



**QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
August 15, 2017, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall**

Present:

Mayor Gary Clark
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
Councillor Lisa Loughery
Councillor Sean Luck
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson
Deville, Susan; CAO
Kennedy, Aaron; Communications Manager
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments

The Trans Canada Trail (Great Trail) – Grand Opening - Mayor Clark extended an invitation to residents to attend the official opening of the Trans Canada Trail on Saturday, August 26 from 11 am to 1 pm at the James Rolfe Soccer Field, near the qplex. This national recreational trail supports the well-being of Canadians by promoting outdoor activities and active transportation, noting there is more than 24,000 kilometers of multi-recreational trail across Canada, making it the longest trail network of its kind.

Passing of Raymond Murphy, Executive Director , UMNB – Mayor Clark acknowledged the recent passing of long-time UMNB Executive Director, Raymond Murphy, as well as former Mayor of Rexton and former school teacher. Mayor Clark noted Raymond was a strong voice and advocate for New Brunswick municipalities and will be greatly missed in the municipal world. On behalf of Council and Staff, Mayor Clark extended his heartfelt condolences to Raymond's family.

3. **Moment of Reflection** – Deputy Mayor O'Hara read the Moment of Reflection.

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

5. **Presentations** - (none)

6. **Public Hearings** - (none)

7. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

7.1 July 18, 2017 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. **Unfinished Business** – (none)

9. **Correspondence**

9.1 Kennebecasis Valley Proposed Deer Management Plan - 2017 - Letter from Councillor Bob Doucet, Chair, KV Deer Committee

Copy of Joe Kennedy's July 21st Presentation – Mr. Kennedy's presentation updated the three KV Towns on the 2016 KV Nuisance Deer Management Program, noting 56 landowners were approved last fall to receive permits. A total of 199 permits were issued to hunters and a total of 69 deer were harvested under the permits within the Towns of Quispamsis, Rothesay and Hampton. In 2015, 95 deer were harvested and in 2014, 103 deer. In 2016, Mr. Kennedy had related, in the three Towns, 182 deer had succumbed to roadkills, in 2015, 223 roadkills and in 2014, 222 roadkills. Mr. Kennedy noted in each of the three years, the highest number of deer harvested was from Quispamsis. Parcels of land are assessed and approved by DNR for safety concerns. Those interested in offering their properties can contact their respective municipal offices who will pass along names and addresses to the Department of Energy and Resource Development for assessment.

Letter from Don Hartford, Resident, Supporting Nuisance Deer Program 2017 -
Correspondence from Mr. Hartford requested Council to continue with participation in the Deer Management Plan, noting the high number of fawns in the past year.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

A formal letter be issued to Minister Rick Doucet of Energy and Resource Development by September 1, 2017, and copied to Joe Kennedy and the Towns of Hampton and Rothesay, advising that Quispamsis would like the Province to implement Option 2; a Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program that would permit each license holder under the Program to harvest up to two antlerless deer.

Motion Carried

9.2 Ron Marcolin - Concerns re Tree Cutting at Community Garden

Correspondence from Mr. Marcolin expressed his concern re the recent removal of large evergreen trees lining the fence at the Community Garden as a result of a shade problem. He said the Town could have solved this problem prior to putting up the fence close to existing mature trees in the first place. He asked that the stumps and roots be removed and a border of mature trees be planted to replace the large trees that were removed.

A Staff Report from the Director of Community Services informed Council when the Community Garden was built in 2012, it was constructed in the only location that was flat and deep enough without having to add fill. The Community Garden proved such an overwhelming success and had a long waiting list of residents wanting plots, so Staff expanded it the following year, and when they did this, it left trees close to the fence. The trees then created problems with shade and root competition with adjacent plots. In retrospect, she noted, the trees should have been cut with the others when the garden was originally built as vegetable gardens require full sun. She noted the stumps will be removed in the fall, and further trees will be planted next year between the South Parking Lot and Randy Jones Way.

Moved By Councillor Luck

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Mr. Marcolin's letter be received and filed, and a letter be sent to him explaining the reasons for the tree removal and informing him that the tree stumps will be

removed this fall and that there will be additional trees planted along Randy Jones Way next year.

