

# **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

## **Proposed 2010/2011 Operating & Project Budget**

### ***RESOLUTION for Approval of Operating & Project Budget and Tax Rates for Fiscal 2010/2011***

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It is hereby resolved that:

- a) 2010/2011 Corporate Plan be approved
- b) the Operating Budget in the amount of **\$726,381,964** gross expenditures (which includes **\$595,185,762** in municipal expenditures), **\$589,966,353** non-departmental revenues, and **\$136,415,611** departmental revenues be approved;
- c) the Project Budget in the amount of **\$157,250,866**, be approved;
- d) the general rates of taxation on commercial and business occupancy be set at

- (I) **\$3.257 for the urban area;**

- (ii) **\$3.257 for the suburban area; and**

- (iii) **\$2.899 for the rural area**

applied to the full assessed value of the property;

- e) the general rates of taxation on residential and resource property be set at

- (I) **\$0.7088 for the urban area;**

- (ii) **\$0.6918 for the suburban area; and**

- (iii) **\$0.6850 for the rural area**

applied to the full assessed value of the property;

- f) 2010/2011 Annual Transit Service Plan be approved
- g) the tax rates associated with Transit Tax be set at
  - (I) **\$0.051 for the Regional Transportation tax rate;**
  - (ii) **\$0.105 for the Local Transit tax rate**applied to the full assessed value of the property;
- h)
  - (I) the boundary of the urban, suburban and rural areas is as delineated in the attached “Tax Structure Map”;
  - (ii) the boundary of the Regional Transportation area includes all properties within communities included within the attached “Regional Transportation map”;
  - (iii) the boundary for the Local Transit area includes all properties within 1km walking distance of any HRM transit stop.
- I) the **Provincial Area Rate for Mandatory Education** on residential and resource property be set at the rate of \$0.306; and at a rate of \$0.333 for all commercial and business occupancy assessment;
- j) the **Provincial Area Rate for Property Valuation Services** on residential and resource property be set at the rate of \$0.023; and at a rate of \$0.013 for all commercial and business occupancy assessment;
- k) the **Provincial Area Rate for Corrections Services** on residential and resource property be set at the rate of \$0.022; and at a rate of \$0.010 for all commercial and business occupancy assessment;
- l) the **Provincial Area Rate for Metro Regional Housing Authority and Other** on residential and resource property be set at the rate of \$0.005; and at a rate of \$0.006 for all commercial and business occupancy assessment;
- m) **Supplementary Education**, under Section 530 of the Municipal Government Act, shall be set at the rate of \$0.045 to the residential and resource assessment and \$0.133 to the commercial assessment including business occupancy;
- n) **Fire Protection** rates shall be set at \$0.075 for all commercial assessable property, including business occupancy; and at a rate of \$0.026 for all residential and resource

property which is within 1,200 feet of a hydrant that is designed and operated for public fire protection purposes.

- o) the final tax bills will become **due on Friday, October 29, 2010;**
- p) the interest rate on the Special Reserve Funds, designated as requiring interest under Section 100(2) of the Municipal Government Act, be set at the rate of return on funds invested by HRM for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011;
- q) the interest rate on the Pollution Control Reserves be set at the rate of return on funds invested by HRM for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011;
- r) the interest rate on all reserves except for those identified in n) and o) will be set at the rate of return on funds invested by HRM for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011;
- s) the interest rate on trust funds will be set at the annual rate of return on specific investments held by the trusts;
- t) approve in principle amending Administrative Order 14, Application of Interest Charges on Outstanding Accounts to provide for an increase in the interest charges on outstanding accounts from 4% above the prime lending rate of the Halifax Regional Municipality's Banker to 1.25% monthly (15.00% annually) effective July 1, 2010;
- u) approve in principle amending Schedule "A" of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, to provide for an increase in the fee for Street and Services Permits from \$100 to \$125, \$250 or \$750 depending on the complexity of the proposed street opening or work upon a street;
- v) approve in principle amending Schedule "A" of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, to provide for a new fee of \$25.00 where the development proposed is not required to have a building permit;
- w) approve in principle amending Schedule "A" of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, to provide for a new fee of \$250.00 where the development proposed is a Multi-Unit Residential, Industrial, Commercial or Institutional (MICI) development and a construction permit is not requested at that time;
- x) approve in principle amending Schedule "A" of Administrative Order 15, Respecting License, Permit and Processing Fees, to provide for a 10% increase in the fees for planning applications;
- y) approve in principle amending Schedule 6 of Administrative Order 18, the Revenue

Collections Policy Administrative Order, to provide for a new fee of \$5.00 for Friendly Reminder Notices;

- z) approve in principle amending subsection 23(2) of By-Law S-300, a By-Law Respecting Streets, by deleting the following wording "Every Application for a Permit shall include a fee in the amount of \$100" and replacing it with the wording "Every Application for a Permit shall include a fee as specified in Administrative Order 15" effective July 1, 2010.
- aa) approve an increase in the charge for cheques returned for Non-Sufficient Funds from \$20.00 to \$40.00 effective July 1, 2010.
- bb) service review priorities 2010/2011 be approved