



**QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**February 4, 2020, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall**

Present:

- Mayor Gary Clark
- Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
- Councillor Sean Luck
- Councillor Lisa Loughery
- Councillor Kirk Miller
- Councillor Emil T. Olsen
- Councillor Pierre Rioux
- Councillor Beth Thompson
- Deville, Susan; CAO
- Brandon, Krista; Town Treasurer
- 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 Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Miller

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments –(none)

3. Moment of Reflection – Councillor Luck read the Moment of Reflection

4. Disclosure of Interest – No disclosures

5. Presentations

5.1 NB Power's Presentation Re Building a Smarter Grid - Lori Clark, Senior Vice-President of Operations and Bob Scott, Director, Public Relations, NB Power - In Attendance

Ms. Lori Clark made presentation to Council on NB Power's recent application to the NB Energy & Utilities Board to Build a Smarter Grid to provide customers with online access to detailed energy information and to provide quicker reconnection service. The business case demonstrates for this approximate \$92 million project, a positive net present value of \$31.1 million. It is one of the ways NB Power plans to modernize the power grid to improve energy efficiencies and to provide the best possible service, new benefits and opportunities into the future. The Energy & Utilities Board's final decision on this capital initiative is expected within the next month.

Ms. Clark noted the current metering system only provides the amount of electricity used per month, whereas the smart meters will provide customers daily, if they choose, with a breakdown of their power consumption usage. Also, there is an option for users to receive through their smart phones, notifications when their power consumption has reached certain thresholds, to help customers reduce their energy usage, noting what gets measured gets managed.

Additionally, the new smart meters will enable NB Power to do remote reconnects and disconnects so trucks would not need to be dispatched. There will be no charge to customers for the installation of the smart meters which are currently being piloted in the Town of Shediac, and are being used in 80% of Provinces across Canada.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Ms. Lori Clark be thanked for her presentation, and the Town of Quispamsis go on record supporting NB Power's initiatives to improve efficiency to its customers through the concept of Smart Meters, conditional upon the New Brunswick Energy & Utilities Board's approval of NB Power's Building A Smarter Grid application.

Motion Carried

6. **Public Hearings** (none)

7. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

7.1 January 21, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 (Nov.5/19) A. E. McKay Builders – 309 Hampton Road – Proposed Amendment to Section 59 Community Planning Act Development Agreement

A Staff Report from the Municipal Planning Officer informed Council, further to Mr. McKay's request to Council to postpone the December 17, 2019 Public Hearing, that he now wishes to continue with an amendment to the original development agreement to change the timelines and bonding allocation for the project. The requested timeline is 22 months with an anticipated start up by March 2, 2020, and a projected completion date by January 1, 2022. The change in the bonding allocation involves the water and sanitary sewerage which has been completed by the Town to service the property.

The original agreement had required the developer to pay the connection from the Old Coach Road to 309 Hampton Road, however, since that time, the Town has already completed the connection. The bonding in the revised agreement will reflect the amount Mr. McKay is required to reimburse the Town. Mr. McKay, in response to PAC and Council's request that the site be cleaned up by January 31, 2020; has stated his crew will be onsite the week of February 3, 2020, to prepare the site for foundation work and cleaning up any rubbish and debris on the site.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

That Council set the Public Hearing date for March 17, 2020, and the request be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views.

Motion Carried

8.2 (Nov.19/19) Binding Arbitration for Firefighters and Police Officers - Response Letter from Minister Trevor Holder, Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour

Minister Trevor Holder's letter was written in response to the Town's letter of November 28, 2019 in support of the Cities of NB Association's position re binding arbitration for firefighters and police officers. The Minister confirmed a bill was introduced by the government on November 22, 2019, which provides for

legislative amendments to the *Industrial Relations Act*. This, the Minister wrote, will allow all interested parties to present their views regarding the substance and scope of the proposed amendments.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minister Holder's update re the legislative bill that has been introduced by government providing for legislative amendments to the *Industrial Relations Act* be received and filed.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1 Invitation to Arts Atlantic Symposium Pre-Event Session for Announcement of Keynote Speakers - RSVP Request by February 4, 2020

Correspondence from Mark Burnett, Event Coordinator, invited Council to the Arts Atlantic Symposium to an event on February 6, 2020 at Imperial Theatre when the first of their keynote speakers for the October 14-18, 2020 Arts Atlantic Symposium will be announced.

Moved By Councillor Luck
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Any Council Members interested in attending the February 6, 2020 Arts Link NB's Event with Coordinator Mark Burnett at Imperial Theatre to RSVP by the February 4, 2020 deadline date, as requested; and invitation be received and filed.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws (None)

11. New Business

11.1 Tender No. 2020TQ01-2 New 2020 4 x 4 Half Ton Super Crew Cab (Utility Department)

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Based on staff review and information it is recommended that Council award tender No. 2020TQ01-2 for a new 2020 - 4x4 - half ton Truck to Dobson Chrysler for the bid price of \$39,492.00 (exclusive of HST, licensing and tire levy).

Motion Carried

11.2 2020 Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Resolution - Staff Report from Town Treasurer

Moved By Councillor Luck
Seconded By Councillor Miller

That the Municipality of Quispamsis submit to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board an application for authorization to borrow for capital expenses for the following terms and amounts:

| PURPOSE | AMOUNT | TERM |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <u>Transportation Services</u> | | |
| 2020 Street Capital Paving | \$700,000 | 15 years |

Motion Carried

11.3 Tender 4 x 4 1/2 Ton Truck (Parks Department)

Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Council award tender 2020TQ01-1 for a 2020 4x4 - half ton Truck to Downey Ford Sales for the bid price of \$32,963 (exclusive of HST, licensing and tire levy).

Motion Carried

11.4 Development of General Municipal Specifications - Staff Report from Director of Engineering and Works

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council award RFP #2019TQ12-32 Engineering Services – Review and Development of General Municipal Specifications and Subdivision Development Guidelines to CBCL and that they proceed with Part A for an upset fee identified as \$11,500 (plus HST)

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1 Kennebecasis Public Library Inc. - October 30, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, Reports & Financials
- 12.2 Saint John Region – The Chamber – Membership Benefits
- 12.3 Relay for Life UNBSJ – Emily Lodge, Recruitment Director
- 12.4 Copy of Letter from Minister of Environment & Local Government to Rothesay Re the Community Funding and Equalization Grant and Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Greater Saint John Regional Facilities Commissions Act

In response to Councillor Miller, CAO Deuille stated she would provide him with a copy of the Community Funding and Equalization Grant formula, and at a future time, Councillor Member stated he would like a meeting arranged to discuss this formula with the Minister of Environment and Local Government.
- 12.5 Quispamsis Animal Control Report – Call Summary
- 12.6 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2020
- 12.7 UMNB Bulletin – January 2020
- 12.8 Media Release - Quispamsis Hosting Candidate Information Session - February 20, 2020

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

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 Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Luck

Meeting adjourn to February 18, 2020.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

X

Gary Clark
Mayor



X

Catherine P. Snow
Clerk



