Councillor Statton, Chair of the Budget/Finance Committee, gave an overview of the Committee's deliberations to bring the proposed budget before Council. She thanked the members of the Committee for the time they put into the new process this year.

Ms. Wilson reported that the budget process was a collaborative process. She reviewed the budget document format, and then used a PowerPoint presentation which was a summary of the information in the budget document. During her presentation, the Senior Managers of the various municipal departments were asked to explain any new additions to the budgets for their departments, both required and optional additions.

After the PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Pettipas reviewed information on the Operating and Capital Reserves and Ms. Wilson reviewed the Capital Budget.

Councillors' questions were answered throughout the budget review.

### **BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE - RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council then considered recommendations from the Budget/Finance Committee.

#### 1. RECOMMENDATION re SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT ALL SEWER SYSTEMS

Council discussed the first recommendation which was to ask the Nominating Committee to set up a Special Committee to look at all sewer systems in the Municipality and how they are funded.

**Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Carver that the Nominating Committee be asked to strike a Special Committee to look at commercial and business sewer systems in the Municipality, how they are funded, and whether they are fair compared to the other systems within the province. Carried.**

#### 2. 2009/10 AREA RATES FOR SEWER SYSTEMS

This recommendation was for Council to approve the 2009/10 Area Rates for Sewer Systems.

Councillor Moore expressed concern with the proposed global rate of 69.8¢. She noted that it's quite an increase from New Germany's rate of 61¢.

**Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Countway that we remove \$25,000 from the Global Sewer Reserve funds to bring the Global Area Rate for the Sewer Systems to approximately 65.8¢. After discussing the effect of changing the rate, the motion was defeated.**

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zwicker that Council accepts the recommendation of the Budget/Finance Committee and approves the 2009/10 Area Rates for Sewer Systems as presented. Carried.**

#### 3. 2009/10 FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES

**Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Councillor Fawson that Council accepts the recommendation of the Budget/Finance Committee and approves the 2009/10 Fire Hydrant Charges at \$0.121 as presented.**

Councillor Bell commented that he considers hydrant charges as part of the fire protection fees in the areas where the hydrants are located, and that it should be paid out of the rate already levied. He thinks this is something that should be looked at in the future, rather than double taxing.

**The motion was carried.**

**Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Bell that a Special Committee be set up to look at the hydrant rates at MacCulloch Road and Pine Grove Road in Cookville over the next year. Carried.**

4. 2009/10 STREET LIGHT RATES

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Zwicker, seconded by Councillor Veinot that Council accepts the recommendation of the Budget/Finance Committee and approves the 2009/10 Street Light Rates as presented. Carried.**

5. 2009/10 RESERVE TRANSFERS

**Moved by Councillor Oickle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zwicker that Council accepts the recommendation of the Budget/Finance Committee and approves the 2009/10 Reserve Transfers as presented. Carried.**

6. 2009/10 OPERATING BUDGET

**Moved by Councillor Statton, seconded by Councillor Nauss that Council accepts the recommendation of the Budget/Finance Committee and approves the 2009/10 Operating Budget as presented. Carried unanimously.**

7. 2009/10 CAPITAL BUDGET

**Moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Carver that Council accepts the recommendation of the Budget/Finance Committee and approves the 2009/10 Capital Budget as presented. Carried unanimously.**

Councillor Nauss thanked staff for their cooperation in working with the Committee to bring in a budget.

Councillors expressed positive comments on the budget process this year.

Staff members also had positive comments on the budget process and Ms. Wilson' s leadership in that process.

### **2009/10 TAX RATES**

**Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Statton that Council approves the following Tax Rates for 2009/10:**

Residential	\$0.79 per \$100 assessment
Commercial	\$1.92 per \$100 assessment
Comm/Seasonal	\$1.44 per \$100 assessment

**Carried.**

### **IN CAMERA IN COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Councillor Nauss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Zwicker that Council go *In Camera In Committee*. Carried.**

The purpose of the *In Camera* meeting was to update Council regarding a request that has been received to use the MARC facilities for an event, in accordance with section 22 (2) (e) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

**Moved by Councillor Hustvedt, seconded by Councillor Fawson that Council rise and report. Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 3:22 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Oickle that the meeting adjourn.

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MAYOR DON DOWNE, CHAIRMAN

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TAMMY WILSON, CHIEF ADMIN. OFFICER