

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 22, 2023
Approved Minutes

DATE: March 22, 2023
TIME: 4:11 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant; Councillors Jill Chandler; Gordie Cox; Ron Dowling; Jody Jackson; Jeff MacDonald (via Zoom); Jeremy Crosby, CAO; Kim O’Connell; Director of Finance and Technology

REGRETS: Kevin Reynolds, Director of Planning, Development, and Heritage

CHAIR: Mayor Steve Ogden

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steve Ogden called the Special Council Meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and those viewing via social media.

Mayor Ogden took a moment to acknowledge the land upon which we gather is the unceded territory of the Mi’Kmaq people, and we pay our respects to the Indigenous Mi’Kmaq people of this territory past, present, and future.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Jody Jackson and seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Mayor Ogden called on the finance chair, Councillor Ron Dowling to present the 2023/24 budget.

Councillor MacDonald - on behalf of your newly elected Stratford Town Council, it is my pleasure to bring forward some highlights from the 2023/24 Town of Stratford budget. He added that this budget will also be included on the Town’s website and the Town’s newsletter. The budget contains no tax increases to either residential or commercial rates, and only a modest increase in our Stratford utility charges to cover the inflationary expense increases we are incurring.

However, as we have mentioned before, the Town of Stratford continues to face significant pressure from growth. Growth, over time, can lead to increased revenue for the Town, but in the short term periods of growth put pressure on our finances. The Town is required to deliver expanded services, including water and sewer infrastructure, trails, sidewalks,

increased recreational and cultural programming, and police and fire protection in order for the growth to occur.

The Town has been working alongside fellow municipalities through the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM) to negotiate an increase to the current revenue sharing agreement with the Province of PEI. These funds are necessary to allow communities like ours to deliver the services and programs to our residents that we are responsible for through the Municipal Government Act (MGA), and more importantly, that we want to be able to provide to you. We remain optimistic that following the election, a fresh approach can be found that will provide a long-term model that is predictable, stable, and fair.

We recognize that we have a lot to celebrate in Stratford – a community of like-minded individuals who value our increasing diversity and culture alongside our history, who appreciate our natural environment and enjoy the growing active transportation connections we are making, and who are willing to engage with us and participate in various opportunities to provide feedback, thoughts, and ideas. Our community is special, and though it is growing and ever changing – finding the right balance remains our commitment. We are always listening and looking out for the best interests of both our current and future residents. We are truly building the best community possible!

Revenue and Expenses

The 2023/24 Town of Stratford budget forecast revenue of \$9,696,600, which includes government transfers of \$1,655,000 and expenses of \$9,696,300, resulting in a surplus of just \$300. Like all Island municipalities, the Town of Stratford is limited in the sources of revenue available, and relies primarily on property taxes, utility charges, and fees to pay for our services and infrastructure. While there are no tax increases for the coming budget year, our ability to maintain, and particularly to expand or offer additional services, programming and infrastructure is limited. As with the previous Council, the current Council remains committed to being fiscally responsible with your tax dollars while also balancing the needs of our community.

Our 2023/24 budget includes continued investment in our community through priorities important to you – parks and green spaces, active transportation, tree planting and forest management planning, climate change mitigation, and more.

As we are all experiencing in our personal lives, so too is the Town of Stratford feeling the impact of inflation. We continue to see many of our goods and services rise across our operational and capital expenses. Though we have been allocating for increases, it has certainly had an effect on our available funds and overall costs to deliver services and programming, as well as on infrastructure.

Capital Budgets – The Town’s capital budget is \$21,506,600 which after infrastructure funding and other funding partners in the amount of \$15,660,300, will have a net cost of \$5,846,300. Funding for Town capital includes \$1,021,200 in New Deal Gas Tax Funding, \$12,204,400 in Investing in Canada Funding, and \$2,434,700 in other funding.

The Utility Capital Budget is \$6,106,000 of which the Town will receive infrastructure funding of \$1,058,700 from the Municipal Strategic Component Funding, \$1,073,600 from the Investing in Canada Fund, and \$400,600 in other funding for a net capital of \$3,573,100.

Shape Stratford - The Town of Stratford was awarded 1.1 million dollars through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation’s (CMHC) Housing Supply Challenge for an 18 month project, with a goal of finding solutions around barriers to new housing supply. By working together and having conversation in our community, we can identify and close gaps, and create goals to achieve suitable housing for all.

