

HALIFAX

First Quarter Report

Presentation to Audit and
Finance Standing Committee

September 16, 2020

General Rate Surplus

- Projected deficit of \$225.9K primarily due to:
 - Decrease enforcement fines and parking permits of \$500K due to a drop in parking volumes in downtown core and delayed opening of customer service centres.
 - Increase in costs for supplies and cleaning due to initial response to COVID-19 of \$435K.
 - Increase in maintenance costs for Transit for buildings and vehicles \$172K.
 - Earlier than expected increase in ferry service hours resulting in increased costs of \$77K.
 - Decrease in Parks and Recreation revenues of \$88K due to COVID-19 impacts.

Offset by:

- Increase in Nova Scotia Power HST offset received from Province of \$100K.
- Decrease in fuel and repairs costs of \$153K due to resuming full transit service later than originally planned.
- Decrease in salary and benefits of \$791K largely due to the hiring freeze and cancellation of the 2020/21 Internship Program.

Risks and Opportunities

- We continue to monitor other items that may affect our projections going forward:

Risks:

- Additional impacts of COVID-19 pandemic
- October Tax bill collection
- Transit Ridership levels as full service returns
- The impacts of winter-related weather conditions
- Commodity costs (fuel, diesel, salt, etc.)

Councillors' Funds

- District Capital Funds
 - Of the total budget of \$2.3M, \$1.5M has been spent or committed leaving \$0.8M available.
 - \$301.6K has been restricted from being spent before the election
- District Activity Funds
 - Of the \$72.0K budget, \$40.5K has been spent or committed leaving \$31.5K available.
 - \$28.8K has been restricted from being spent before the election

Recreation Area Rates

- There are 21 Recreation Area Rate Accounts.
- The surplus in these accounts at April 1, 2020 was \$1.5M.
- \$62K has been spent this quarter.
- The surplus at June 30, 2020 is \$1.4M.

Reserves

- The balance in reserves at June 30, 2020 is \$357.0M.
- Projected available balance in reserves at March 31, 2021 is \$207.2M.
- Projected reserve balance:
 - 21/22 - \$190.1M
 - 22/23 - \$132.0M
 - 23/24 - \$125.8M

Aged Accounts Receivable

Property Taxes	\$	42.9M
Local Improvement Charges		10.7M
Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes		0.4M
General Revenue		2.6M
Total Gross Accounts Receivable	\$	<u>56.5M</u>

Capital Projection Summary

Net Budget available before expenditures, June 30, 2020	\$ 305.9M
Spent or committed by June 30, 2020	\$ 150.5M
Projected expenditures by March 31, 2021	\$ 223.2M
Projected Carry Forward to 2021-22	\$ 64.4M

Hospitality Expenses

- For the three-month period ended June 30, 2020, hospitality expenditures were \$93.
- Hospitality expenses are: Expenses incurred while hosting individuals from outside the municipal government for reasons of diplomacy, protocol, business development or promotional advocacy. Examples include: gifts, receptions, ceremonies, conferences, performances or other group events.

Expenses for Reportable Individuals

Name	Local Travel	Out of Town Travel	Development/ Training	Meals & Other Miscellaneous Expenses	Total
Mayor Mike Savage	-	-	-	255	255
Councillor Steve Streach	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor David Hendsbee	1,028	-	-	-	1,028
Councillor Bill Karsten	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Sam Austin	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Tony Mancini	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Wayne Mason	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Lindell Smith	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Shawn Cleary	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Russell Walker	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Steve Adams	3,636	-	-	-	3,636
Councillor Richard Zurawski	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Matt Witman	304	-	-	-	304
Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Steve Craig	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Paul Russell	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Tim Outhit	-	-	-	-	-
Jacques Dubé, CAO	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,968	-	-	255	5,223