



QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 15, 2019, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall

Present:

Mayor Gary Clark
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
Councillor Beth Thompson
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Sean Luck
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

Absent: Councillor Lisa Loughery (Illness)

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Luck

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. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were declared.

5. Presentations (None)

6. Public Hearings

6.1 (Dec.4/18) 606366 New Brunswick Ltd. - (Mr. Dino Cipolla), 351 Hampton Road, (PID No. 00253641) - Request for a Three (3) Year Extension for Building Permit Application - Multiple Residential (MR) Condo Project

Mr. Duane McAfee, on behalf of 606366 NB Ltd., expanded on their application to amend the development agreement with the Town to extend the Building Permit Application date by three (3) years from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2021. Mr. McAfee stated the additional three years will provide the applicant with time to finalize plans to proceed with the project, relating various matters that have come up over the past few years that have delayed the project's start up.

A Notice of Decision from PAC indicated its support of the proposed application to extend the Multiple Residential Condominium Development of 606366 NB Ltd. from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2021 at 351 Hampton Road.

Mayor Clark asked three times if anyone wished to speak for or against the proposed amendment to the developer's agreement. No one spoke.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council authorize a three (3) year extension to the Amending Agreement dated April 3, 2017 between the town of Quispamsis and 606366 NB Ltd. which will extend the December 31, 2018 deadline date to December 31, 2021 for - "the requirement of making necessary building permit application to the Town for construction of Phase 1 of the Multiple Residential development situated at 351 Hampton Road by December 31, 2021".

Motion Carried

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 December 18, 2018 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Luck

Minutes be approved as amended to reflect the Town Treasurer's email pertaining to Section 9.1.1.2, "2019 General Operating Budget Approval" - 1st paragraph, the sum of \$24,907,197 be changed to "the sum of \$24,916,144 (A difference of +\$8,947), for the total budget of the Municipality, with the warrant sum, and the tax rate remaining the same as recorded in the December 18, 2018 resolution.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 (Oct.3/17) Reduction of Speed Limits on Town Subdivision Streets – 50 kph to 40 kph

A Staff Report from the Director of Engineering & Works updated Council on the current review of reducing speed limits on all streets within subdivisions to 40 km/hour. The review included data obtained from the neighbouring community of Rothesay, whose Traffic By-law identifies certain local streets with a speed limit of 40 km per hour since at least 2004 when previous versions of by-laws from pre-amalgamated portions of their Town were consolidated.

Additionally, Staff researched enforcement issues with the KRPF including current practices as well as developing trends in traffic issues in suburban areas. The KRPF related when enforcing speed limits, the patrol officers can enforce a 40 km/hour speed zone provided the last sign that the motorist passed was a 40 km/hour speed sign. If a driver turns onto a street with no sign, they will go back to the last posted limit. The KRPF recommend speed signs be posted so they are readily visible to motorists when entering lower speed posted areas. The Town has allocated \$25,000 in its 2019 budget for street signs.

Mr. Losier acknowledged there is evidence that a well-advertised and well enforced speed change has the best success, but the community being impacted has to perceive a need for the change. Law enforcement is crucial to influence driver behavior, however, unfortunately these effects can be relatively short lived. A posted speed limit that is set too low will result in a significant number of 'reasonable' drivers operating illegally, place unnecessary burdens on law enforcement personnel and lead to a lack of credibility of the posted speed limit.

Traffic Calming measures are also looked at as physical road measures - traffic circles, road narrowing, speed bumps, etc., to reduce speed. These measures become a function of Capital Budget allocations with Council having the final decision for approvals.

Mr. Losier's report advised the posted speed limits should be set in accordance with the function that each road is designed to serve. First, speed control should be aimed at encouraging drivers to travel at an appropriate speed for prevailing conditions, encompasses enforcement, education and engineering techniques. Second, focus should be made on establishing street classification and descriptions and standards in municipal by-laws that would identify posted speed limit as an established parameter. Staff are reviewing the best way to incorporate Council's motion so that the enforcement practices of the KRPF give the community the best opportunity for success. While there cannot be 100% traffic patrol on every street, the change ultimately rests with individual drivers.

In closing, Engineering staff will be creating a hierarchy of street classifications to determine streets that will be impacted by Council's directive. Staff will also review any traffic monitoring reports and will confirm with the KRPF documented speeding complaints or perceived trouble areas on which to focus. Once completed the final recommendations will be submitted to Council for approval.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Mr. Losier's Staff Report updating Council on the Engineering Department's review of Traffic Speed limits be received and filed pending submission of Staff's final recommendations on the Blanket 40 Km/Hr Speed Limit for Local Streets.

Motion Carried

8.3 Ratification of Email Poll – Re Formal Award of RFP No. 2018TQ07-12
Performance Audit RFP

A Staff Report from the Town Clerk provided the results of the January 4, 2019 Email Poll formalizing the award of the RFP No. 2018TQ07-12 Performance Audit RFP.