Current zoning in Stratford and other Island municipalities necessitates a high frequency of Council consideration of zoning and approvals that most often result in adversarial public meetings on development projects. There is a systemic challenge built into the existing process in building public and Council support for projects that increase density due to the values associated with traditional patterns of low density development.

Community Campus

Tenders have been issued for the site servicing work that will get underway later this spring on the community campus lands. This is an exciting time as the first phase of work gets underway on this multi-phase, multi-year project. An application has been submitted for funding to begin developing the recreational and cultural infrastructure on the property, and if successful, could see design work later this year. The Town continues to have many positive conversations with a variety of organizations expressing interest in becoming partners with the Town of Stratford. We will continue to work with these groups where possible for the development of recreational and cultural infrastructure on the community campus.

The Stratford Community Campus Master Plan was released last spring and is available to the public on the Town’s website. It includes a site plan with elements and amenities laid out in accordance with their relationship to one another, and showing where the roads, water and sewer services, electrical and communication services, stormwater infrastructure, and active transportation infrastructure will be located, following the natural topography to the extent possible. The plan also includes a phasing scheme to enable the campus to be developed in an orderly fashion; however, funding opportunities and community needs may also dictate the development.

This property will become a focal point of our community in the future and will include the previously announced high school by the Province of PEI that is expected to begin in the coming construction year. In time, the community campus will provide Stratford residents with a recreation, cultural, and social hub that will provide physical, social, and mental health benefits.

Michael Thomas Waterfront Park - Stratford residents and visitors can soon expect to see the first phase of the new park on our waterfront begin with the installation of a board walk to allow residents to access this space. The connection to Charlottetown from the boardwalk across the active transportation lane on the Hillsborough Bridge will bring opportunity for further development of the commercial lands around the waterfront park.

Community Energy Plan – with further information to be released in the near future, including the full report, residents will be pleased to know that previously set out targets in the Town’s Community Energy Plan have been met earlier than scheduled. We will be working this year to update and set new targets for the future.

Pondside Watershed Restoration – though delayed following hurricane cleanup efforts this past fall – 2023 will see the work continued to restore the Pondside Watershed. Work will include the dredging of both Moore’s and Kelly’s ponds, and the rehabilitation of the wetland and buffer zones surrounding the ponds. Town staff, Council, and residents are excited to see this project funded and moving forward.

Investments in Staffing Resources – as the Town of Stratford continues to grow, some identified staffing resource investments are once again being made in the upcoming year. The Town of Stratford’s budget included the continuation of a 36 week position in the planning department of a planning and development technician, and a full time planner position to work under our existing planner for succession planning, and a 50% position for administrative support.

Other Highlights

- Expansion of the transit system
- Core area development and potential zoning changes
- Installation in further active transportation, including a paved multi-use path on Kinlock Road from JK Beauty Lane to the Trans Canada Highway
- Sustainable developments for the splash pad
- Solar panel installation at the Stratford Emergency Services Centre (subject to funding)
- Purchase of a new electric vehicle to add to the Town’s fleet

- Implementation of additional supports identified in the first annual business survey and other consultations
- Completion of a Town organizational review
- Increase to the Stratford Youth Centre operational budget
- Outdoor rink liner for the Bunbury Rink
- Additional professional fees to help the planning department with the development of potential short term rental and food vendor bylaws
- Expansion of the parking lot at Cotton Park
- Renewable upgrades for Town buildings

Utility Update – the Stratford Utility operates on a cash recovery basis and as such, the Town continually analyzes expenses to ensure that the rates for customers are equitable among our customers, while being sufficient to meet our long term needs. With rising inflationary expense increases over the past year, a modest increase to the base rate of water and sewer rates is required. The combined increase to the base rate amounts to a quarterly increase of \$13,85 based on the single family dwelling rate, or \$55.40 annually. Stratford Utility customers continue to demonstrate their support by limiting their personal use of water where possible and supporting conservation methods and programs.

The past year saw the former lagoon site backfilled and landscaped. This project remains exciting for our Town and will allow us to develop a much-needed park space on our waterfront. This site will be green with grass this coming spring for the first time since 1980.

