



**QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**January 21, 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 Olsen

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments (none)

3. Moment of Reflection

Councillor Miller 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 December 17, 2019 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

7.2 January 7, 2020 - Special Meeting - Meenan's Cove Park & Beach House Upgrade

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Luck

The January 7, 2020 Special Meeting minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business (none)

9. Correspondence

9.1 New Brunswick Energy & Utilities Board - Capital Project for Automated Metering Infrastructure - Request for Support Letter from Town of Quispamsis

Correspondence from NB Power Corporation provided background information on their Advanced Metering Infrastructure Capital Project currently before the NB Energy & Utilities Board. Ms. McKay's email stated with the importance of the project benefiting NB communities, NB Power is asking municipalities to consider voicing their support by sending a letter to the Energy & Utilities Board by the end of the hearing date, January 22, 2020.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council authorize the Town sending the draft letter of support to the New Brunswick Energy & Utilities Board in support of NB Power's application for an

Automated Metering Infrastructure, (smart meters & smart grid), to promote energy conservation and enable development and innovation.

Against (6): Deputy Mayor O'Hara, Councillor Luck, Councillor Loughery, Councillor Miller, Councillor Rioux, and Councillor Thompson

Motion Defeated

Council Members acknowledged Quispamsis has long supported energy efficient initiatives and actions that reduce New Brunswickers' carbon footprint, however, did not feel they had sufficient information on the \$92 million project to make an informed decision on whether or not they are in support of this initiative. .

Moved By Councillor Loughery

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

NB Power Corporation be asked to attend an upcoming Quispamsis Council Meeting to make presentation on the proposed Smart Meters Infrastructure Capital Project.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Proposed By-law Amendment No. 005-19: A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting Sewerage Utility

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Third and final reading be given to Sewerage Utility By-law No. 005-19 increasing the annual sewer rate by \$40 from \$448 to \$488.

Motion Carried

On the question, Councillor Miller read the By-law Amendment in its entirety.

10.2 Proposed By-law Amendment No. 024-15: A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting Water Utility

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Third and final reading be given to By-law Amendment No. 024-15; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting Water Utility increasing the fixed water rate

by \$20 from \$216 to \$236; with consumption fees of \$0.9614 low rate, (\$0.874 - 2019), and \$1.5224 high rate, (\$1.384-2019).

Motion Carried

On the question, Deputy Mayor O'Hara read the By-law Amendment in its entirety.

11. New Business (none)

12. Reports

12.1 Fundy Region Service Commission's Decision re Single Use Plastic Bag Recycling & Request for Plastic Bag Reduction By-law

Letter from Marc MacLeod, Ex. Dir., Fundy Regional Service Commission & Further Update from Mayor Gary Clark

A discussion of Council ensued in response to Mr. MacLeod's notice of decision that the Fundy Region Service Commission, at its December 10, 2019 Meeting, passed a motion to remove plastic bags as an acceptable item in recycling, effective March 1, 2020. Additionally, the Commission passed a second motion recommending the Fundy Region municipalities adopt a Plastic Bag Reduction By-law, similar to the By-laws passed in Moncton, Riverview, Dieppe and the Provincial legislation in PEI.

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

The FRSC be requested to continue to accept single use plastic bags in the Recycling Program beyond the March 1, 2020 deadline date to prevent them from ending up in the landfill, and further, the FRSC be directed to work with UMNb in their approach to the Province of New Brunswick, (as per UMNb's resolution passed last October), requesting the implementation of a provincial-wide ban on single use plastic bags, similar to what PEI has successfully done, and the Town's MLA, Premier Blaine Higgs and the Minister of Environment & Local Government be copied on same.

Motion Carried

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

The Fundy Region Service Commission be asked to update Council on the status of the EPR - PPP Program.

Motion Carried

12.2 Planning Advisory committee Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2019

12.3 Town of Quispamsis Building Report – December 2019

12.4 Meenan's Cove Park & Beach House Upgrade – Copy of Staff Presentation from January 20, 2020 Special Meeting

12.5 Letter from Gary Jones - Thanking Town Utility Department - Help with Intake Valve – Councillor Rioux acknowledged Mr. Jones' letter of thanks to the Town's Utility Department for their efforts and resources in assisting Mr. Jones with locating his outside turnoff valve which allowed for the much needed repair of the leak on the intake valve in their home.

Moved By Councillor Luck
Seconded By Councillor Miller

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

13. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

13.1 (Sept.17/19) Proposed Agreement with Canada Games Aquatic Centre for Lifeguard & Swimming Lesson Instruction Services

A Staff Report from the Director of Community Services recommended to Council the Canada Games Aquatic Centre be commissioned to provide lifeguarding and swimming lessons at the qplex, expanding the service they've been providing at Meenan's Cove Beach and Gondola Point Beach over the past nine (9) years. She noted the Town has been pleased with their level of service, and acknowledged the challenge the Town has each summer in recruiting and retaining lifeguards at the qplex pool. The qplex/QMA Manager would be responsible for managing the contract, and the CGAC would provide an onsite supervisor who would be responsible for both beaches and the pool.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Council authorize the signing of an agreement with the Canada Games Aquatic Centre to provide lifeguarding and swimming lesson instruction at the qplex pool

in 2020 for a fee of \$151,800 including HST, with an option to renew for two additional years.

Motion Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

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Gary Clark
Mayor

X

Catherine P. Snow
Clerk

