



## QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

February 16, 2021, 7:00 pm

Electronic Meeting

Present: Mayor Gary Clark  
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara  
Councillor Sean Luck  
Councillor Kirk Miller  
Councillor Emil T. Olsen  
Councillor Pierre Rioux  
Councillor Beth Thompson  
Brandon, Krista; Town Treasurer  
Kennedy, Aaron; Communications Manager  
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works  
MacInnis, Lisa; Assistant. Clerk  
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services  
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

Absent: Councillor Lisa Loughery (work commitment)  
Deville, Susan; CAO (vacation)

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

**Moved By** Councillor Luck

**Seconded By** Councillor Miller

The Agenda be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

#### 2. Mayor's Comments (none)

#### 3. Moment of Reflection – Councillor Thompson 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 February 2, 2021 - Regular Meeting

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara  
**Seconded By** Councillor Rioux

Minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

8. **Unfinished Business** (none)
9. **Correspondence**

9.1 Fire Chief Bill Ireland, Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. – Multi-Unit Apartment Developments

Correspondence from Fire Chief Bill Ireland informed Council the KVFD Inc. Board, at its February 10, 2021 meeting, passed a motion to continue to support the current approach the Fire Department is taking to address the concern of multi-unit apartment developments, and provide the Chief's Report on same to both Quispamsis and Rothesay Councils.

The Fire Chief's report spoke to the recent increase in multi-storey, multi-unit residential buildings in the coverage area, acknowledging challenges with respect to resources and training. He noted the difference of suppressing a fire and searching for occupants in a single family bungalow is substantially different than fighting a fire in a four storey building that contains 34 dwelling units and potentially 100 plus occupants. Most of these buildings, he added, have been built to the National Building Code and would include systems and elements intended to protect the safety of occupants and firefighters. To best narrow the gap, the Department is looking at mutual aid, emergency recall, pre-incident planning, equipment, and training. He noted the reality is there will always be a need to balance the level of risk with the costs associated with eliminating all risk, and the Department is continuing to search for ways to maximize their effectiveness while also being as efficient as possible.

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Luck

Chief Ireland be thanked for updating Council on the initiatives the Fire Department is exploring to address concerns with respect to servicing the increased number of multi-unit, multi-storey buildings in the coverage area, and the Fire Board continue their focus on minimizing the gap between their current resources and acceptable levels of risk.

**Motion Carried**

## 10. By-laws

### 10.1 Proposed Traffic By-law No. 027 - 33; New Street Speed Limits

Mr. Losier's Staff Report informed Council there are new streets as well as some existing streets that require a lower posted speed limit due to their geometry, curves or design width, and these reductions, along with some housekeeping items, are incorporated in the proposed Traffic By-law Amendment No. 027-33. The changes proposed include the following streets:

- Corduroy Road – 40 km
- Bonnell, Gilbert & Heritage – 40 km
- Nightingale Lane – 40 km
- Old Neck Road – 30 km
- Meenan's Cove Road, Section near new daycare – 50 km
- Yandall Drive and Carpenter Drive, sharp corners – 30 km

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

Third and final reading be given to Amendment No. 027-33; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting Traffic on Streets and Public Places.

**Motion Carried**

On the question, Councillor Luck read Traffic By-law Amendment No. 027-33 in its entirety.

## 11. New Business

### 11.1 Award of RFP No. 2021TQ01-2 Power Diesel Generator & Automatic Transfer Switch

**Moved By** Councillor Miller

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Based on staff review and information; Council award RFP No. 2021TQ01-2 for a new Power Diesel Generator & Automatic Transfer Switch to Sansom Equipment for the bid price of \$ 38,438.38 (exclusive of HST).

**Motion Carried**

Councillor Luck requested, for public information, Staff Reports, in future, provide more information as to the reasons why tenders are rejected when they do not meet specifications.

11.2 Award of Tender No. 2021TQ01-4 - Two (2) New 2020/2021 - 4 x 4 Half Ton Regular Cab Trucks

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Rioux

Based on staff review and information; Council award tender No. 2021TQ01-4, for a two new 2021 - 4x4 - half ton Trucks to Downey Ford Sales for the bid price of \$71,232.00 (exclusive of HST, licensing & Tire Levy).

**Motion Carried**

11.3 Award of Tender No. 2021TQ01-5, New 2021 Heavy Duty 19, 500LB GVWR 4 x 4 Crew Cab with 10 Foot Dump

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Tender 2021TQ01-5, for a new 2021 – Heavy Duty 19,500LB GVWR 4 x 4 Crew Cab be awarded to the low bidder Dobson Chrysler for the bid price of \$73,700.00 (exclusive of HST, licensing and tire levy).

**Motion Carried**

11.4 Maple Ridge Subdivision - Phase 3B - Requires Assent of Council

**Moved By** Councillor Miller

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

Council grant assent to the Maple Ridge Subdivision Plan Phase 3B so the plan can be stamped and signed by the Town Clerk and Development Officer for registration in the provincial land registration office.

**Motion Carried**

## 12. Reports

12.1 Announcement from the Honourable Daniel Allain, Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform Re Safe Restart Program Phase 3 Allocations to Municipalities - Covid 19 Pandemic

Quispamsis' Phase 3 Portion - \$990,447.16 for a Total Safe Restart Contribution of \$1,207,347.16

Councillor Miller referenced Minister Allain's letter which confirmed the additional nearly \$1m the Town will be receiving as part of the Phase 3 Safe Restart Program. He suggested the Finance Committee meet soon to discuss options to apply the extra funding and to provide these recommendations back to Council.

12.2 Information for Municipal Candidates - May 2021 - (Including Guidance from Public Health on Campaigning During COVID-19)

Deputy Mayor O'Hara referenced Public Health NB's guidelines for Covid-19 Risk Mitigation During Municipal Election Campaigns, noting this information, along with other pertinent information for potential candidates will be posted on the Town's website.

12.3 "Quispamsis" - Ranked #4 in Canada 'As One of The Best Work-From-Home Cities for 2021' - PC Magazine

Councillor Rioux acknowledged a recent article in PC Magazine ranking 'Quispamsis' as No. 4 in the category - 'The Best Work-From-Home Cities for 2021' in all of Canada. The ranking notes Quispamsis offers plenty of parks, good schools, and small businesses and is a prominent suburb of Saint John. Housing and internet broadband are both affordable making it an attractive place for young and old to live and work.

12.4 Kennebecasis Reginal Joint Board of Police Commissioners – January 27, 2021 minutes, Financials and Associated Documents

12.5 Animal Control Report – Month of January, 2021

12.6 Letter from Pam Cole Re Utility Bill Increase and KRJBPC Investigation

12.7 Letter from Richard Burrell Expressing Concerns on Newly Adopted Town of Quispamsis Bylaw No. 061; a By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Bags

12.8 Announcement from Local Government and Local Governance Reform – Grant Resulting from the Elimination of the P-Gap

12.9 Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. – Items from November 10, 2020 and February 10, 2021 Fire Board Meetings

12.10 Planning Adviosry Committee Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021

12.11 Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. – Annual Report 2020 and KVFD Inc. Board Meeting Date Schedule for 2021

**Moved By** Councillor Luck  
**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

Reports be received and filed.

**Motion Carried**

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

14. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor Rioux  
**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Gary Clark  
Mayor

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Catherine P. Snow  
Clerk