The 2023/24 Stratford Utility budget included \$3,489,100 in revenue consisting primarily of metered and unmetered utility customer rates. The expenses are budgeted to be \$3,485,900 resulting in a surplus of \$3,200.

Further budget investments include construction of an additional water reservoir tower to supply domestic water and provide further fire protection for our growing community, as well as upgrades to the Corish sewage pump station and forcemain, with the ultimate goal to redirect the Corish station flows away from the Pondside station and into the gravity trunk main instead. The completion of upgrades to the Bunbury sewage pumping station to accommodate the current and future growth in that area will also take place with tenders issued in the near future.

The 2023/24 budget year will see the Utility continuing to implement the inflow and infiltration reduction program as a means to minimize the amount of water entering the sewer system that does not require treatment. Given that we are now pumping our sewage to Charlottetown this work is even more important to complete and will reduce the amount of surface and ground water seeping into the sewer system. The Utility continues to monitor

and review the sewer system to identify areas that require attention and repairs. In 2022, we were able to rehabilitate 205 meters of sewer by using innovative technology where the existing pipe was lined through manhole access with no excavation work required.

In Closing – on behalf of all members of Council, I first would like to thank our Town staff for their on-going efforts. I can assure you they are working hard for you every day and are mindful of the budgets set forth and any expenses incurred. Secondly, I would like to thank my fellow Council members for their hard work and committed learning curve, because for many of us this is our first budget together. Finally, I would like to thank our great residents. Your trust in us to make the right decisions, no matter how tough, on your behalf is not something we take for granted. You should be proud of the work undertaken in this budget, and in our wonderful community. There are a great many things to be proud of and to celebrate about, and in, our community. Please take advantage of the opportunity to have your voice included as they arise through the Town's various engagement efforts and get involved in community life – you help make it better!

Mayor Ogden asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the report before moving on to the resolutions, but there were none.

Mayor Ogden took a moment to welcome MLA Michele Beaton to the meeting and thanked her for attending.

Mayor Ogden noted that it was suggested by one of our residents in the annual survey that we are a growing town and we have growing needs, and he felt this needed to be recognized. Our population is currently over 11,000 and we are on our way to becoming a city when we reach 15,000 in the not so distant future. He noted that our population has grown, and we have a lot of things that need to be put in place because our infrastructure has not kept up.

Mayor Ogden stated that he looks forward to major accomplishments this year such as the waterfront walkway, Michael Thomas Park, community campus infrastructure development, new water tower, and the dredging and restoration of Moore's and Kelly's Pond. He noted that all these things together make for a very busy year. I want to thank staff and I want to thank our chair of the Finance and Technology Committee.

3. Resolution FT003-2023 Adoption of the 2023/24 Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Ron Dowling

Seconded by Councillor Jeff MacDonald

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BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023/24 Town of Stratford Operating Budget with revenue of \$9,696,600 and expenses of \$9,696,300 for a surplus of \$300, be hereby approved in accordance with the following revenue and expense tables:

	Actual 2022	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
Property Tax	\$5,137,339	\$5,565,700	\$6,195,800
CUSA Grant	\$1,327,833	\$1,408,700	\$1,655,000
Salary Recovery	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Rent Income	\$708,999	\$671,100	\$685,200
Police Fines	48,917	\$60,000	\$80,000
Fees and Permits	\$160,409	\$163,200	\$160,700
Interest Income			
Recreation	\$116,318	\$118,700	\$139,300
Other	\$483,042	\$508,400	\$770,600
Total Operating Revenue	\$7,992,857	\$8,505,800	\$9,696,600
Government Grants	2,576,819	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$10,569,676	\$8,505,800	\$9,696,600

Operating	Actual 2022	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
General Government Expenses	\$3,508,164	\$3,848,200	\$4,479,000
Finance Expenses	\$723,604	\$987,600	\$1,098,000
Recreation Expenses	\$722,248	\$812,300	\$866,400
Infrastructure Expenses	\$1,258,461	\$1,615,200	\$1,703,300
Planning Expenses	\$351,311	\$427,400	\$589,600
Depreciation	\$839,250	\$808,300	\$960,000
Total Expenses	\$7,403,038	\$8,499,000	\$9,696,300
Operating	Actual 2022	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
Total Surplus	\$589,819	\$6,800	\$300
Add: Depreciation	\$839,250	\$808,300	\$960,000

