



QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2015, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Councillor Lisa Loughery (illness)

Staff Present Deuville, Susan; Acting CAO
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
McGraw, Jo-Anne; Town Treasurer
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried.

2. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Driscoll thanked all those who had attended the Mayor's Levee January 1st, noting there was over 100 people in attendance.

3. Moment of Reflection

Councillor Thompson led the meeting in prayer.

4. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were declared.

5. Presentations

**5.1. Angelique Simpson, Director, Partner Engagement & Communications,
Enterprise Saint John-s True Growth 2 - Resolve 2015 Campaign**

Ms. Simpson informed Council as part of ESJ's True Growth 2, Resolve 2015 was launched in January. It is a rally cry for the Greater Saint John community to urge people to get informed, to take ownership of its challenges, and to play an active role in coming up with solutions. The goal of Resolve 2015, she related, is to help break down misconceptions about the problems and to empower more citizens to take on an active role in the community's wellbeing. With enough momentum, confidence can be built and new champions brought forward with new ideas. People can connect with projects they are passionate about and public sentiment can be improved through solutions-based participation. She encouraged people to visit ESJ's website, and follow the Resolve 2015 blog.

Ms. Simpson concluded her presentation by distributing the Resolve 2015 buttons asking Council Members to wear them as community leaders to drive solutions-based conversations, to share positive, forward looking data points and to symbolize their commitment to bringing about positive change to the region.

Council Members thanked Ms. Simpson for her enthusiastic presentation, with Mayor Driscoll acknowledging a multitude of challenges can be faced and overcome with a positive attitude.

6. Public Hearings (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1. December 16, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. (Dec.16/14) Atlantic Baptist Housing & Kennebecasis Baptist Church Seniors Housing Project - Request to Amend Developer's Agreement

A memo from the Town Solicitor provided his advice as to a situation where a Developer has not met the requirements of the Section 39 Development Agreement. The Developer, in this case, is seeking approval for changes to the Development agreement, moving forward. Council, he advised, can either cancel the agreement and the rezoning of the land will revert to its original zoning; or, it can amend the agreement by following the procedures set out in Section 68 of the *Community Planning Act*

Mr. Clair Blakney, Building Committee Member, KV Baptist Church was in attendance, and expanded upon the Church's request to extend the construction and completion dates and a design change that would combine the former two building project into a one "L" shaped building with a maximum of 60 units. He informed Council already 40 of the units are spoken for, with deposits made on them. The Building Committee anticipates a spring construction start, with the only requirement remaining is the final approval from the Atlantic Baptist Housing Board of Directors who will meet in March.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

The Kennebecasis United Baptist Church's request for an amendment to their developer's agreement to

1) Extend the construction & completion time lines of the current Agreement by another eight (8) months; and

2) To permit the building design change from a two (2) building with a total of 68 units to a one "L" shaped building with a maximum of 60 units,

be referred to a Public Hearing on March 17, 2015, to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views, and Notice be issued to the landowners within a 100 meter radius of the property advising them of the proposed changes to the Section 39 Developer's Agreement.

Motion Carried

8.2. (Nov.2014) Minister of Environment & Local Government's Response to Town's Concerns Re the Community Funding & Equalization Grant Formula

Minister Kenney's letter responded to the Town's concern re the Community Funding & Equalization Grant Formula which has seen a decrease to the Town's grant allotment since 2012 by 88% or \$714,493.

The Minister wrote while the Province recognizes that all communities face challenges in meeting service demands, they have to balance that with limited funding. The unconditional grant amounts were not frozen as the Town had requested, and amounts for 2015 are consistent with what was developed in consultation with the municipal associations. While some municipalities may not agree with the formula many others believe a formula based on the principles of equalization distributes funding throughout the Province in a fairer manner. The Province, he said, remains committed to working with the municipal associations on how they can improve the formula, and continue to work toward changes to their legislation to further empower communities.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The Honourable Brian Kenny, Minister of Environment & Local Government's letter be received and filed.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1. Bernard Beukeveld's Request for Council Support to Stream "Day of Mourning" on Kennebecasis Public Library Electronic Sign

Mr. Beukeveld was in attendance and expanded upon his request that Council support his application to the KV Public Library Board to stream a "Day of Mourning" message on their electronic sign April 28, 2015. He expressed the importance of increasing understanding, raising awareness and reducing injuries and illness in the workplace, at home, and in the community to the public, government and industry.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Deputy Mayor O'Hara to discuss Mr. Beukeveld's request at the upcoming Kennebecasis Public Library Board meeting, and allow the Library Board to make the final decision.

