

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
April 20, 2004

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Steve Streach
Councillors: Krista Snow
David Hendsbee
Ron Cooper
Harry McInroy
Brian Warshick (1:20 p.m.)
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith
John Cunningham
Jerry Blumenthal
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher (2:05 p.m.)
Stephen Adams (3:05 p.m.)
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Jan Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 4, 2003 and April 6, 2004

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that the minutes of November 4, 2003 and April 6, 2004, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. 2004-2005 OPERATING BUDGET - PARKING LOT

- A report entitled 2004-2005 Recommended Changes to Proposed Budget was circulated to Council.
- A report entitled 2004/05 Proposed budget Proposed fines and fee increases was circulated to Council.
- A memorandum from Ms. Cathy Nearing, Business Planning Coordinator, dated April 20, 2004, on the above noted, was circulated to Council.

Ms. McLennan, Director of Financial Services, outlined the individual Parking Lot items as recommended by staff and Council as well as those Parking Lot items not recommended.

Deputy Mayor Streach questioned whether the capital allocation would be lost if the Sheet Harbour Recreational Facility was not started in this fiscal year. In response, Ms. McLennan advised that if capital money it there it will be fixed there even if the project does not take place this year.

In response to Councillor Snow with regards to the building of a fire station in her area, Mr. Labrecque advised that the account for this project contained \$1.7 million and during this year the intention was to acquire the land and design the station. Ms. McLennan, Director of Financial Services, advised the land and design will be done this year from money from the Zone 4 Reserve, and if after those two issues were addressed, there were funds left in the account, the fire station could be built in this year noting, the intention was to fund the construction of the station in the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

Councillor Johns suggested District 19 be exempt from the summer green cart collection and the amount that would be used for the collection in his district be put towards a

playground.

Councillor Rankin suggested staff come back at a later date with the approval of the application of the summer green cart program and why he is included in this collection while other rural areas are not.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Goucher, that it be recommended that Regional Council approve the Operating, Capital and Reserve Budgets and amendments as outlined in the supplementary staff report.

Without a vote being taken on the motion, the following amendment was placed.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that \$145,000.00 be reallocated from the sidewalk account to the recreation budget to upgrade playgrounds to handicapped standards.

Councillor Meade clarified that the money would be allocated from funds allocated for a proposed new sidewalk in District 23.

Councillor Hetherington suggested staff subsequently come back with a report on how the funds would be allocated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In response to Councillor Snow with regards to the suburban area of District 2 possibly being included in the weekly green cart collection, Mr. Anguish advised he would examine the collection areas and see if there can be adjustments.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that \$110,000.00 be taken from the enhanced service for capital district for maintenance and allocate it to increasing the crossing guard hours by ½ hour each day.

Following discussion, without a vote being taken on the motion, the following motion was placed.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the request be referred to staff for a report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED by Councillor Warshick, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that an amount of \$40,000.00 be allocated from the special event reserve towards the first Annual Bluenose Marathon. MOTION DEFEATED.

MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Acting Municipal Clerk