



**QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**January 19, 2021, 7:00 pm  
Electronic Meeting**

**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  
MacInnis, Lisa; Assistant. Clerk  
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services  
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By** Councillor Luck

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

The Agenda be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clark referenced the two positive COVID cases at KVHS and one at QMS over the past week, and the announcement by the Province earlier in the day that several New Brunswick Zones, including the Greater Saint John region, Zone 2, will change to Red at midnight. Schools will remain open during the Red level, but for Quispamsis, it will mean closure of the qplex, QMA, and the outdoor skating rink. All other aspects of the Town will remain business as usual. Mayor Clark noted the great importance of everyone doing their bit to follow the mandatory directives set out by the Province and Public Health to help fight against the Pandemic.

3. **Moment of Reflection** – Councillor Thompson read the Moment of Reflection.

4. **Disclosures of Interest**

4.1 Old Neck Road - A. E. MacKay Limited - Extension of Developer's Agreement – Councillor Loughery declared a Conflict of Interest concerning Item 13.2.

5. **Presentations** (none)

6. **Public Hearings** (none)

7. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

7.1 December 15, 2020 - Regular Meeting

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

Minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

8. **Unfinished Business**

8.1 Ratification of Email Poll - Amendment to Resolution No. 2020-14 - Federal/Provincial Safe Restart Agreement to Cover COVID-19 Related Expenses Incurred by Local Governments

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council ratify the email poll conducted on December 23, 2020 to amend the motion of December 15, 2020, Section 11.1; identified as Resolution No.

2020-14 to reflect the \$216,900 amount of funding the Province has confirmed for the COVID-19 Safe Restart Program, (which is \$149,600 less than previously anticipated), and the amended motion to read "**BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$616,900 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund for future use**".

**Motion Carried**

8.2 Hook & Paddle Fishing Series Tournament - Update from Director of Community Services

(Requires a Motion to Refer to February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Pending Receipt of Additional Information from Applicant)

**Moved By** Councillor Miller

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

This matter be referred to the February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting as further information is expected from the Applicant by that time that may require a Motion of Reconsideration with respect to Council's motion of December 15, 2020.

**Motion Carried**

**9. Correspondence**

9.1 Building Inspection Report 2020 Highlights and Overview

The Director of Engineering & Works expanded upon the 2020 Building Inspection Report noting the 2020 numbers exceed the 10 year average of every category, save one. This includes the highest number of single family housing starts, (76), highest number of permits ever issued, (436 individual permits – includes Multi-Residential, Commercial, additions/Renovations and Accessory Structures), Highest Annual Permit Fees Collected generating \$199,533 in revenue, and the Highest Construction Value at \$35,377,335.

Mr. Losier's Staff Report acknowledged pandemic constraints directed by the Province required staff to eliminate or defer some non-essential inspections to comply with operational plans, however, there was still over 550 on-site inspections, and another 200 non-essential inspections

deferred to 2021, when the pandemic restrictions lessen. He commended the Building Inspection Team for their role in ensuring this segment of the economy continued forward, in particular Building Inspectors Trevor Murray and Julie McCutcheon, as well as the administrative support from PAC Secretary, Violet Brown, and front counter staff Andrea Bennet, Michelle Childs and Margie McGrath who assisted the residents as they navigated through the building permit application process during this unconventional time.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

Council receive and file the 2020 Building Inspection Service's Annual Report with special thanks and recognition for the dedication and high level of service provided to our builders, developers, and residents by our Building Inspection and Administrative Staff particularly during this past challenging year.

**Motion Carried**

## 10. By-laws

### 10.1 By-law No. 061; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Bags

(Consideration of 3rd & Final Reading)

Presenter: Ms. Brenda MacCallum, Public Relations & Program Development Officer, Fundy Regional Service Commission

Ms. MacCallum provided the following highlights concerning the Proposed Single Use Plastic Bag Reduction By-law:

- The Fundy Region generates 35,000,000 plastic bags per year;
- Single Use plastic bags cost the Fundy Regional Services Commission \$72,000 per year;
- January 2020 the FRSC announced a proposed region-wide Plastic Bag Reduction By-law similar to the by-laws passed by other Atlantic Provinces as well as the Greater Moncton area;
- The Proposed Plastic Bag Reduction By-law will not allow businesses to give plastic bags at checkout, however some exemptions will apply;

- Businesses may choose to supply a paper bag & may choose to charge for it;
- Reusable bags must be good for a minimum of 100 uses;
- Proposed Implementation date for new By-law is June 30, 2021;
- More information available at [www.FundyRecycles.com](http://www.FundyRecycles.com).

