

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES MARCH 5, 2002

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Robert Harvey
Councillors: Steve Streach
Gary Hines
Keith Colwell
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Brian Warshick
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith
John Cunningham
Jerry Blumenthal
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen
Linda Mosher
Stephen Adams
Len Goucher
Gary Meade

ABSENT:

Councillors: Brad Johns
Reg Rankin

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. 2002/2003 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

- A report providing an update to costs/revenue and recommendations on Parking Lot items was circulated to Council.

Mr. Bruce Fisher, Budget Coordinator, outlined the report advising an additional amount of \$250,000.00 has been identified.

Mr. McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated that staff are intending, through reserves, to deal with issues that may arise but are not provided for in the budget.

Mr. Fisher noted the report contains a written explanation on each of the Parking Lot items and outlined these for the information of Council.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that it be recommended that Council approve the amendments to the budget and approve the 2002/2003 Capital and Operating Budget.

In response to Councillor Walker regarding safety issues at major facilities, Mr. Labrecque advised the priorities are as they were presented earlier during budget deliberations. Essentially staff will look within existing appropriations and those issues that are deemed urgent will be funded accordingly.

In response to Deputy Mayor Harvey regarding the extra \$500,000.00 for the Beaver Bank fire station, Mr. Fisher advised Councillor Johns had been advised that it could be an additional \$0.16 on the Beaver Bank fire rate over and above the current rate.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Assistant Municipal Clerk