

RSC Budget

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- RSC budget has been proposed by the RSC Finance Committee
- Vote is Oct 24th



RSC Budget Process

- RSC staff prepare budget and present to Finance Committee – complete
- RSC Finance Committee approves, furtherance to Board - complete
- RSC info brief to CAOs - complete
- Formal amendments (by a Director) NLT 24 September - complete
- Budget will be before the board on 24 October 2024

City of Fredericton funds ~56% of RSC costs



RSC Budget

- RSC revenue increased \$4.1 million (expenses increased by \$2.7 million or 16%).
 - 70% (\$1 million) increase in revenue from RSSF that is built into operational budgets, other revenue from SPYS
 - COF contribution is **decreased by \$210,524**
 - Tipping fees for solid waste are **remaining the same** (\$104)
- Corporate Services has significant increases:
 - Governance: honorariums = 26.6%, training & development = 80%, meetings = 66.7%
 - Administration: office building expenses = 263.7%, public relations = 700%
- Allocation of expenses to Local Planning from Corporate Services has been reduced
 - no benefit to CoF
- Community Development has significant increases in all expense categories (33.3% up to 100.9%) in existing lines and new lines for Advertising & Public Relations (\$40K) and Professional Services (\$75K).
- Regional Sport has a \$40K increase (200%) for professional services



RSC Budget Analysis

- Decrease in cost to City is based on:
 - Increase in RSSF applied across business lines
 - Significant second previous year surplus (SPYS)
 - RSSF and SPYS = out year risk
- Increases are:
 - Community Development – across the business lines
 - FTEs x 2: “Governance” new, and baseline a contracted “Community Development”
 - Rent increase for new building
 - Regional sport – ~40K
 - Trail Connectivity - ~70K



City Analysis of RSC Budget

- Fairness Issues:
 - CoF funds 55% of all costs (less land planning):
 - has 33% of vote
 - CoF existing contributions not considered
 - RSSF being used to decrease costs in land planning
 - No benefit to 70% of the tax base - CoF, VONM or Oromocto
 - No changes to funding of travel and meeting costs
 - CoF subsidizing others on mandated services
- Items for which staff do not have clear substantiation:
 - Top heavy organization
 - Community development overlap: Social Inclusion, GFSI
 - Trail Connectivity, Regional Sport



Resolutions submitted to RSC

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board allocates Regional Services Support Fund (RSSF) funding to mandated services that apply to all member local governments and that \$156,500 in grants from RSSF be re-allocated from Local Planning Services to Economic Development.
2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT no new positions be added to the Capital Region Service Commission Budget for 2025, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Corporate Services budget be reduced by \$80,000 and the Community Development Services budget be reduced by \$90,000.
3. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board re-allocates expenses for the Trail Connectivity to those communities that need support, so that only communities that require initial support are funding the service.
4. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board directs the CRSC staff to conduct a duplication analysis of social inclusion / community development staffing including City of Fredericton office of social inclusion, Greater Fredericton Social Inclusion (GFSI) and current CRSC staff to identify possible budgetary reductions.

