



QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2014, 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 (another commitment)

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Clark

The agenda be approved as prepared with the addition of the 2016 International Sculpture Symposium being added to Correspondence as item 9.5.

Motion Carried.

2. Mayor's Comments (none)

3. Moment of Reflection

Councillor Clark led the meeting in prayer.

4. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were declared.

5. Presentations

5.1. Saint John Transit - Comex Bus Service (Grand Bay-Westfield, Rothesay, Quispamsis and Hampton) Update - Mr. Frank McCarey, General Manager, In Attendance

Mr. McCarey made presentation to Council on the Comex Service, which commenced in August, 2007. The three year funding agreement with Quispamsis and Rothesay is up for renewal January 1, 2015. The subsidy for the No. 52 KV Comex route is \$86,520 each from Quispamsis and Rothesay; while the subsidy for the No. 53 Quispamsis Comex is \$82,892 for Quispamsis; a total of \$169,412.

Mr. McCarey stated Saint John Transit has seen an overall ridership decline over the past three years by 409,911 passengers (-15%). The Quispamsis Service has seen a similar decline of 8,800 passengers, (-10.7%). Numbers indicate approximately 200 – 250 Quispamsis households are impacted by the Comex service. The trend in the industry, he reported tends to reflect the economy – a declining economy results in declining ridership numbers. People who have lost their jobs or have relocated for work no longer use the service. The projected 2015 ridership numbers for the No. 52 KV Comex bus is 47,991; and the No. 53 Quispamsis Comex, 27,872.

Other factors to consider is the current 8 year old buses should be scheduled for replacement every 12 years. He stated adding a route to the SJRH and UNBSJ has been explored but not found to be feasible as the start and end times of work shifts and/or class schedules are not consistent with bus schedules. Currently there is a connection every 20 minutes from King Square to the Hospital and University for Comex passengers.

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Saint John Transit be asked to provide Council with ridership information from their recent sample counts; and also be asked to explore alternate route options, based on primary stops in combination with ridership numbers with the view towards decreasing overall costs to Quispamsis for the Comex Community Express Service, and this information be made available as soon as possible to the Finance Committee for review as part of the 2015 budget process.

Motion Carried

5.2. Saint John Theatre Company - Mr. Stephen Tobias, Ex. Director & Artistic Director, In Attendance

Request for Financial Support - \$1500

Mr. Tobias made presentation to Council stating the Saint John Theatre Company, in 2013-2014 experienced one of their largest ever seasons with strong attendance and growth in new programs. They launched their new Provincial fringe festival, produced three major works, plus held their legal-show fundraiser at Imperial Theatre, in addition to producing several smaller works at the SJTC Building on Princess Street. The SJTC has offered 120 performances of 22 theatre works with total attendance of 15,000 people, and worked with over 150 community based theatre practitioners from the region while also serving as a major employer of professional theatre artists. In addition, their Education Outreach activities served several thousand students throughout the region with partnerships at the high school and university level. In light of this impact, Mr. Tobias stated his hopes that Quispamsis will again support the work of the SJTC with a contribution of \$1500 for 2015.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The Saint John Theatre Company's request for a financial contribution of \$1500 be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration as part of the 2015 Budget Deliberations.

Motion Carried

5.3. Cherry Brook Zoo - Request for Financial Support

Cathy White, Board Director and Lynda Collrin, BSc, MSc, Volunteer Director Zoo Development/Primatologist - In Attendance

Cathy White, Board Director, addressed Council informing Members the Cherry Brook Zoo is dependent upon the community for support, noting they are entering their 41st year of operation, and are working hard to raise monies to continuously maintain and improve the Zoo. She turned the presentation over to Lynda Collrin to expand upon the request for financial support.

Mr. Collrin expanded upon her written submission, noting the Cherry Brook Zoo has depleted its savings which has been used for many years to do deficit funding for their operations. They have worked diligently to increase revenues and decrease expenditures, which has led to a decrease in their request to the communities from \$150,000 to \$100,000. Their operations' expenditures run at a projected \$454,650 of which they raise a projected \$354,597. She acknowledged they have brought to the community a 2 m debt free facility that provides recreation, education, conservation and study to the greater Saint John area, including providing jobs for many summer and Co-op students entering into specialized programs. They have just attained an endangered Siberian tiger, Karma, noting they hope someday to release these animals back to the wild. She introduced other Board Members in attendance, Maria Conway and Rory Grant noting the Board Chair, Alice O'Neil is out of town. Ms. Collrin concluded her presentation by stating the Zoo is a living, breathing entity, and requires staffing 24-7 – 365 days a year. It is hoped that the Town would consider making a financial contribution to assist in their 2015 operations

Moved By Councillor Clark

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The Cherry Brook Zoo's request for financial support be referred to the Finance Committee as part of the 2015 budget deliberation process.

Motion Carried

6. Public Hearings (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1. October 21, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Ratification of Email Poll – Build Canada Fund Application

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Council ratify the email poll taken October 22, 2014 to adjust the Build Canada Fund application amount to \$6.9 million versus the \$6.3 million for the Ritchie Lake Collector and Associated Improvement Project:

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1. Regional Facilities Commission 2015 Budgets

The Regional Facilities Commission's approved 2015 budget totaled \$2,845,659 to cover the Operating Budgets of Harbour Station, Imperial Theatre, Trade & Convention Centre, Aquatic Centre, and the Arts Centre with Quispamsis' 2015 share amounting to \$459,545, a 16% increase over last year.