Less: Principal payment	(\$730,805)	(\$858,000)	(\$518,200)
Total Cash Flow Surplus	\$698,264	-\$42,900	\$442,100

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- The non-commercial municipal tax rate be set at \$0.45 per \$100 of assessment for 2023.
- The non-commercial non-resident municipal tax rate be set at \$0.66 per \$100 of assessment for 2023.
- The non-commercial apartment municipal tax rate be set at \$0.66 per \$100 of assessment for 2023.
- the non-commercial non resident apartment municipal tax rate be set at \$1.32 per \$100 of assessment for 2023.
- The non-commercial motel municipal tax rate be set at \$0.66 per \$100 of assessment for 2023.
- The non-commercial non resident motel municipal tax rate be set at \$1.32 per \$100 of assessment for 2023.
- The commercial municipal tax rate be set at \$1.25 per \$100 of assessment for 2023.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

4. Resolution FT004-2023 Adoption of the 2023/24 Capital Budget and Four Year Capital Plan

Moved by Councillor Jeff MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Ron Dowling

WHEREAS as part of the new Municipal Government Act the Town of Stratford is required to submit a five year capital expenditure plan that includes an asset management program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023/24 Capital Budget per the following schedules be approved in the amount of \$21,506,600 less New Deal funding of \$1,021,200, less Investing in Canada funding of \$12,204,400 other funding of \$2,434,700 for a net Town Capital Budget of \$5,846,300.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached four year capital plan covering the years 2024/25 to 2027/28 per the following schedules be approved.

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Capital	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
Park Development	\$100,000	\$200,000
Recreation Centre Equipment	\$9,000	\$9,000
Recreation Capital Projects	\$88,000	\$357,500
Sidewalk/Bike Path/Trail Construction	\$1,282,900	\$2,453,600
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	\$3,500	
Street Lighting	\$20,000	\$35,000
Equipment Replacements/Additions	\$182,500	\$118,000
Town Centre Capital Repairs/Additions	\$111,000	\$205,000
Cotton Park Building Repairs/Additions	\$138,600	\$43,600
Other Building/Grounds Repairs/Additions	\$5,000	\$85,000
Electric Bike Sharing Program		\$125,000
Public Art	\$25,000	\$25,000
Computer Hardware	\$42,500	\$23,500
Solar on Town Buildings	\$377,300	\$550,000
Waterfront Park	\$1,910,000	\$2,400,000
Land		\$200,000
Community Campus Phase 1	15,224,500	13,829,100
Transit	\$105,000	\$187,000
Traffic Calming	\$25,000	\$15,000
Pondside Watershed Restoration	\$315,000	\$625,300
Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park		
Maintenance Building		\$20,000
Total Capital Expenses	\$19,964,800	\$21,506,600

Capital Funding	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2022/23
New Deal Funding	\$2,794,400	\$1,021,200
ACOA Funding	\$985,000	\$750,000
Canada 150 Fund		
Investing in Canada	\$10,512,100	\$12,204,400
TIE sidewalk/bike lane Partnership	\$537,500	\$1,123,900
Other Grants	\$229,600	\$560,800
Total Capital Funding	\$15,058,600	\$15,660,300

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Reserve Allocation		
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Net Capital Expenditure	\$4,906,200	\$5,846,300
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Four Year Capital Plan

Capital	Budget 2024/ 25	Budget 2025/ 26	Budget 2026/ 27	Budget 2027/ 28
Other Building/Grounds Repairs/Additions	\$ 252,500.00	\$ 215,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Recreation Equipment	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Traffic Calming	\$ 20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Street Lighting	\$ 20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Lights on Robert Cotton Trail				
Signage				
Active Transportation Path Construction/Sidewalk	\$ 850,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Park Development	\$ 150,000	150,000	100,000	150,000
Public Art	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Waterfront Park & Connecting Trails (TBD)	\$ 1,848,700	1,848,700	1,848,700	1,693,400
Computer Replacement	\$ 17,500	17,500	15,000	15,000
Equipment Replacements	\$ 50,000		70,000	70,000
Transit	\$ 170,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Electric Bike Sharing Program				
Town Centres Additions/Replacements	\$ 525,000			300,000
Shore Access	\$ 571,300			
Community School Campus	\$ 15,000,000	15,000,000		
Total Capital Expenses	\$ 19,509,000	\$ 18,125,200	\$ 2,947,700	\$ 3,142,400
Capital Funding	Budget 2023/ 24	Budget 2024/ 25	Budget 2025/ 26	Budget 2027/ 28
Investing in Canada	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 7,500,000		
New Deal Funding	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Other Funding	\$ 459,400			
Total Capital Funding	\$ 8,309,400	\$ 7,850,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Net Capital Expenditure	\$ 11,199,600	\$ 10,275,200	\$ 2,597,700	\$ 2,792,400