Motion Carried.

9.2. Homestar Inc. Rezoning Application - 15 Elliot Road - PID No. 30213284 Rural (RU) to Highway Commercial (HC) for Purpose of Expanding Existing Office & Warehouse Building Located at 11 Elliot Road – Proposed Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment

Mr. Mark Hatfield was in attendance and presented his application to expand Homestar Inc.'s existing office and warehouse building located at 11 Elliot Road onto a portion of 15 Elliot Road, as shown on the Homestar Building Preliminary Plan, dated November 21, 2014 and prepared by Lockhart's Design & Consulting Inc. The proposed addition will include two stories to match the existing building with both levels providing 900 square feet, with the lower level for the workshop area, and the upper level for office space.

A Staff Report from the Municipal Planning Officer informed Council Homestar's request will require the rezoning of 15 Elliot Road from Rural (RU) to Highway Commercial (HC) to make it consistent with the existing Highway Commercial (HC) zoning at 11 Elliot Road. The property at 17 Elliot Road, he noted, contains the residential home of the applicant. Based on the size of the expansion and use of office space and workshop/warehouse use, an additional six (6) parking spaces will be required. Mr. Colbourne reported it is unlikely the expansion will see any significant changes in traffic volumes or have any impacts on existing municipal infrastructure.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Miller

A Public Presentation date be set for March 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 25 of the *Community Planning Act* where Homestar's rezoning application will be presented to the public.

Motion Carried

9.3. David Stonehouse - Comments Re Budget 2015

Mr. Stonehouse's letter expressed his dismay of a tax increase to build up reserve funds. He stated he feels this is unnecessary when residents are struggling with a flat economy and meagre salary increases, if any. He asked Council as it moves forward to the future to review ways to lower financial burdens on its citizens.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Clark

A letter be issued to Mr. Stonehouse thanking him for his comments concerning the 2015 Budget, and a copy of the Budget Highlights be forwarded to him for information purposes.

Motion Carried

9.4. Seniors' Swim and Aquacise Programs - Amsterdam Inn - Letters from Muriel Jean Wark, Jena Steves, Faye Clark, Sheila Wallace, Alice Jones,

Karen Belanger, Ann Robertson, Mary Smith, Jean Desmerseau, Janette Morrison, Connie Baker, Elizath Thompson, Barbara Hallett, A. Lowney, Ruby Masson, Joanne McLaughlin, Helena Baker, D. Porter, Lin Jackson, Ellen Marginson, Sheila Hallett, Diane Mace, Susan Murphy, Rita Russell, Hazel Whittaker, Bonnie Holmes, Carol Mulcahy, Lynda Sharpe, Jean Logan

Correspondence from the aforementioned seniors expressed their concern about the recent cancellation of the Seniors' Aquacise Classes at the Amsterdam Inn due to a cost increase in the pool rental. The seniors related the many health and social benefits they have gained as a result of attending these senior classes, with many noting, due to health issues, water aerobic exercises is the only type of exercise they can safely endure.

Council acknowledged that this program falls outside the Town's authority, and is between the users and a private business, but that the Town appreciates the seniors' concerns, and understands that discussions are currently ongoing between the involved parties who are looking at solutions to reinstate the seniors' pool exercise programs.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

This matter be referred to the Director of Community Services to continue to monitor.

Motion Carried

9.5. PRO Kids - Letter from David Dobbelsteyn, Manager

Amendment to Terms of Reference to Reflect Regional Character of PRO Kids - Formalizing Appointment Process of Committee Members

Correspondence from Mr. Dobbelsteyn informed Council, on the unanimous recommendation of the PRO Kids Advisory Committee, the Saint John Common Council, at its November 24, 2014 meeting, approved amendments to the PRO Kids Committee's Terms of Reference. In order to better reflect the Regional character of PRO Kids, the amendment

provides that the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield, the Town of Rothesay and the Town of Quispamsis shall each appoint one member to represent the interest of their respective communities. The Committee Members shall be appointed for three years, and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, and may be reappointed after a one year absence.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Councillor Clark's term as Quispamsis' Representative on PRO Kids be extended another three years, effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2017, and, as per Mr. Dobbelsteyn's request, the Office of the Saint John Common Clerk be notified of same.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws

10.1. Proposed Sewerage Utility By-law Amendment No. 05-14

Consideration of 3rd & Final Reading (To be Read in its Entirety)

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Third and final reading be given to Sewerage Utility By-law Amendment No. 005-14 increasing the annual sewerage utility rate by \$12; from \$388 per user to \$400 per user.

