

**Regular Town Council  
July 16, 2018  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

CAO J. Lawrence  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
M. Barkhouse, Director of Corporate Services  
S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator

Media

**Call to Order**

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Agenda**

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as presented.” Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes**

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the June 18, 2018 Regular and In Camera Council Minutes, June 19, 2018 Email Poll, and June 21, 2018 In Camera and Special Council Minutes.” Motion carried.

**Business from Minutes**

**New Business**

- Presentation of Electric Utility Operating and Capital Budget

Mayor L. Boucher introduced M. Barkhouse and noted she would be providing a PowerPoint presentation on the Electric Utility Operating Budget.

M. Barkhouse provided an overview of the Electric Utility Operating Budget year over year variances including Utility revenue, Utility operating expenses, and non-operating revenues and expenses, including those from AREA. She noted a decrease in purchasing from NSPI and an increase in purchasing from AREA.

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the budget as presented.” Motion carried.

- Request for Temporary (Six (6)) Month Leave of Ordinary Residency Re: Mayor L. Boucher (S.18(5A) Municipal Elections Act

Mayor L. Boucher provided details on her request for a six month leave of ordinary residency, declared a conflict of interest and vacated the Chair.

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts took the Chair.

“It was Moved and Seconded to provide Mayor L. Boucher with a six month leave of ordinary residency as per Section 18(5A)) of the Municipal Elections Act.” Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

- Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) Governance & Financing  
CAO J. Lawrence provided details on municipal units that gave notice to leave the ESREN organization, noting that the intent is to ask the Province to increase its funding to full 50% operational costs. Further, the municipal units would request the Province and the ESREN member municipalities collapse the Liaison Oversight Committee (LOC) and the Board of Directors into one. CAO J. Lawrence noted that the majority of votes and the Chair would be from the business sector. He further noted that the municipal units would be asked to make a three (3) year financial commitment. CAO J. Lawrence advised that the recommendations were endorsed by the LOC and the Board.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council endorse the first two (2) recommendations as presented and, subject to all municipal units agreeing to remain with the ESREN, endorse the third recommendation.” Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on a scenario if not all municipal members were to remain with the ESREN.

Councillor W. Cormier provided comment on the additional two (2) year commitment, raising concern with the three-year (3) commitment. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts noted she attended the ESREN AGM and has copies of the report for the Mayor and CAO.

### **Staff Reports**

- CAO Report  
Brief discussion took place on ongoing sidewalk work.

Councillor A. Murray questioned while improvements are being made to the Sydney Street parking lot, if excavation and paving could be expanded in order to eliminate a weed problem. CAO J. Lawrence agreed to look into the matter.

Councillor J. MacPherson noted the fire department currently does not have sufficient room to maneuver their trucks. CAO J. Lawrence noted that the Town will be eliminating two (2) parking spaces at the request of the Fire Department.

- Hot Spot Parking

S. Scannell noted that he, B. Luciano and By-law staff looked at ‘hot spot’ parking, which is another option for parking payment via an app.

It was noted that By-law staff would be provided with hand held devices that would confirm whether a vehicle parked is in compliance with payment.

CAO J. Lawrence noted people would still have the ability to pay the parking meters as they currently do. It was noted the 'app' would also work in other areas that provide hot spot parking.

B. Luciano noted that hot spot parking is available throughout Halifax, and other areas of the province

In response to a query from Mayor L. Boucher, B. Luciano noted that the meters will stay as they currently are but will have a sticker placed on them. He further noted that a refund could be provided for unused parking time. Discussion took place.

"It was moved and seconded to accept the CAO Report as presented." Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

- Recreation Committee

Councillor M. Farrell advised that the National Special Olympics are less than 2 weeks away, and that in seeking 600 volunteers for the Games, 900 people came forward.

She noted a successful Canada Day celebration and acknowledged Councillor A. Murray, T. Camron and her staff along with Public Works and Electric Utility staff for their assistance in making the day such a success.

- Accessibility Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis had nothing to report.

- Police & License Committee

Deputy Mayor D. Roberts had nothing to report.

- Beautification Committee

Councillor A. Murray noted that the Committee did not meet in July, that the flowers are doing well, and spoke to the new addition of flowers adorning the library

- Waste Committee

Councillor J. MacPherson had nothing to report.

- Fire Committee

Councillor W. Cormier had nothing to report.

- Planning Advisory Committee

Mayor L. Boucher noted that Building and Fire Inspections and Planning have now transitioned to the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC). She further noted that Planner Paul Dec is excited to be here and has met with a number of contactors and developers already.

Council was advised that an Assistant Building Inspector would be here on regular basis, while the Planner would be here on Wednesdays. Brief discussion took place.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.