



QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2014, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall

Members Present: Mayor G. Murray Driscoll
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson

Members Absent: Councillor Gary Clark (illness)
Councillor Lisa Loughery (illness)

Staff Present Brennan, Michael; CAO
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
McGraw, Jo-Anne; Town Treasurer
McPhee, Richard; Town Solicitor
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. **Mayor's Comments** – No comments at this time.

3. **Moment of Reflection** – Councillor Miller led the meeting in prayer.

4. **Disclosures of Interest** - No disclosures were declared.

5. Presentations (none)

6. Public Hearings (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1. February 4, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared. Motion Carried.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business (none)

9. Correspondence

- 9.1. Queen Construction Ltd.'s Rezoning Application – Residential (R1) to Integrated Development (ID) Zone - Stonehurst Pocket Subdivision, PID No.'s 00252833 and 00252809 - In Attendance: Jim Scott, SCLA of Trace Planning & Design, and George Queen & Family, Queen Construction Ltd.**

Mr. Jim Scott, on behalf of Queen Construction Ltd., made presentation to Council requesting the rezoning of approximately 19.2 acres of land from Residential (R1) to Integrated Development (ID) for the purpose of constructing a mixed style residential housing complex and a proposed Neighbourhood Commercial development. The proposal, identified as the Stonehurst Pocket Subdivision, would be accessible by way of the Pettingill Road, Devonshire Crescent and Westminster Drive. The housing would be Condominium and Distinct Ownership, and offer the following three (3) styles:

- Two and three bedroom Single Family Bungalow models,
- Three 6 unit terrace style buildings; and
- Three 10 unit terrace style buildings.

The overall number of dwelling units total seventy-five (75), and will be constructed in phases. In addition, Mr. Scott stated, the proposal will include a one (1) acre parcel, adjacent to the Pettingill Road, as the site of a yet to be determined Neighbourhood Commercial style development. The development will also encompass 5.1 acres of dedicated park area and trail development, and will retain much of the natural vegetation and use of the streams for stormwater management. The street design connectivity will encourage only local traffic to use the 800 meters of new public street. Hydrogeological reviews have

determined there is sufficient water supply to meet the proposal's demand, and it would be connected to municipal sanitary sewerage system. Mr. Scott concluded noting it is an exciting project that intends to fill a gap in the community's housing market that does not exist today.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Council refer the proposed rezoning application to a Public Presentation date of March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to be advertised in accordance with Section 25 of the *Community Planning Act*.

Motion Carried

9.1.1. Letter from Jean & George Sanders In Support of Proposed Development

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

The Sanders' letter be referred to the public hearing process.

Motion Carried

9.2. Request from Jack Burnham - Extension of Curb on Legend Lane – Mr.

Burnham's letter related over the past 10 years, development has occurred at the top of Legend Lane and has changed the course of the water flow. Further, the street was paved last summer, and is now 10 cm higher than it initially was. On January 12, 2014, rain water came down the hill from the new lots at the top of Canterbury and did damage to civic address 20 Legend Lane. A wall of ice along the edge of their lot at 22 Legend Lane kept the water from entering on their property. Mr. Burnham requested that the Town extend the existing curb another 110 meters up the street to prevent this from happening again.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Mr. Burnham's request to extend the curb another 110 meters on Legend Lane to address drainage issues be referred to the Town's Engineering Department for review.

Motion Carried

9.3. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Brunswick - Request for Letter of Commendation in Recognition of Petty Officer Second Class Stephan Belangér –

Correspondence from Commanding Officer E. A. Syvertsen-Bitten, requested a

letter from the Mayor congratulating Petty Officer Second Class Stephan Belang r on his upcoming retirement from the Canadian Forces.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

A congratulatory letter be issued to Senior Petty Officer Stephan Belang r, from the Mayor's Office, acknowledging his outstanding career with the Canadian Forces as a Marine Engineer Technician of HMCS Brunswick, noting the high esteem with which he is regarded by his country, his home town and his shipmates, and wishing him all the best in his retirement.

Motion Carried

- 9.4. Councillor Kirk Miller Re Comex, QMA and Pet Licenses – Councillor Miller's correspondence made the following requests:

Comex Subsidy – Request for the Saint John Transit Comex Committee to make a presentation to Council by the end of June, including its ridership numbers and its plans for additional bus routes.

Councillor Olsen, who serves on the Comex Committee, stated ridership numbers are low, but those riders who use the bus do use it regularly.

QMA Lifespan – Request for Staff to do an analysis for presentation to Council by September to determine what would be the results of moving all ice to the qplex to enable better discussions during budget.

The CAO stated the QMA was built in 1982, and the Town does continue to spend money maintaining it to keep it in good condition. He estimated it has a lifespan of another 25 years, but feels a Consultant could provide a more accurate estimation as to its life span.

Pet Licences – Request to Staff to prepare a report indicating costs to administer pet licences, as well as overall animal control costs, including options to make this service more cost efficient.

The CAO reported the Town currently charges \$10 for its pet licences, but noted the issuance of pet tags is intended more as a control service than a revenue service. He noted the Town issues between 500 – 600 dog licenses per year, yet there is probably more like 8000 dogs in Quispamsis. The purpose of the tags is to identify the dogs. In comparison, he noted Hampton currently charges \$20 for a lifetime license, and Rothesay does not charge a fee unless it is a replacement fee, (\$10).

Saint John Transit – Comex Service

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The Saint John Transit Commission be asked to make a presentation to Council on the Comex Service by June, 2014, including an update on current ridership numbers, initiatives to increase ridership and plans for the addition of further routes in and out of the City of Saint John.

Motion Carried

Lifespan of Quispamsis Memorial Arena

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Staff be requested to do an analysis of the lifespan of the Quispamsis Memorial Arena and the future plans for a second ice surface at the qplex for Council's review as part of the 2015 budget process.

