



QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2016, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall

- Members Present:** Mayor G. Murray Driscoll
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
Councillor Lisa Loughery
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson
- Members Absent:** Councillor Gary Clark (illness)
Councillor Kirk Miller (out of Province)
- Staff Present** Brennan, Michael; CAO
Deville, Susan; Director of Human Resources/Assistant CAO
Kennedy, Arron; Manager of Communications
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 (none)**

3. Moment of Reflection

Councillor Olsen read the Moment of Reflection.

4. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were declared.

5. Presentations

5.1 Conservation Council - Lois Corbett, Executive Director, In Attendance

Ms. Lois Corbett presented the Conservation Council's Renewable Solutions NB Tour that is aimed towards bringing together renewable energy producers, local business organizations, local elected officials and others interested in supporting renewable energy in communities across New Brunswick.

The challenge, Ms. Corbett advised, is to limit the ratio of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere to 350 parts per million, (currently at about 400 ppm), to keep global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius by 2050. This, she said, can happen by moving quickly with ambition beyond the days of burning coal, oil and natural gas and instead using 100 per cent renewable energy sources by 2050 at the latest. In New Brunswick, this means –

- Cleaning up the electricity system;
- Investing heavily in renewable energy technologies; and
- Investing heavily in energy efficiency and building retrofits.

Towns and Villages, Ms. Corbett stated, are well placed to act on building new energy systems, as they know their communities, are accustomed to setting targets and planning into the future, and also directly influence municipal plans for transportation and building codes. She cited renewable energy examples of what other municipalities are doing globally to make a positive difference in renewable energy. Home grown models include the construction of a passive solar house in Jemseg, NB, which

reduced the electricity bill in winter months from \$500 to \$150 per month, an initiative in Ontario that has implemented micro solar power stations in over 10,000 of their homes, schools and churches. The electrification of transportation is the next major opportunity for significantly reducing GHG emissions, representing 25 percent of Canada's carbon footprint. The City of Burlington in Vermont has gone 100% renewable. She commended Quispamsis for its many efforts in building a sustainable community, noting it was the first NB Municipality to join FCM's Partners for Climate Protection, and leading in design with the first LEED Arena in Atlantic Canada.

Council Members commended Ms. Corbett for the very informative presentation, and asked that she keep the Town updated on various sustainable projects and developments that are taking place in other communities globally.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

The NB Conservation Council's presentation be received and filed, with thanks.

Motion Carried

5.2 Union of Municipalities of NB's, (UMNB), Climate Change & Energy Initiative (CCEI) - Eddie Oldfield, Owner/Principal of Spatial Quest Solutions, Advisory to UMNB CCEI Initiative, In Attendance

Mr. Oldfield acknowledged the "Paris Climate 2015" Conference has brought Climate Change to the forefront with all parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change facilitating countries to sign an agreement to limit greenhouse gas emissions and global warming. New Brunswick, he said, has already announced its target to reduce GHG emissions to 10% below the level of 1990 by 2020, and to reduce the GHG emissions between 75% and 85% below the level of 2001 by 2050. He stated his company has been engaged by UMNB to help move NB municipalities forward as Smart Energy Communities.

Mr. Oldfield noted Quispamsis was the first municipality in New Brunswick to join FCM's Partners for Climate Protection Program, and invited the Town to become one of 12 New Brunswick Municipalities to participate in this 18 month project. The contribution by the Town would be between \$9000 to \$12,000 maximum, split over two years, for the production of a high quality GHG inventory, updated Local Action Plan, Community Energy Plan/Mapping and Community Energy Planning project identification. Additionally, the Local Action Plan would identify opportunities and projects eligible for further GMF Funding with targets for GHG emissions reduction. Mr. Oldfield stated, as a participant, Quispamsis' green initiatives and achievements will be recognized by FCM and promoted nationally.

In closing, Mr. Oldfield stated he would like to receive responses from municipalities by April 2016. Once the required number of municipalities confirm their participation, UMNB will submit the funding application to FCM GMF for 50% of the project's overall costs. UMNB will also be applying to NB Environmental Trust Fund for 35% of the projects cost, and municipalities that participate will contribute 10% of the project cost, shared amongst the participants.

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council refer Mr. Oldfield's presentation to staff to evaluate and bring back a recommendation to Council for the April 5, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried

6. Public Hearings (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 March 1, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business (none)

9. Correspondence

9.1 Letter from The Honourable Brian Kenney, Minister of Environment & Local Government - Updates on Local Government Issues

Correspondence from the Honourable Kenney highlighted key points from budget estimates that affect local government, for instance the Community Funding and Equalization grant funding was increased by \$285,000 and municipal transfers will be maintained at their current levels. The Province also remains committed to the modernization of local government including the modernization of legislation, particularly the *Municipalities Act* and the *Community Planning Act* to give municipalities powers to promote development and become hubs of job creation. He also noted the Province will continue to work with communities that express interest in studying voluntary restructuring options to strengthen their capacity and sustainability in the long run.

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

The Minister of Environment and Local Government's letter be received and filed.