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council ratify the Email Poll conducted January 4, 2019 authorizing the award of RFP No. 2018TQ07-12 – Consulting Services for Internal Performance Audit to Grant Thornton for the tender price of \$97,720 plus HST.

Motion Carried

8.2 (July 18/17) Update on Les Jeux de l'Acadie 2020 - Correspondence from Councillor Luck Requesting Budget Update – Ms. Joanie McGraw, In Attendance

Councillor Luck's correspondence requested an update, including the budget for the 2020 Acadian Games, (Les Jeux de l'Acadie 2020), planned to be held in Saint John and Quispamsis in 2020, noting the event is only 18 months out and the Town has not received any updated financial information from the Organizing Committee. He referenced the escalating costs associated with the 2021 World Francophone Games originally scheduled for Moncton/Dieppe.

Ms. Joanie McGraw, HR Manager, who also serves as the Town's representative on the Les Jeux de l'Acadie 2020, was in attendance and expanded upon her Staff Report updating Council on the status of the Les Jeux de l'Acadie Games. ARCf will be incorporating the new hosting committee this January with the first meeting scheduled for January 28, 2019. In addition, the 2020 Les Jeux de l'Acadie Finance Sub-Committee is finalizing their preliminary budget and, once completed, can make it available for Council. She related ARCf have advised the total budget will not exceed \$500,000; and, if for some reason, this target cannot be met, the Committee will reduce the scope of the games to avoid a deficit.

Ms. McGraw referenced the recent media attention that has been given to the Francophonie Games to be hosted in Moncton/Dieppe in 2021, noting they are not associated with the Les Jeux de l'Acadie Games. The latter, she said, has been around for 40 years and runs like a well-oiled machine.

Attached to Ms. McGraw's Staff report was a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in March 2018 by ARCf, the City of Saint John and the Town of Quispamsis for the hosting of the 2020 Games. Quispamsis' total contribution amounts to \$10,000 over a 3 year period as per Council's agreement in March of 2018. Also attached was an email from Michel Côté, President, ARCf who also clarified the Les Jeux de l'Acadie Games and the Les Jeux de la Francophonie International Games are two completely different events, and that the budgeted information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Ms. McGraw and Mr.Côté be thanked for their updated information and the Host Committee be requested to provide to Council a copy of the 2020 Les Jeux de l'Acadie Budget once completed.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1 Zoning By-law – Schedule of Fees – Proposed Changes to Fees

Mr. Colbourne, the Municipal Planning Officer, was in attendance and expanded upon his Staff Report recommending changes to the Zoning By-law Fee Schedule. He noted the last fee review was conducted in 2009, and in most cases, the current fees are not reflective of the actual costs to administer and provide services under the Zoning By-law. The proposed fees are also more comparable to other municipalities' fee structures. It also includes introducing new fees for services that are being provided but which currently have no cost recovery mechanism in place.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Luck

A Public Hearing date be set for February 19, 2019 concerning the proposed amendment to the Town's Zoning By-law Fee Schedule, and the proposed amendment be referred to the PAC for its written views.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 (Dec. 18/18) Proposed Sewerage Utility By-law No. 005-18

Councillor Luck read proposed Sewerage Utility By-law No. 005-18 in its entirety.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Third and final reading be given to Sewerage Utility By-law Amendment No. 05-18 increasing the annual sewer user rate from \$420 to \$448 per equivalent user..

Motion Carried

10.2 Proposed Water Utility By-law No. 024-13

Deputy Mayor O'Hara read Sewerage Utility By-law Amendment No. 024-13 in its entirety,.

Moved By Councillor Luck
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Council give 3rd and final reading to Water Utility By-law No. 24-13; increasing the Water User Fee Fixed Charge Component by 1.89% with the basic rate going from \$212 to \$216 annually with larger meters also increasing 2% and the second level usage charge increasing from \$1.357 to \$1.384 per cm, (2.0%).

Motion Carried

11. New Business (none)

12. Reports

- 12.1 Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. – November 14, 2018 Meeting, Minutes, Financials & Associated Reports
- 12.2 Building Report – As At December 2018
- 12.3 Town's Support of KVHS Riverboat Classic Basketball Tournament under the Town's Sport Tourism Grants Program (\$500)
- 12.4 Town of Rothesay's Support of KVFD Inc.'s Request for New Agreement with Province for Fire Protection Service of LSD Areas
- 12.5 MP Alaina Lockhart – Launching of Canada Nature Fund
- 12.6 MP Alaina Lockhart – Announcement

Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

13. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole


14. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Luck

Meeting adjourn to February 5, 2019.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

X 

Gary Clark
Mayor

X 

asst. Catherine P. Snow
Clerk
Lisa MacInnis

