

**Special Budget Meeting
Video Conference
Thursday May 28th, 2020
1:30 pm**

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
 Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
 Councillor Jim Mustard
 Councillor Laurie Cranton
 Councillor John MacLennan
 Councillor John Dowling

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
 Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
 Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture
 Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation
 Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Coordinator
 Debbie Nicholson, Municipal Council Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

BROADBAND INITIATIVE UPDATE: ACADIAN COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew LeBlanc with Acadian Communications presented to Council. His company is looking to enter a submission to Phase 2 of Develop Nova Scotia's Broadband initiative. Acadian Communications is pre-qualified to bid. He is seeking a letter of endorsement from the Municipality in his bid for this initiative.

Consensus for Council to offer a letter of endorsement from the Municipality to Acadian Communications for this endeavor. A draft letter for Council's final approval will be made available during the Council meeting next week.

2020-2021 BUDGET REPRESENTATION

Tanya Tibbo presented the Operations Budget for fiscal 2020-2021 in draft.

Highlights include:

- Revenue in comparison with previous years
- Expenditures in comparison with previous years
- Mandatory Contributions.

Also, a further breakdown of the following items: Revenue, General Government Services, Protective Services, Transportation Services, Environmental Health Services, Environmental Development Services, Recreation and Cultural Services, and Financing and Transfers was provided.

An opportunity for questions and comments from Council followed. Overall, the presentation was well received, given we are in a pandemic situation. Thanks were extended to Tanya Tibbo, Keith MacDonald, and staff for their work in preparing the operating budget.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Special Council Meeting: June 4th, 2020 11:00 am

Regular Monthly Council: June 4th, 2020 1:30 pm

A review of the Capital Budget will occur at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council adjourn at 3:24 pm

MOTION CARRIED