On the question, Mayor Driscoll read proposed Sewerage Utility By-law Amendment No. 005-14 in its entirety.

Motion Carried

11. New Business

11.1. LTS (Leisure Time Services) Investments Subdivision Plan - Municipal Service Easement

A Staff Report from Engineering Manager, Mark Morrison, informed Council the Town requires an easement as shown on Dwg. No. 3415 for

the Hampton Road sanitary expansion project completed in 2013. The proposed subdivision plan's purpose is to create a 10m wide Municipal Services Easement over PID No. 250233.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council assent to LTS Investment Inc. Subdivision Easement – 2, which creates a 10m wide Municipal Services Easement over PID No. 250233.

Motion Carried

11.2. Sunset Ridge Subdivision Ph 10 – Amending Subdivision Plan

A Staff Report from the Engineering Manager, Mark Morrison, indicated Sunset Ridge Subdivision Phase 10 – Amending Subdivision Plan creates a Municipal Service Easement over Lot 06-1 to provide the Town the ability to access and maintain the drainage ditch as there are two storm laterals which drain into it.

Moved By Councillor Clark

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Council assent to Sunset Ridge Subdivision Phase 10 - Amending Subdivision Plan which creates a Municipal Service Easement over Lot 06-1.

Motion Carried

11.3. Town Committee Appointments - Nominating Committee's Recommendations

A Staff Report from the Town Clerk acknowledged the Committee appointment terms that expire January 31, 2015. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Snow recommended these terms be extended to February 28, 2015 to provide the Nominating Committee with

more time to provide Council with recommendations for replacements and/or reappointments.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Council extend the following Town Committee appointments to February 28, 2015 to permit the Nominating Committee more time to review applications and make recommendations for replacements and/ or reappointments:

1. PAC – Mark Hatfield, Darin Lamont;
2. KV Fire Board – Brian Shanks;
3. Kennebecasis Public Library Board – Denise Brennan, Phil Pugsley;
4. EMO - Brian Shanks, Michael Brennan (Susan Deuville).

Motion Carried

11.4. Award of Tender - Traffic Control Equipment

A Staff Report from the Director of Engineering & Works informed Council after a review of the Town's traffic controllers in the Town's network, it was determined that some of the controllers are nearing 20 years in service, and are restricted in capacity should in future, the Town wish to add simple movements such as adding a turn detection or preemption for emergency vehicles. The Town wishes to purchase a new controller with adequate capacity to also be able to insert it into a high demand intersection and in turn, cycle or repurpose the controller with the least capacity and save it for emergency purposes.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council accept Staff's recommendation to order one Nema TS2 Type 1 traffic cabinet complete with controller & components along with one Gridsmart Camera System and associated training from Electromega Ltd. for the quoted price of \$33,571.95, (Includes HST).

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1. David Beaudin – LED Street Lights in Quispamsis
- 12.2. Animal Control Monthly Response Summary – 2014
- 12.3. Town of Quispamsis Building Report As At December 31, 2014
- 12.4. Planning Advisory Committee Minutes of November 25, 2014 Meeting
- 12.5. City of Saint John Resolution Supporting TransCanada Energy East Pipeline Project
- 12.6. FCM – Letter from Brad Woodside, FCM President & Mayor of Fredericton Re Municipal Issues
- 12.7. KVHS Memory Project Team – Thank You for \$1000 Donation
- 12.8. Heritage Week 2015 Proclamation – February 9 – 16, 2015
- 12.9. UNBSJ – 50th Anniversary - Thank You for Financial Support
- 12.10. Heart & Stroke Foundation of NB – February – Heart Month Proclamation
- 12.11. Dalhousie Medicine NB – Progress Report

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

13. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

14. Adjournment

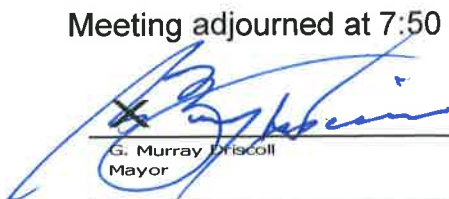
Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

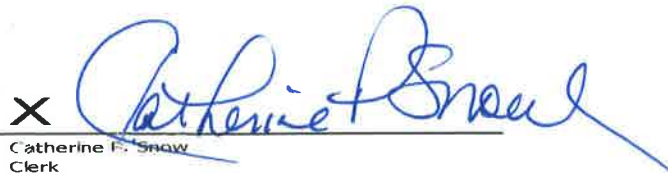
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


X
G. Murray Driscoll
Mayor


X
Catherine F. Snow
Clerk