Motion Carried

9.3 Paul Leblanc - Concerns re Motorcycle Training Course at qplex South Parking Lot - Mr. LeBlanc, In Attendance

Mr. LeBlanc was in attendance and expanded upon his correspondence expressing concern about the noise created by the motorcycle training course held on weekends at the qplex's South Parking lot during the summer months. He stated he lives nearby and the approximate 14 motorcycles driving around the parking lot, are creating a nuisance to him and his neighbours, stating they create noise and exhaust fumes that are disturbing the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood. He attached information re the effects of exhaust fumes from motorcycles and stated he feels the Town is in violation of Section 2. B. of its Noise By-law No. 23.

A Staff Report from the Director of Community Services informed Council this spring the Town was approached by Safety Services NB to offer motorcycle safety courses in the South parking lot at the qplex on weekends from May to September. During the summer months when the registration slows down the course is offered every other weekend. Staff felt this would generate unexpected revenue as well as offer residents the opportunity to take this training in their community and for others an opportunity to visit the qplex. Safety Services NB, she said, is a well-respected, not for profit safety service provider that has been operating in New Brunswick for over 50 years. Since at the qplex, they have trained 116 students in motorcycle safety, 24 of the participants were from Quispamsis, 12 from Rothesay, 36 from Saint John and the remaining 44 from other parts of the Province. Motorcycle safety training, Ms. Purton Dickson stated, is now a mandatory requirement for all motorcycle riders prior to being able to obtain a license. Revenue generated for use of the parking lot is \$200 per weekend for a total of \$2600.

Mr. Walker, CAO of Business Safety NB, Safety Services NB, 440 Wolsey Road, Fredericton, was in attendance, and informed Council the Motorcycle Safety Course is held in parking lots throughout residential neighbourhoods in New Brunswick, and to his knowledge, this is the first time they have received complaints about noise. The bikes, he said, are small in size, mostly 125 cc's, which do not tend to create a lot of noise. The qplex parking lot has proved an excellent venue, and they do not want to be a nuisance to neighbouring property owners. An average of 12 participants are enrolled in each four day course,

which runs Thursday and Friday evenings, involving classroom work, and getting familiar with the bikes' control mechanisms. On Saturday and Sundays, from approximately 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., including interment breaks, the students are learning how to ride the motorcycles.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Luck

Recognizing that the contract permitting Safety Services NB to use the qplex's South Parking Lot for the Motorcycle Safety Course is in effect until October 1, 2017, the opportunity for renewal of said contract for the 2018 Season be referred to the Director of Community Services and the Town Solicitor to review and consider options, and submit their findings and recommendations back to Council for further discussion and decision.

Motion Carried

9.4 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure - Request for Five Year Provincially Designated Highways Program

Correspondence from Minister Fraser requested each municipality to review its requirements and submit an updated Five Year Provincially Designated Highways Program by September 30, 2017. The updated Plan, the Minister wrote, should indicate the proposed priorities for 2018 and list the improvements, proposed design, and approximate cost, amount of the municipal contribution and the importance of each request.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Minister Fraser's letter be referred to the Director of Engineering & Works to formulate a draft response for Council's review at the September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Proposed Traffic By-law Amendment No. 27-27; Speed Limit Reduction Kingsway Drive

Councillor Thompson read proposed Traffic By-law Amendment No. 27-27 in its entirety.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Third and final reading be given to Proposed Traffic By-law Amendment No. 27-27; to reduce the speed limit on the portion of Kingsway Drive to 30 km per hour.

Motion Carried

11. New Business

11.1 Tender No.TQ07-20 Drainage Improvement Program - 2017

Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Council award Tender No. 2017TQ07-20; Drainage Improvements 2017 to the low bidder, Ridgestone Construction & Management Ltd., for the bid price of \$ 69,232.00 (plus HST).

Motion Carried

12. Reports

12.1 June 2017 Interim Unaudited Financial Statements

12.2 Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners June 2017 Meeting Minutes

12.3 PAC July 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

12.4 Fundy Regional Service Commission May 30, 2017 Meeting Minutes

12.5 Department of Social Development – Wellness Week Proclamation

12.6 Hammond River Angling Association – Thank you

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

13. **Business Arising from Committee of the Whole (none)**

14. **Adjournment**

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Gary Clark
Mayor



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Catherine P. Snow
Clerk



