

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Present: Mayor Eric Gavin; Deputy Mayor Darren MacKinnon; Councillors Valene Gallant, Kevin Maynard, Darrel Wood, Judy MacIsaac and Joey Dumville (virtually); Recreation Director Andrew Avery; and CAO Bev Shaw.

Regrets:

1. Mayor Gavin called the meeting to order at 5:35 and declared a quorum present.
2. Mayor presented the agenda as following: 1. Tenders for playground equipment, splash pad and maintenance shop; 2. Fire Department executive re 2022/23 budget proposals.
3. **Splash Pad** - Andrew presented a summary of the one and only tender received for the Centennial Park splash pad from ABC Recreation for \$103,215.23 before HST. **Moved by J. Dumville, seconded by D. MacKinnon and carried** that tender for the Centennial Park Splash Pad be accepted from ABC Recreation for \$103,215.23. Note that supply and installation of storm sewer and sanitary sewer, drenches for electric lines and sod to reinstate digging areas is extra and estimated at \$21,500 and will be supplied by local contractors.
Playground structures - Andrew provided a summary of five tenders for playground equipment with two lower quotes from Play Power at \$109,176.12 (HST included) and Tessier at \$109,968.82 (HST included). Council requested better pictures be obtained of the equipment from these two suppliers plus more detail on pricing and what play components are being offered. Council to review again at March 2/22 budget meeting.
Maintenance Shop - Review postponed until March 2/22 budget meeting.
4. Fire Department members Blain Buchanan and Davis Gallant joined our meeting and a discussion followed on the proposed increase in the fire department's budget for 2022-23. Note that changes were made to the loans lines per Bev and Chief's conversation. Meeting agreed that Vehicle Fuel could be reduced by \$2000. As the bottom line was still too high for Council to accept and that it would create hardship for the O'Leary Fire District Committee, the honorariums increase of \$17,000 was reduced to \$26,400 per the following resolution:

Moved by D. MacKinnon, seconded by D. Wood that the total Fire Department budget be approved at \$177,150 for 2022/23 with agreement that Fire Department Bylaw be amended to change the existing formula for eligibility of department members for receipt of honorariums so that more members would meet the criteria and be eligible for compensation. Also agreed that a review be performed over the next year in preparation for proposed increases to the department's honorarium base amount. **Motion carried.**

Davis recommended that the extra honorarium of \$1000 for the Fire Chief be considered for this upcoming year.

5. Adjournment -

Moved by V. Gallant, seconded by D. Wood and carried that meeting adjourn at 7:20 pm.