



## QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

**May 17, 2022, 7:00 pm**

**Council Chambers**

**Quispamsis Town Hall**

- Present:
- Mayor Libby O'Hara
  - Deputy Mayor Mary Schryer
  - Councillor Mike Biggar (virtual attendance)
  - Councillor Noah Donovan
  - Councillor Kerrie Luck
  - Councillor Emil T. Olsen
  - Councillor Beth Thompson
  - Brandon, Krista; Town Treasurer
  - Emmerson, Cheryl; Human Resources Manager
  - Kennedy, Aaron; Acting CAO
  - Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
  - MacInnis, Lisa; Assistant Clerk
  - Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
  - Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk
- Absent:
- Councillor Kirk Miller (out of town)

#### 1. **Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

The Agenda be approved as amended, reversing the order of 8. Unfinished Business and 9. Correspondence.

**Motion Carried**

## 2. Mayor's Comments

Mayor O'Hara referenced the warmer weather temperatures and encouraged residents to get out and enjoy the outdoor/rooftop patios at three of Quispamsis restaurants – Mexies, St. Louis and Second Cup.

Mayor O'Hara also invited Quispamsis residents to track their physical activity from June 1 - 30, 2022 as part of the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge to strive for being Canada's most active community. The community who accumulates the most minutes will receive \$100,000.

## 3. Treaty Acknowledgement - Moment of Reflection

Councillor Olsen read the Treaty Acknowledgement – Moment of Reflection.

## 4. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were declared.

## 5. Presentations

### 5.1 Presentation from Active Transportation Ad hoc Committee -

Presenter: Gary Losier, Director of Engineering and Works and Spokesperson for Ad Hoc Committee

Active Transportation Ad Hoc Committee Members - Councillor Kerrie Luck, Wayne Arrowsmith, Margie Leclerc, Daryl Steeves, Dana Purton Dickson, Mr. Losier and as Ex-officio, Mayor O'Hara.

Mr. Losier made presentation to Council, on behalf of the Active Transportation Ad Hoc Committee, whose mandate was to provide the Town's Consultants doing the Transportation Master Plan with recommendations concerning Active Transportation. This includes any human powered transportation such as cycling, walking, skateboarding, etc. to get from Point A to Point B. It gives people the opportunity to be physically active on a regular basis, benefitting people's health, society, transportation systems, the environment, and the economy.

Mr. Losier related the Consultants doing the Transportation Master Plan, Englobe Corp., have related the survey responses provided a clear message that residents want a transportation system that gives them choice and flexibility in how they move around, with many of the responses geared towards Active Transportation infrastructure in terms of adding bike lanes, sidewalks and improving AT connectivity.

**Moved By** Councillor Luck

**Seconded By** Councillor Donovan

Council accept the Active Transportation Ad-Hoc Committee's following recommended actions:

- Refer the recommendations to the Consultants preparing the Town's Transportation Master Plan;
- Allow the consultants to develop specific technical details and action plans and structure their recommendations;
- Ensure AT discussions are priority at the regional level;
- Encourage connectivity between communities;
- Identify immediate action items for next steps;
- Development of Town education program – Public review/committee – partnerships with other AT education programs;
- Initiate discussions with DTI concerning Gondola Point Arterial (Rte. 119) AT opportunities;
- Create ongoing (annual) review of action items and future AT plans.

**Motion Carried**

5.2 Recreation Master Plan - Trace Planning and Design - Status Update – Power Point Presentation

Presenter: Jim Scott, Senior Landscape Architect/Planner

Mr. Scott made presentation updating Council on the status of the Recreation Master Plan currently being developed. He informed Council the final document will provide a roadmap for where the community wants to go with Recreation over the next 10 year period. The Plan will include an assessment of the recreation facility and site assets, will involve working with staff, residents, activity providers and Council to develop a clear set of recreation themes and initiatives. The process, Mr. Scott advised, will include a Platform Analysis, Community Consultations, Parks & Recreation network, and will result in the creation of the Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Scott concluded by noting a Public Workshop to discuss the future of Recreation in the community will be held June 15, 2022 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

Mr. Jim Scott be thanked for his presentation, and any further input of Council be directed to Mr. Scott through the Community Services Director concerning the development of the new Recreation Master Plan.

**Motion Carried**

5.3 Shining Horizons Therapeutic Riding Association Presentation

Presenter - David Ryan, Executive Director

Mr. Ryan made presentation to Council introducing Shining Horizons Therapeutic Riding Association, a charitable organization, established in 1996, initially born out of the need of a mother in Saint John who was looking for an activity to enhance the life of her young child, born with cerebral palsy. Located in Red Head, Shining Horizons brings together youth with disabilities, (both visible and not), and trained therapeutic riding horses, along with highly qualified trainers. This volunteer-based charity offers equine assisted activity programs to persons from St. Stephen to Sussex, for a special experience for both the rider and their family. He noted 20.6% of their participants are Quispamsis residents, and 15.2% of their volunteers are Quispamsis residents. Mr. Ryan noted horses are known for being sensitive creatures, in tune with their riders, and regular participation in their program allows for physical, social, and emotional development.

Mayor O'Hara noted she and Councillor Biggar have visited Shining Horizons and were both quite touched at the phenomenal service they provide to young people with disabilities.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Schryer

Mr. Dave Ryan be thanked for his presentation providing an overview of the great work Shining Horizons does bringing together youth with disabilities and trained therapeutic riding horses, along with their qualified trainers; and, Shining Horizons be directed to make application through the Town's Community Grant Program for consideration during the budget 2023 process.

