

HALIFAX

Third Quarter Report

Presentation to Audit & Finance Standing Committee

2022-02-17

General Rate Surplus

- Projected surplus of \$9.6M primarily due to:
 - Increase in deed transfer tax of \$17.0M due to continued activity in the residential real estate market.
 - Delay in receipt of fall debenture from MFC until May 2021 – budgeted principal and interest payment pushed back until fiscal 2022/23 \$9.6M.
 - Increase in permit revenues of \$4.0M due to the large volume of permits being issued as well as some high-value permits.
 - Decrease in compensation and benefits \$3.7M.
 - Increase in tax revenues due to reduced appeals \$2.4M
- Offset by:
 - Increase in RCMP costs due to expected retroactive payments for new collective agreement \$6.7M
 - Increased fuel expenses \$4.9M.
 - Emergency housing funds \$4.9M
 - Funding of MDF and ScotiaBank Centre deficits \$4.4M
 - Decrease in Transit Fare Revenue \$3.3M
 - Increase in OCC expenses \$2.9M.

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.)
- Inflationary increases and stock shortages
- Housing

Councillors' Funds

- District Capital Funds:
 - Of the total budget of \$3.0M, \$1.9M has been spent or committed leaving \$1.0M available.
- District Activity Funds:
 - Of the \$72.0K budget, \$39.8K has been spent or committed leaving \$32.2K available.

Recreation Area Rates

- There are 21 Recreation Area Rate Accounts
- The surplus in these accounts at April 1, 2021 was \$1.3M
- Revenues of \$888K have been earned
- Expenses of \$779K have been spent
- The surplus at December 31, 2021 is \$1.4M

Reserves

- Projected available balance in reserves at March 31, 2022 is \$303.6M.
- Projected Reserve Balance:
 - 22/23 - \$297.7M
 - 23/24 - \$307.3M
 - 24/25 - \$337.9M

Aged Accounts Receivable

Property Taxes	\$	19.1M
Local Improvement Charges		12.6M
Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes		9.2M
General Revenue		<u>3.9M</u>
Total Gross Accounts Receivable	\$	<u>44.7M</u>

Capital Projection Summary

Net Budget available before expenditures, December 31, 2021	\$ 382.0M
Spent by December 31, 2021	\$ 147.1M
Projected expenditures to March 31, 2022	\$ 73.4M
Projected Work to Progress into 2022/23	\$ 161.4M

Hospitality Expenditures

- For the three-month period ended December 31, 2021 there were \$838 in 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	-	1,716	-	536	2,252	3,738
Councillor Cathy Deagle-Gammon	1,353	-	365	-	1,718	2,161
Councillor David Hendsbee	-	-	-	-	-	1,093
Councillor Becky Kent	-	-	365	-	-	-
Councillor Trish Purdy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Sam Austin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Tony Mancini	231	-	-	-	231	231
Councillor Waye Mason	-	-	365	-	365	365
Councillor Lindell Smith	52	1,559	365	-	1,976	2,597
Councillor Shawn Cleary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Kathryn Morse	-	-	-	-	-	-
Councillor Patty Cuttell	136	-	365	-	501	737
Councillor Iona Stoddard	-	-	-	-	-	621
Councillor Pam Lovelace	488	-	365	-	853	2,160
Councillor Lisa Blackburn	1,070	-	-	-	1,070	1,370
Councillor Paul Russell	528	-	365	-	893	893
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAO Jacques Dubé	71	-	-	2,163	2,234	2,454
Total	3,928	3,275	2,555	2,699	12,092	18,421