Deputy Mayor O'Hara and Councillor Olsen expressed their view that the Town of Hampton and adjoining LSD areas should also be financially contributing to the Regional Facilities. It was acknowledged, however, the composition of the membership is legislated through the *Greater Saint John Regional Facilities Act*.

Moved By Councillor Clark
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The Regional Facilities Commission Budgets be referred to the 2015 Budget Deliberation Process.

Motion Carried

9.2. Harbour Skating Club - Request for Sponsorship - \$50 (Quispamsis Granted Request in 2013)

Correspondence from the Harbour Skating Club requested the four municipal councils of the Greater Saint John partner as 'ice time sponsors' for a one night Harbour Skating Club's adult recreational skating. The full cost ice time is \$250, and the one night sponsorship would entail \$100 from the City of Saint John and \$50 from each of the Towns of Grand Bay-Westfield, Quispamsis and Rothesay.

Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Councillor Clark

The Harbour Skating Club's request for a \$50 sponsorship be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion Carried

9.3. FCM - Request to Lobby Federal Government for Dedicated Fund for Wastewater Treatment Upgrades Needed

Correspondence from FCM's CEO encouraged Councils from across the country to write to the Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs requesting the establishment of a dedicated fund, to be matched by local and provincial governments, to assist communities with the capital cost of rebuilding wastewater systems to meet the new national Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations. The new legislation was established to support the protection of Canadian waters. Estimates prepared by FCM shows that meeting the regulations

will require capital expenditures in excess of \$18 billion dollars, with at least \$3.4 billion of those costs being incurred before 2020.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The Town send a letter to Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs highlighting the additional cost to municipalities for wastewater treatment systems, and to request a dedicated fund. Further, the letter be copied to Finance Minister Joe Oliver, Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq, and MP(s) The Honourable Rob Moore and Rodney Weston.

Motion Carried

9.4. Elementary Literacy Inc. - Erin Schryer, PhD, Executive Director - Request for Financial Support - \$2500

Dr. Schryer presented to Council the One-on-One reading support program, ELF (Elementary Literacy Friends), which offers and champions the development of high quality early literacy programs and policies across New Brunswick. The program works by training volunteers and providing them with the literacy materials to work with a Grade 2 student one hour twice per week for a 10 week period. Studies have shown that students increased, on average, 2 reading levels over the 10 week tutoring period, with 94% of teachers reporting that participants' enjoyment and motivation of reading increases. This fall, ELF is being offered in 104 schools across New Brunswick, with 33 schools participating from the Anglophone School District South, including Quispamsis Elementary School (21 participants). Dr. Schryer concluded her presentation by asking Council to consider a contribution of \$2500 to ELF, which is the costs, on average, to offer the literacy program to a school for the school year.

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The Elementary Literacy Friends Inc.'s request be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion Carried

9.5. 3rd International Sculpture Symposium - 2016

Deputy Mayor O'Hara stated she serves on the Sculpture Symposium Committee and recommends the Town's participation in the 3rd International Sculpture Symposium for a total cost of \$15,000 (\$7500 in 2015 and \$7500 in 2016) for a piece of artwork be referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Clark

The 3rd International Sculpture Symposium 2016 (\$7500 for 2015 & \$7500 for 2016) be referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

Motion Carried.

10. By-laws

10.1. (Sept.16/14) Proposed By-law No. 48; A By-law to Stop Up & Close A Portion of the Old Colton Brook Road Right of Way - Dr. Patrick Maloney, Applicant

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Third and final reading be given to By-law No. 048: A By-law to Stop Up and Close a Portion of the Colton Brook Road Right of Way.

On the question, Mayor Driscoll read By-law No. 048 in its entirety.

Motion Carried

10.2. (Oct.21/14) Proposed Traffic By-law No. 27-25 - Kensington Avenue Speed Reduction to 40 km

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Third and final reading be given to Traffic By-law Amendment No. 27-25.

On the question, Mayor Driscoll read Traffic By-law Amendment No. 27-25 in its entirety.

Motion Carried

11. New Business

11.1. Ritchie Lake Collector Sewer and Longwood Upgrades - Consulting Engineering RFP – Recommendations

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Council accept Staff's recommendation that the town enter negotiations with Crandall Engineering Ltd of Saint John to commence Part "A" of the Engineering Services associated with the Ritchie Lake Collector and Longwood Upgrades for the upset fee of \$110,208.90 and that subsequent award of parts B and C will require approval of Council prior to proceeding.

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1. Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners – September 24, 2014 Meeting
- 12.2. Additional Letters from Residents Re Curbside Recycling – Cathy & Brian Prosser, Julie Beattie, Katherine Handcock, Michael Wornell, Haily Kimball & Dave Sstonehouse
- 12.3. Teamsters Canada – Rail Safety

Moved By Councillor Clark

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

14. Adjournment

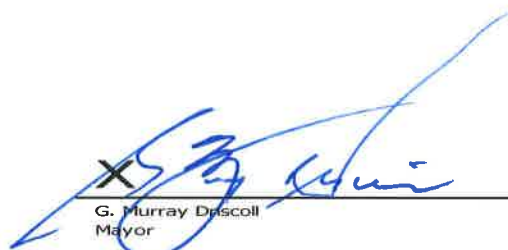
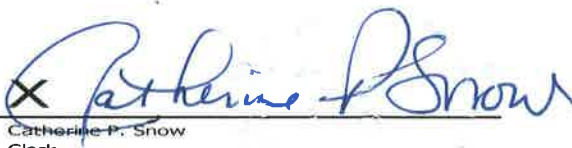
Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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