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

5. Resolution FT005-2023/24 Adoption of 2023/24 Utility Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Jeff MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Ron Dowling

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BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2023-24 Stratford Utility Corporation operating budget with revenues of \$3,489,100 and expenses of \$3,485,900 for a surplus of \$3,200 be approved as follows:

Revenue	Actual 2022	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
Unmetered Sales Sewer	\$313,817	\$283,000	\$329,500
Unmetered Sales Water	\$64,701	\$55,100	\$62,900
Metered Sales Sewer	\$1,537,805	\$1,634,500	\$1,747,300
Metered Sales Water	\$1,058,937	\$1,150,500	\$1,225,100
Frontage Charges Sewer	\$28,150	\$27,000	\$29,000
Frontage Charges Water	7,576	\$7,100	\$7,500
Penalty Charges/Late Fees	\$29,773	\$36,000	\$36,000
Connection Fees	\$8,600	\$7,200	\$6,800
Interest Income	\$1,059		
Other Income	\$77,792	\$57,000	\$45,000
Donated Capital			
Total Operating Revenue	\$3,128,210	\$3,257,400	\$3,489,100
Government Grants	\$3,132,989	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$6,261,199	\$3,257,400	\$3,489,100
Total Expenses	\$3,123,452	\$3,256,500	\$3,485,900
Total Surplus	\$3,137,747	\$900	\$3,200
Less: Donated Capital	(\$1,726,941)		
Less: Government Transfers	(\$1,406,048)		
Add: Depreciation	\$1,098,850	\$1,226,800	\$1,401,700
Less: Principal payments	(\$740,029)	(\$695,000)	(\$655,000)
Total Cash Flow Surplus	\$363,579	\$532,700	\$749,900

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

6. **Resolution FT006-2023 Adoption of the 2023/24 Utility Capital Budget**

Moved by Councillor Ron Dowling

Seconded by Jeff MacDonald

WHEREAS as part of the new Municipal Government Act the Town of Stratford is required to submit a five year capital expenditure plan that includes an asset management program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following tables for the 2023/24 Utility Capital Budget be approved in the amount of \$6,106,000 less Investing in Canada funding of \$1,073,600, Municipal Strategic Component funding of \$1,058,800 and other funding \$400,600 for a net Capital expenditure of \$3,573,100.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following table for the four year capital plan be approved covering the years 2024/25 to 2027/28.

Capital	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
Misc Capital Items	\$107,000	\$241,000
Water and Sewer Extensions	\$2,687,000	\$5,690,000
Replace Treatment Plant		
Inflow Infiltration Study Recommendations	\$100,000	\$100,000
Solar Array Water Stations	\$51,500	
SCADA Upgrades		
Metering	\$31,600	\$75,000
Total Capital Expenses	\$2,977,100	\$6,106,000
Capital Funding	Budget 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
Other Funding		\$600
MSC Funding		\$1,058,800
Investing in Canada	\$1,693,400	\$1,073,600
Disaster Mitigation		\$400,000
Total Capital Funding	\$1,693,400	\$2,532,900
Net Capital Expenditure	\$1,283,700	\$3,573,100

Four Year Capital Plan

Capital	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Budget 2027/28
Misc Capital Items	\$100,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$25,000
Water and Sewer Extensions	\$5,235,800	\$9,359,700	\$6,549,900	\$8,867,300
Inflow Infiltration Recommendations	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Meter Inventory	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Total Capital Expenses	\$5,510,800	\$9,559,700	\$6,824,900	\$9,067,300
Capital Funding	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Budget 2027/28
Investing in Canada	\$2,923,500	\$6,605,400	\$4,515,900	\$6,355,700
Total Capital Funding	\$2,923,500	\$6,605,400	\$4,515,900	\$6,355,700
Net Capital Expenditure	\$2,587,300	\$2,954,300	\$2,309,000	\$2,711,600

