

A Special meeting of the Trenton Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, August 19,2004 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Cathy Cotter  
Deputy Mayor Jim Fraser  
Councillor Owen Clarke  
Councillor Lloyd MacLean  
Councillor Gladys Byrne  
Chief Administrative Officer Debbie Kampen

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cotter.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor MacLean  
“That the Agenda be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

**Presentation of the 2003/04 Audited Financial Statements**

Mr. Michael Corkum, C.A., Principal, Grant Thornton LLP addressed Council presenting the 2003/04 Financial Statements and Auditor’s Report. Mr. Corkum reviewed the statements for General Operating and Water Operating noting a general operating surplus of \$3,502.00. Mr. Corkum highlighted a number of items and thanked Town Council and Staff for their co-operation during the audit.

Moved by Councillor Byrne  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke  
“That the 2003/04 Financial Statements and Auditor’s report be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

**Presentation of the 2004/05 Budget (Operating, Water, and Capital)**

Mayor Cotter vacated as Chair to present the 2004/05 Budget. Deputy Mayor Fraser took the Chair.

Moved by Mayor Cotter  
Seconded by Councillor Byrne  
RESOLVED by the town Council of the Town of Trenton that the statement of estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2004/05 fiscal year amounting to \$3,090,402 and \$3,907,739 respectively be approved;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that after deducting all the estimated revenues other than tax levy, that a tax levy of \$2,041,142 be approved;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the tax rates for 2004-05 be approved at \$2.00 per \$100 of residential assessment and \$5.50 per \$100 of commercial assessment;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that all taxes be due and payable on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2004;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that on and after the due date, interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum (1.25% per month) will be charged on all unpaid amounts;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED that on and after the due date, the said rates and taxes may be collected by warrant of distress.” Motion carried.

Mayor Cotter resumed the Chair.

### **Correspondence**

- Trenton Fire Department – New Member

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

“That Chris Polley be approved as new member to the Trenton Fire Department.” Motion carried.

- Trenton Fire Department – New Member

Moved by Councillor Byrne

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

“That Pat Delaney be approved as new member to the Trenton Fire Department.” Motion carried.

### **Committee Report**

- *Recommendation #1*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

“That on recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee Council approve the “Trails Development Project Scope – Phase 1 – Smelt Brook Trail”. Motion carried.

- *Recommendation #2*

Moved by Councillor MacLean

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

“That on recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve August 22,2004, as the date of the Annual Employee Picnic.” Motion carried.

- *Recommendation #3*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Byrne

“That on recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council tender for the conveyance of stormwater runoff from Oak Street.” Motion carried.

- *Recommendation #4*

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor MacLean

“That on recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council secure the services of CGI Insurance Business Services in the amount of \$2,880.00 inclusive of expenses plus HST for the calculation of required water flows and conducting of water flow tests for the Town of Trenton.” Motion carried.

- *Recommendation #5*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

“That on recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council secure the services of W.H. Gates Utility Consultants Ltd. in the amount of \$6,000.00 plus expenses and HST for a water rate study for the Town of Trenton.” Motion carried.

- *Recommendation #6*

The following tender was received for the 1980 International Salt Truck:

Dan Tupper: \$1,000.00 (including HST)

Moved by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor MacLean

“That on recommendation of Committee of the Whole Council approve the tender received from Dan Tupper in the amount of \$1,000.00 including HST.” Motion carried.

### **Resolution**

- *2004-08-19 – East River Pollution Abatement System (ERPAS)*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Byrne

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Trenton enter into a Loan Agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to borrow the sum of Forty-five Thousand, Seven Hundred, Fifty Dollars (\$45,750.00) in order to fund its commitment to the Pictou County District Planning Commission for the bio-solid upgrade project of the East River Pollution Abatement System (ERPAS). Motion carried.

### **Resolution**

- *Pre-Approval of Debenture Issuance Subject to Interest Rate*

Moved by Deputy Mayor Fraser

Seconded by Councillor Clarke

**WHEREAS** Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

**AND WHEREAS** the resolution of Council to borrow for Various purposes was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on September 22,2003;

**AND WHEREAS** Clause 91(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act authorizes the Council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest on, each debenture when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid;

**AND WHEREAS** Clause 91 (2) of the Municipal Government Act states, that in accordance with the Municipal Finance Corporation, the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer or the person designated by the Council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

### **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT** under the authority of Section 91 of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Trenton borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding Two Hundred, Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$222,000.00) for a period not to exceed five (5) years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;

**THAT** the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Town of Trenton in the amount that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer or the person designated by the Council deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 6.50%;

**THAT** the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

**THAT** this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months form the passing of this resolution.” Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Fraser, meeting adjourned.