Motion Carried

Animal Control Service (Pet Licenses)

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Staff be asked to prepare a report on Animal Control, including costs of this service and a review of the existing pet licensing fees, and recommendations on alternative options for this service, and report be submitted to Council by September, 2014.

Motion Carried

- 9.5. Letter from Dirk Larooi Re Budget Process – Mr. Larooi's correspondence expressed his concern with the lack of transparency in the approval process of the Town's budget, and asked Council, in future, to have its budget debates in open session. He also expressed concerns about the fire and police department budgets.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

A response be issued to Mr. Larooi thanking him for his comments and providing him with the information concerning the budget deliberation process and associated documentation.

Motion Carried

On the question, Mayor Driscoll recommended that although the Town has been following the Province of New Brunswick's Local Government Resource guidelines, in light of recent press coverage, Council appoint an Ad Hoc Committee whose mandate will be to review the current budget practices with the view towards making future budget processes more accessible to the public.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Council accept the recommendation of Mayor Driscoll to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee whose mandate will be to review the current budget process, and formalize plans to make future budget processes more accessible to the public.

Motion Carried

- 9.6. Private Members' Bill C-442, An Act to Create a National Lyme Disease Strategy – Correspondence from Elizabeth May, MP, Leader of the Green Party of Canada – Ms. May's correspondence urged Canadians to lobby the House of Commons requesting they enact Bill C-442, a bill that would bring together Canada's Health Ministers, medical professionals, scientists and the advocates for Canadians with Lyme Disease to work toward common goals, increasing awareness and prevention, ensuring accurate diagnoses, tracking the spread of the disease and establishing national standards for the care and treatment of Lyme that reflects best practices.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council request MP, the Honourable Rob Moore, and MP, Rodney Weston to support Elizabeth May's proposed Bill C442 at the upcoming March 4, 2014 House of Commons debate on the National Lyme Disease Strategy Act, and residents also be encouraged to ask their MP's to support this Bill.

Motion Carried

- 9.7. Bernard Beukeveld on Railway Speed and Safety on Secondary Railway Main Lines - Request to Send Letter to Federal Minister of Transportation – Mr. Beukeveld expanded upon his correspondence concerning railway speed and safety on secondary railway main lines. Quispamsis is on the secondary mainline between Moncton and Saint John, the main line is the track between Vancouver and Halifax.

The community, Mr. Beukeveld said, should be concerned about the number of train derailments that have been occurring as of late in North America. He noted when he made presentation to Council back in November, he was disappointed by Council's action to refer the matter to its EMO Preparedness Planning, which is legislated to react to a mishap. A more effective response of Council, he suggested, would be to write to Governments urging them to upgrade the regulation under the *Railway Safety Act* to address the maintenance of railway right of way, and further that highly flammable Transportation of Dangerous Goods not be transported on railway right of ways unless the Tracks are classified as Class 4 or Class 5.

He noted the challenge faced in all of Canada is the internal control mechanism of railway companies, in that they are permitted to self-police their railway lines. Transport Canada is currently understaffed and does not have the railway inspectors nor safety auditor resources to safely audit the railway. If the railway companies come across a piece of track not up to Class 5, it is within their authority to downgrade the track to a Class 2, and reduce the speed but they are still permitted to transport hazardous goods. In closing, Mr. Bernard referenced a study done by the American Association of Railways that quoted per million train miles on Class 5 major railway lines, 1.4 derailments, compared to on the shorter secondary lines, 6.09 derailments.

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

BE IT RESOLVED in light of recent derailment incidences, and considering a secondary railway line runs through the Town of Quispamsis, in the interest of the safety of Quispamsis residents, the following requests be made to The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport Canada:

1. Procedures be established to ensure that proper maintenance of railway right-of-ways lines are being addressed,
2. The transportation of highly flammable transportation of dangerous goods only be permitted on railway lines that are classified as Class 4 or Class 5, and,
3. The Town be provided with an update on the condition of the railway lines that run through Quispamsis' boundaries.

Motion Carried

- 9.8. Snow Removal - December 16, 2014 Snow Storm - 911 Emergency- (Names Redacted for Privacy) - Correspondence from a Quispamsis resident applauded one of the Town's snowplow contractors for his act of heroism during the February 16, 2014 snow storm. A medical emergency required an ambulance to access the property, which was only made possible by the plow truck driver clearing a path through 30 cm of blowing snow for the ambulance to get through. The plow ended up being stuck for many hours as a result, but the resident who needed medical attention received it and had a successful outcome.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Letter be received and filed, with it being noted that the plow that got stuck as a result of the driver's efforts to clear the path for the emergency vehicle was the reason why some residents in that area were late receiving snow removal services that day.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws (none)

11. New Business (none)

12. Reports

- 12.1. Letter to Ice Users Re 2014-2015 Rates
- 12.2. Animal Control Report
- 12.3. Rothesay Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2013
- 12.4. Red Triangle Awards Gala
- 12.5. Fusion Saint John Inc. – February 28, 2014 – Faces of FUSION Event – Invitation from J. Parsons, Director of Events & Emerging Ideas

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

14. Adjournment

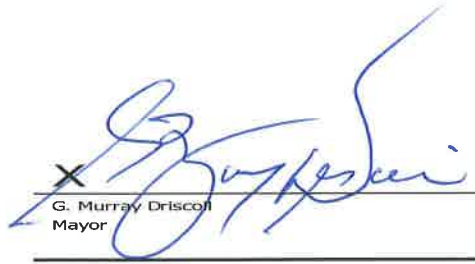

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

	
X G. Murray Driscoll Mayor	X Catherine P. Snow Clerk
