



**Minutes
Budget Meeting**

**November 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre, 9 Bicentennial Rd., Riverside-Albert, NB**

Present: Mayor Rochon
Councillor Elderkin
Councillor Land
Councillor Jonah
Councillor Coates
Councillor Ward-Russell
Deputy Mayor Ereaux

Staff Present: Linda Sabourin – CAO
Jillian Hutchinson - Treasurer
Ian Barrett – Director of Operations (arrived late)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochon called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. Adoption of Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Councillor Jonah and **SECONDED** by Councillor Elderkin **THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented

MOTION CARRIED (unanimously)

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

NONE

4. Budget Deliberations

Administration spoke about the questions that council had posed at the last Budget Deliberation meeting on November 19, 2024.

Mayor Rochon resumed the line by line review of the proposed budget picking up where he left off at the last budget meeting, the next item is Environmental Health Services. Councillors had the chance to weigh in on changes they felt needed to make as the review progressed.

Councillor Land left at 10:06am and returned at 10:09am

Director of Operations arrived at 10:15am

Deliberations paused for a break at 10:33am resumed at 10:42am

Councillor Ward Russell left at 11:40am and returned at 11:44am

Councillor Coates left at 11:46am and returned at 11:49am

Deliberations paused for lunch at 12:06pm resumed at 12:52pm.

It was decided that the Utilities budget would be discussed at a later meeting when all the financials have been received from the auditor.

Council decided to have another Budget Deliberation Meeting on December 4, 2024. Advertising for the next meeting will be made clearer to ensure the public knows council wants to hear what they have to say about the proposed budget.

5. Public Statements and Inquiries

None

6. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Jonah that the meeting be adjourned at 2:19pm.

Mayor

Clerk