



QUISPAMSIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2015, 7:00 pm Council Chambers Quispamsis Town Hall

Members Present:

Mayor G. Murray Driscoll

Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara

Councillor Gary Clark
Councillor Lisa Loughery
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson

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 Deputy Mayor O'Hara **Seconded by** Councillor Olsen

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Driscoll referenced the number of recent winter storms that has resulted in 154 cm of snow in the greater Saint John Region. He complimented the residents for their resilience in these weather conditions, and the Town's Works Department for the marvelous job they are doing keeping the roads clear.

Further, Mayor Driscoll acknowledged the name of the new Anglophone school under construction was announced last week, and will be named the Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary School. The late Mr. Saunders had grown up in Quispamsis and later joined the Royal Canadian Navy, serving as a lieutenant on board the submarine HMCS Chicoutimi. He died in the line of duty in 2004. Mayor Driscoll noted it is a most appropriate name for the new elementary school.

3. Moment of Reflection

The Director of Engineering & Works 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. January 20, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Clark
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. (Feb.18/14) Drainage Issues No. 22 Legend Lane - Mr. Burnham

Mr. Burnham was in attendance and expanded upon his correspondence re drainage problems at Canterbury Street and Legend Lane. He noted a few years ago four building lots were developed across the street from his property at 22 Legend Lane. Since that time, Mr. Burnham stated, they have noticed an increased problem with water run-off. Prior to the development and the recent paving of Legend Lane, the water from heavy

rains would travel down along the edge of the road to a catch basin on Legend Lane at the base of Tanglewood. Now the water from Canterbury comes across the road and onto his property. He noted he had been before Council a year ago, and wishes to reiterate his request that the concrete curb be extended by another 110 meters to the top of the hill on Legend Lane and Canterbury. That way the water would be channeled into the catch basin, and not onto his property.

A Staff Report from the Director of Engineering & Works informed Council initial costing to extend concrete curbing beyond the two impacted properties is in the range of \$45,000 for 115 m of curbing. There may be alternate methods to address these issues, but until a mutual assessment and options are discussed with the neighbors it is difficult to assign a final value.

Moved By Councillor Clark
Seconded By Councillor Loughery

The Engineering Staff meet with Mr. Burnham and Mr. Mooney to discuss the ongoing situation and further meet on site during rain events this winter and spring to see if there is a common understanding of the issues and potential causes and potential resolutions with the intent to introduce corrective measures under the maintenance program in early summer in order to monitor impact of the work taken.

Motion Carried

8.2. (Sept.16/14) Traffic Review Rte 119 and Intersections with Millennium, Hampton Rd and Squire Dr

A Staff Report from the Director of Engineering & Works informed Council exp Services has completed their Traffic Analysis of Route 119 and its intersections with Millennium Drive, Hampton Road and Squire Drive. He identified the main points associated with each intersection as follows:

Route 119/Millennium Drive – This intersection is operating relatively well with congestion heaviest at morning peak hours. There was some evidence the intersection was impacted by the unfamiliarity of the movements to and from the recently opened commercial establishment but otherwise performed at a satisfactory level of service.

Route 119/Route 100 (Hampton Road) - The traffic analysis confirmed long queues on Route 119 during peak hours. The review indicated that the north and south through lanes operate at a marginal level of service during peaks and are approaching capacity for the intersection.

The roundabout option was also explored, and a better consideration would be a multilane roundabout vs single lane for the horizon year of 2024, but the property fabric and constraints, such as the Rail overpass bridge on Route 119, may restrict the actual construction. Before any major upgrades are done to this intersection it is recommended a detailed design be completed to review whether the economics warrant the multilane option over signal and grade level improvements.

Route 119/Squire Drive – The report acknowledged Squire Drive is the only intersection not currently controlled with a set of traffic signals, and in order to be considered for upgrades to a signalized intersection, it would need to meet a set of standards identified in a warrant analysis. The Consultants determined at this time, the loads and movement does not meet the required standards for traffic light installation.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara Seconded By Councillor Clark

Based on the results and conclusions provided by exp Services it is recommended that for each of the intersections the following actions take place.

Rte 119/Millennium Drive

- implement the optimization of traffic signal timing as identified in the prepared report.

Rte 119/Rte 100 Hampton Road

- examine town controller equipment to see if an 8 phase controller can be installed at this intersection:
- examine introduction of vehicle detection once the controller upgrade is realized;
- fully arcuate the intersection with minimum recall to the Rte 119 through

movements;

- Introduce signal timing as identified in the prepared report;
- investigate costs associated with design of a multi-lane roundabout including identification of economic opportunity best suited for such an upgrade.

Rte 119/Squire Drive

- where the current intersection does not warrant signal installation based on current analysis, it is recommended a new count be conducted after both new schools are open and in operation; and
- investigate costs associated with an analysis and design of a roundabout for this intersection

And, residents Pamela Bass and Christel Seeberger, who brought their concerns to Council about the traffic congestion on Route 119 last fall, be updated on the status of this item.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1. YWCA Saint John - Request for Sponsorship - Women of Distinction Gala

Correspondence from Melanie Vautour, Director of Development, informed Council the YWCA Saint John is celebrating its 145th anniversary, and is offering Council the opportunity to support the celebration of women's outstanding contributions by sponsoring the Women of Distinction Award Ceremony.

Moved By Councillor Thompson Seconded By Councillor Loughery

The YWCA's letter be received and filed.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws

10.1. Proposed By-law No. 049; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis To Stop Up & Close Autumn Avenue to Through Traffic

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

Pursuant to Section 187 (6) of the *Municipalities Act*, A Public Hearing to hear and consider objections to the proposed by-law No. 049 will be held March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and advertised accordingly.

Motion Carried

11. New Business (none)

12. Reports

- 12.1 Kennebecasis Public Library Yield Sign on Corner of Landing Court & Hampton Road Thank you
- 12.2 2015 Council Meeting Schedule
- 12.3 Bullying Canada Request for Financial Contribution
- 12.4 Premier's Office Re Town's Energy East Pipeline Support Letter
- 12.5 Saint John Theatre Company Thank You for Sponsorship
- 12.6 Kennebecasis Public Library –National Day of Mourning B. Beukeveld

Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

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

14. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Motion Carried

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