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

7. Resolution FT007-2023 Approval of the Utility Tariff

Moved by Councillor Ron Dowling

Seconded by Jeff MacDonald

WHEREAS a comprehensive review of water and sewer expenses, as well as a projected 5 year capital plan was completed in 2020; and

WHEREAS these projections were analyzed through utility rate models to determine the rates for the water and sewer rate payers; and

WHEREAS expenses have increased substantially due to the high cost of inflation there will be an increase to utility rates for the current year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Stratford Utility tariff for 2023, which incorporates the following, be hereby approved:

- the unmetered water rate for a single family dwelling (SFD) will increase to \$88.20 per quarter as of April 2023
- The unmetered sewer rate for a single family dwelling (SFD) will increase to \$132.07 per quarter as of April 2023

- The water base rate for a 5/8 meter customer will increase to \$39.12 per quarter as of April 2023;
- The sewer base rate for a 5/8 meter customer will increase to \$58.56 per quarter as of April 2023;
- the consumption charge for metered water will remain at \$0.9680 per cubic metre as of April 2023; and
- the consumption charge for metered sewer will remain at \$1.4530 per cubic meter as of April 2023.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

8. Resolution INC001-2023 New Water Reservoir Design and Build Services

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant
Seconded by Councillor Jody Jackson

WHEREAS funding, in the amount of \$587,145.98 has been obtained through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to construct a second water reservoir alongside the existing reservoir on Georgetown Road to increase water storage capacity needed for the significant growth and increased water demand within the town; and

WHEREAS a request for proposals was issued for the design & build services for a new water reservoir to be constructed with only one submission received on February 15, 2023, from Greatario Engineered Storage Systems (Greatario) at a cost of \$1,241,000.00 HST (Excluded); and

WHEREAS Greatario has a proven track record with many water reservoir projects throughout Atlantic Canada and across Canada, including the town's current water reservoir; and

WHEREAS funding has been approved in the capital budget for \$1,300,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Water Reservoir Design & Build Services project be awarded to Greatario Engineered Storage Systems in the amount of \$1,241,000.00 (HST excluded).

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

9. Resolution INC002-2023 Kinlock Road Multi-Purpose Pathway

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant
Seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox

WHEREAS three tenders were received on February 24, 2023, for the construction of a paved pathway extending from the Trans Canada Highway to JK Beauty Lane, on the east side of Kinlock Road, with results as follows:

Contractor	Bid Excluding HST
Island Coastal Services Ltd.	\$497,216.00
Landmark Construction	\$621,895.50
Earthform	\$754,675.00

AND WHEREAS funding through the Prince Edward Island Active Transportation Fund, equal to 50% of the eligible costs to a maximum of \$265,434.79 has been obtained, and the capital budget amount approved for the construction and site supervision of the project in \$573,850.00; and

WHEREAS the engineering construction management and inspection fee is estimated to be \$28,180.00 excluding HST, for an estimated project total of \$525,396.00 excluding HST.

BE IT RESOLVED that the construction of the Kinlock Road Multi-Purpose Pathway be awarded to Island Coastal Services Ltd. in the amount of \$497,216.00 (HST excluded).

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

10. Resolution CW008-2023 Federation of PEI Municipalities Appointment of Board Member Representative

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant

Seconded by Councillor Jody Jackson

WHEREAS the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM) constitution allows for a member of the Stratford Town Council to serve as a member on the FPEIM Board; and

WHEREAS Mayor Steve Ogden was nominated and agreed to put his name forward to serve on the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Steve Ogden be appointed to serve as a member of the FPEIM Board of Directors as the Town's representative for the four year term following the April 24, 2023, Annual Meeting.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

11. Resolution CW009-2023 Approval of the Potential Election of Mayor Steve Ogden to the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Moved by Councillor Jody Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of member municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the united voice required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's hybrid Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held May 24 to 29, 2023, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held, followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Town of Stratford Prince Edward Island endorse Mayor Steve Ogden to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in May of 2023 and ending in June 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council assumes all costs associated with Mayor Steve Ogden's attending the FCM Board of Directors meetings.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

Mayor Ogden took a moment to thank everyone for all their hard work on the budget.

23. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Steve Ogden

Jeremy Crosby, CAO