

**Special Council Meeting
August 28, 2017
Council Chambers**

Present

Mayor L. Boucher
Deputy Mayor W. Cormier
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor J. MacPherson
Councillor D. Roberts

Also in Attendance

CAO J. Lawrence
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Rector, Director of Corporate Services

Call to Order

At 7:10 PM Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as amended." Motion carried.

16/17 1: Temporary Borrowing Resolution; Purchase of Fire Truck

S. Rector noted that the Temporary Borrowing Resolution is for \$600,000. It was further noted that the newly implemented fire levy will help pay the debt servicing on the truck.

It was Moved and Seconded that "staff apply for a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$600,000 during the Fall 2017 Debenture." Motion carried.

Interim Net-Metering Program; Application to Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB)

S. Rector noted that Council recommended that staff look into net-metering. She noted staff had looked at Riverport, and contacted the UARB as they needed to determine the impact. She further noted that in the process of research, an option was found for an interim net-metering program.

"It was Moved and Seconded that "staff be directed to prepare an application to allow Self Generation Offset (SGO) (Net Metering) on an interim basis and to set an interim rate for SGO effective October 1, 2017 per the attached Schedule "C" Regulations." Motion carried.

S. Rector stated the Town is using the energy charge that NSPI has (81.97/per kilowatt hour) which does not include a demand charge. She noted the Town would also do a higher base charge (also done by Riverport and NSPI). The CAO noted this would only apply to four (4) people for this year.

Brief discussion took place on how only these four (4) can participate and it was noted that the interim net-metering is capped at a specific amount. S. Rector spoke to staff's involvement with the program.

Mayor L. Boucher took the opportunity to thank staff for their efforts, with CAO J. Lawrence noting that S. Rector and S. Scannell carried out the bulk of the work.

Sisters of St. Martha

Mayor L. Boucher advised that in a discussion with M. Coyle and University representatives it was noted that the Sisters of St. Martha were integral to the hospital being built, their close work with the RK Nursing Home, and involvement with the Emergency Fuel Fund, and Affordable Housing. She further noted that discussion had turned to the fact that a major change in their future direction is now taking place and that it presents an opportune time to recognize their contributions to the community.

Brief discussion took place.

“It was moved and seconded for the Town to put \$5,000 toward having a piece of art commissioned for the new building currently being constructed for the Sisters of St. Martha.”
Motion carried.

Pleasant Street Sidewalk

Mayor L. Boucher noted a letter was received from Mr. R. MacDonald concerning the condition of the sidewalk from Acadia Street down to College Street.

Mayor L. Boucher noted she would take the opportunity to walk the area. Councillor D. Roberts noted she had received a request from a constituent to have a look at the condition of the area from the corner of Ross Street to Brierly Book Road, noting that she had sent the request to both the CAO and Town Engineer.

Mayor L. Boucher indicated she would also take the opportunity to have a look at the area. Councillor D. Roberts noted it is for the replacement of a portion of the street. The CAO advised that a strategic plan will be carried out this fall, and that Council will endeavor to put out an initial tender package in January, 2018.

At 7:31 it was Moved and Seconded to adjourn.