Motion Carried

9.2 80 Millennium Drive – Big Rock Plaza – B & R Brown Holdings Ltd. – Business Development under the Development Scheme By-law for Millennium Drive – Staff Report from Municipal Planning Officer

Mr. Colbourne's Staff Report informed Council B & R Brown Holdings Ltd. plan to develop on their property located at 80 Millennium Drive, (7.65 acres), adjacent to the Home Hardware Store, a series of up to five up-scaled multi-functional buildings designed to house retail, office, service,

food service and light manufacturing businesses in spaces between 457 sq.m m and 1372 sq.m ft. The intention is to construct building number one on the north east corner of the lot, (adjacent to Home Hardware), with construction commencing in the spring of 2016. Future buildings will be constructed one at a time as demand dictates. Financial implications include the extension of the water system to connect with Granite Drive if desired by the Town, but this is not a requirement to approve the proposed development. The process of approval, Mr. Colbourne stated, is guided by the Millennium Drive Development Scheme By-law No. 017. Council, the Building Inspector, and any other persons deemed necessary by the Development Officer have up to 14 days to submit recommendations, in writing, to the PAC. As part of the process, PAC have sent notices, he said, to the property owners with 100 meters of the subject property.

The Director of Engineering and Works noted if Council Members, following their review of the package, have any input or feedback concerning the proposed development to provide their comments to the Development Officer within 14 days of the date of the Staff Report, (March 23, 2016).

10. By-laws

10.1 By-law Amendment No. 011-2015-1.1; A By-law Respecting the Undertaking of Certain Works as a Local Improvement on Various Streets in Quispamsis

It was noted the proposed Amendment reflects the removal of one of the properties from the original Local Improvement By-law No. 011-2015 that was passed in 2015.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

First reading be given to By-law Amendment No. 011-2015-1.1; A By-law Respecting the Undertaking of Certain Works as a Local Improvement on Various Streets in Quispamsis

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Second reading be given to By-law Amendment No. 011-2015-1.1; A By-law Respecting the Undertaking of Certain Works as a Local Improvement on Various Streets in Quispamsis.

Motion Carried

11. New Business

11.1 Resolution to Levy Costs on Property Owners Re Local Improvement By-law No. 011-2015.1.1

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

NOTICE OF WARRANT OF ASSESSMENT TO THE TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS pursuant to By-law No. 011-2015-1, passed on the 18th day of August, 2015; (x-reference 011-2015-1.1), the Council of the town of Quispamsis has completed as a local improvement the Installation of Storm Sewer Works, at a cost of \$20,393.17, within the twelve months preceding the 30th day of March, 2016.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to By-law No. 011-2015-1 of the town of Quispamsis, the owner's portion of the costs of the work to be raised by special frontage assessment is \$15,294.88;

AND WHEREAS such frontage assessment is payable in either one lump sum or ten (10) annual installments;

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED to assess and levy the sum of \$15,294.88 on the several parcels of land abutting on the said work and cause the same to be collected and paid by either one lump sum or ten (10) annual installments by the owner of such parcels in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the town of Quispamsis.

GIVEN under the Corporate Seal of the town of Quispamsis, this 15th day of March, 2016.

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1 Animal Control Reports As At February, 2016
- 12.2 Building Report As At February, 2016
- 12.3 Kennebecasis Public Library Board Minutes - January 20, 2016
- 12.4 Minister of Heritage, Tourism & Culture - Thanking Town for Its Support of the National Recreation Framework
- 12.5 UNBSJ - Thank you & Chancellor's Circle - UNBSJ - Mayor Driscoll expanded upon UNBSJ's President and Vice-Chancellor H. E. A. Campbell's thank you letter, acknowledging that the Town's recent \$17,500 annual contribution completes the Town's full \$175,000 total donation in support of the Hans W. Klohn Commons at the UNB. Mayor Driscoll noted this contribution will see the Town of Quispamsis recognized on the Chancellor's Circle as a donator who contributed more than \$10,000 annually to UNB over the 10 year period. He also noted, approximately 650 KVHS students have benefited from \$2,864,000 in UNB scholarships over the years, noting the Town's contribution was a good return for our students.
- 12.6 KRJBPC Minutes of January 27, 2016 Meeting
- 12.7 KRJBPC - Financial Statements as at December 31, 2015
- 12.8 Kingsway Care Centre/Squire Drive Playground - Thank You & Invitation
- 12.9 Canadian Cancer Society – April as Daffodil Month
- 12.10 Railway Association of Canada and Transport Canada Public Rail Safety Week – April 25 – May 1, 2016

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Whereas Public Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from April 25 – May 1, 2016;

Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness on reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the rail industry, governments, police services, the media and other agencies and the public to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver has requested Council to adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to save lives and prevent injuries in communities including Quispamsis.

It is hereby RESOLVED to support National Public – Rail Safety week to be held from April 25, to May 1, 2016.

Motion Carried

12.11 Marigold Project – Barry Ogden

12.12 Town of Quispamsis Unaudited Financial Statements As At January 31, 2012

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

13. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

13.1 Letter of Best Wishes to Rothesay Outgoing Mayor Bill Bishop

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

A letter be issued to outgoing Rothesay Mayor, Bill Bishop, acknowledging his long term dedication and service to the Town of Rothesay and the

Kennebecasis Valley community, and wishing him well on his retirement from local government.

Motion Carried.

14. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

X 
G. Murray Driscoll
Mayor

X 
Catherine P. Snow
Clerk
