

The word "HALIFAX" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font against a dark blue background. The background features a large, abstract geometric shape that tapers to a point on the right side, creating a sense of depth and movement. The shape is composed of several overlapping planes in different shades of blue and white.

Third Quarter Report

Presentation to Audit and
Finance Standing Committee

February 11, 2021

General Rate Surplus

- Projected surplus of \$6.1M primarily due to:
 - Decrease in salary and benefits of \$9.3M largely due to the hiring freeze and cancellation of the 2020/21 Internship Program, partially offset by increased overtime of \$2.2M.
 - Increase in deed transfer tax of \$10.1M due to unanticipated activity in the residential real estate market.
 - Decrease in valuation allowance of \$7.8M.
 - Increase in tax revenue of \$2.5M.
 - Increase of \$1.5M due to bookings at RBC Centre and BMO Centre being greater than budgeted and a reduction in costs.
 - Increase in expected Divert NS diversion credits of \$608.6K.
 - Increase in building permit revenue of \$429.0K.

General Rate Surplus cont'd

Offset by:

- Balloon payment of \$6.0M to the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation.
- Increase in funding required of \$6.4M due to projected deficit in Multi-District Facilities.
- Decrease in enforcement fines, parking permits, and Summary Offence Tickets of \$4.3M due to a drop in parking volumes and delayed opening of customer service centres.
- Increase of \$2.8M to fund the Scotiabank Centre projected deficit.
- Increase of \$2.2M due to increased insurance claims and premiums.
- Increase in costs for supplies and cleaning in response to COVID-19 of \$686.7K.
- Decrease of \$431.0K in Metro Park parking revenue due to lower volumes of monthly parking rentals.

Risks and Opportunities

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

Risks:

- Additional impacts of COVID-19 pandemic
- Transit Ridership levels
- 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, \$1.9M has been spent or committed leaving \$0.4M available.
- District Activity Funds
 - Of the \$72.0K budget, \$26.9K has been spent or committed leaving \$45.1K available.

Recreation Area Rates

- There are 21 Recreation Area Rate Accounts.
- The surplus in these accounts at April 1, 2020 was \$1.5M.
- Revenue of 0.8M has been earned and \$0.7M has been spent.
- The surplus at December 31, 2020 is \$1.6M.

Reserves

- Projected available balance in reserves at March 31, 2021 is \$254.4M.
- Increase of \$47.2M over budget
- Projected reserve balance:
 - 21/22 - \$264.1M
 - 22/23 - \$287.0M
 - 23/24 - \$301.2M

Aged Accounts Receivable

Property Taxes	\$	25.8M
Local Improvement Charges		10.8M
Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes		4.8M
General Revenue		6.0M
Total Gross Accounts Receivable	\$	<u>47.4M</u>

Capital Projection Summary

Net Budget available before expenditures, December 31, 2020	\$ 314.3M
Spent by December 31, 2020	\$ 105.8M
Projected expenditures by March 31, 2021	\$ 60.7M
Projected Carry Forward to 2021-22	\$ 147.8M

Hospitality Expenses

- For the three-month period ended December 31, 2020, there were no hospitality expenditures.
- 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	YTD Total
Mayor Mike Savage	-	-	-	139	139	1,013
Councillor Steve Streach	888	-	-	-	888	888
Councillor Cathy Deagle-Gammon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor David Hendsbee	2,324	-	-	-	2,324	3,936
Councillor Bill Karsten	111	-	-	-	111	111
Councillor Becky Kent	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Trish Purdy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Sam Austin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Tony Mancini	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Wayne Mason	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Lindell Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Shawn Cleary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Russell Walker	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Kathryn Morse	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Steve Adams	1,054	-	-	-	1,054	8,057
Councillor Patty Cuttell	41	-	-	-	41	41
Councillor Richard Zurawski	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Iona Stoddard	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Matt Witman	-	-	-	-	-	775
Councillor Pam Lovelace	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Lisa Blackburn	356	-	-	-	356	356
Councillor Steve Craig	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Paul Russell	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAO Jacques Dubé	-	-	-	70	70	236
Total	4,775	-	-	209	4,984	15,415