A question and answer period followed, with Members noting many reusable bags are made from polypropylene material that can not be recycled, and urged the FRSC to lobby governments/industry to develop reusable bags that can be recycled.

In response to Council Members, Ms. MacCullum noted the Province has indicated a Provincial-wide ban on single use plastic bags is not currently a priority for them. The Fundy Regional Service Commission wishes to move forward on the ban, similar to Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe, to address the challenge of there no longer being a market to recycle single use plastic bags resulting in them now going to the landfill.

With respect to retailers who have stockpiled single use plastic bags as part of their inventory, Ms. MacCullum noted the FRSC had introduced the concept of a Plastic Bag Reduction By-law over a year ago, noting it will not be implemented until June 30, 2021.

Mayor Clark thanked Ms. MacCullum for her dedicated work on this file, noting the proposed by-law was approved by the Fundy Regional Service Commission unanimously.

**Moved By** Councillor Loughery

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Third and final reading be given to By-law No. 061; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Bags.

On the question, By-law No. 061 was read in its entirety.

**Motion Carried**

Nay: Councillor Luck

## 11. New Business

11.1 Carson Hill Estates Subdivision - Phase 1 - Council Assent – Staff Report from Municipal Planning Officer

A Staff Report from Mr. Colbourne indicated Carson Hill Estates is located in the Model Farm Road – Evergreen Park area, and will create six new residential lots as well as extend the existing Kelcratis Avenue and add one new public street – Cranberry Avenue. The lots will be serviced through individual onsite septic sewerage systems as governed by Provincial regulations, and water will be provided through private drilled wells. The land for public purposes obligations for this phase will be met through land dedication for the purpose of pedestrian trail connection in a subsequent phase of the development, providing a connection between the Hammond River Road and the Model Farm Road using a portion of the old Lambs Ferry Road public right-of-way.

**Moved By** Councillor Loughery

**Seconded By** Councillor Rioux

Council grant assent to the Carson Hill Estates – Phase 1 Subdivision Plan, subject to the execution of a standard Development Agreement, 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**

11.2 Town Committee Appointments - Recommendations from Nominating Committee

**Moved By** Councillor Rioux

**Seconded By** Councillor Miller

Council endorse the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Chris Lawrence to the Town's Climate Change Committee, replacing former member Debbie Allen, and also removing Paul Kirkpatrick and Jeff Rogers from the Climate Change Committee.

**Motion Carried**

## 12. Reports

12.1 Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick – January 4, 2021 Bulletin

- 12.2 Letter from Jessie Blair – Request to Defund Police Department Budgets
- 12.3 Town of Quispamsis – Animal Control Report As At December 2020
- 12.4 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2020
- 12.5 Planning Advisory Committee Year End 2020 Report
- 12.6 Confirmation Re CN Rail's Donation to KV Public Library (\$10,000)

**Moved By** Councillor Miller

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

Reports be received and filed.

**Motion Carried**

### **13. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole**

#### **13.1 Congratulatory Letter to New CAO of the Greater Saint John Economic Development Agency**

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council issue a letter to Ms. Paulette Hicks congratulating her on her new position as CAO for the greater Saint John Economic Development Agency.

**Motion Carried**

#### **13.2 Old Neck Road – A. E. MacKay Limited – Extension of Developer's Agreement**

**Moved By** Councillor Rioux

**Seconded By** Councillor Luck

Council extend the A. E. MacKay Ltd. Subdivision developer's agreement, (Old Neck Road) to June 30, 2021.

**Motion Carried**

### **14. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

X

Gary Clark  
Mayor



X

Catherine P. Snow  
Clerk