**Motion Carried**

5.4 KVHS Concert in the Park - Thursday, June 2, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Presenter - Parker Losier and Ryley Winchester, KVHS Music Program

Messrs. Parker and Winchester informed Council the KVHS Music Program will be hosting a musical variety show at the Quispamsis Arts and Culture Park on Thursday, June 2, 2022. After a two-year hiatus from in-person concerts, they are

excited to finally offer live music again, and at the same time, raise funds for the KVHS Music Program. Funds raised at admission will assist them in purchasing new equipment and instruments for the school to provide a broader range of musical opportunities for the students. They noted they are looking for support in sponsoring their Music 122 class in their organizing, promoting and facilitating the concert, noting any help would be beneficial.

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Councillor Luck

Council sponsor the KVHS Music Group's Concert in the Park by waiving the Arts & Culture Park rental fee on June 2, 2022, and helping to promote the event by advertising it on the Town's website.

**Motion Carried**

## 6. Public Hearings

### 6.1 Public Hearing - Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment No. 038-37; Respecting the Regulation of Apiary (Beekeeping) Operations

Ms. Jennifer Jarvis, Quispamsis Planning Technologist, was in attendance, and expanded upon the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment No. 038-37 which would regulate apiary operations within the Town's boundaries, summarized as follows:

- Identify zones where hobby beekeeping is permitted;
- Lot size requirements;
- The number of bee hives (2) that would be permitted on a lot;
- Placement of bee hives;
- Water source requirement; and
- Proof of liability insurance.

Written Submissions – Received from the following individuals:

- Richard Wetmore – Objection
- Adam Brown – Objection
- Julia Morris – Objection
- Harold Anderson – Objection
- Chris Lockhart - Objection
- Jocelyn Smith – Photos of Bee Excrement – Support
- Geoff Fougere – Objection
- Grace Anderson – Objection

- Yvonne Steeves – Objection
- Andrea Tolan - Objection

Ms. Jarvis informed Council she has reviewed the written submissions, and summarized the main items of concern include -

- The proposed allowance for a maximum of two (2) hives are insufficient as bees tend to outgrow their hives and if a new one is not available, they tend to swarm.
- It is common to lose bees during winter months.
- The proposed \$300 annual fee for beekeepers is too high.
- Very difficult to obtain liability insurance for beekeeping operations.

Ms. Jarvis noted Council had referred the issue of regulating apiary operations to the Planning Staff after hearing concerns from property owners on Cedar Grove Drive who had experienced issues with severe bee excrement on their outdoor objects, i.e. vehicles, siding, patio furniture, clothesline, etc. Ms. Jarvis noted the Town has also received concerns about beehives from people who have bee allergies. By having regulations contained in the Town's Zoning By-law, Ms. Jarvis stated, Staff will have tools to act on complaints. It is not against allowing beehives, but rather looking at it from a land use perspective, and trying to find a balance for people who have issues with bees and for those who want to have bees.

Mayor O'Hara opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, inviting those who wished to speak for or against the proposed amendment to do so at this time.

*Jocelyn Smith, and Joni Moore* – spoke in support of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, noting they had made the initial complaint approximately a year ago due to the enjoyment of their outdoor space being compromised by large amounts of bee excrement being dropped on their siding, patio furniture, vehicles, etc. The bees are thought to be from the beehives kept by a neighbouring property owner, making their way over their property to Ritchie Lake for cleansing. They showed photos of the bee excrement on various objects around their property, including on people, and thanked Council for listening to them.

*Cathy Hutchinson* – spoke in support of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, stating she has spent time at the Smith/Moore property, and witnessed the severeness of their issue. She stated the excrement is a bright yellow and is difficult to remove. It prohibits the property owners from using their clothesline, entertaining outdoors, etc. She does not believe beehives should be permitted in a residential setting.

*Ryan Golden* - not for or against the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, he is a commercial beekeeper, and a member of the NB Beekeepers Association. They work with the Province of NB trying to get more people involved in beekeeping to grow the industry. He read a letter on behalf of Chris Lockhart, President of the NB Beekeeping Association. Mr. Lockhart's letter acknowledged that while the by-law is well intended, it could have some negative consequences. His concerns related to the difficulty beekeepers would have in obtaining liability insurance, the new mentorship program they offer does not include certification, two hives would not be sufficient, and could cause the bees to swarm. The letter further noted NB is in great need of new beekeepers, and they would be happy to work with the Town on a by-law that can help guide beekeepers while still allowing urban beekeeping to grow.

*Shauna Doucette* of Cedar Grove Drive noted fortunately she hasn't had any issues with bee excrement like her neighbours. She wondered if the nearby beekeeper put a water source on his property if it would stop the bees from flying over her neighbour's property to Ritchie Lake for their cleansing.

*Joe Doucet* – expressed opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, noting bees are critical, and passing by-laws that eliminate bees could negatively impact the food chain.

*Duncan Webster* – a beekeeper and microbiologist for Horizon Health expressed the importance of beekeeping as bees act as pollinators, and feels regulations are important, but feels the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment could be improved.

*Laura Summerville* - asked Council to reconsider making a hasty decision on passing the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. She, along with her daughter, met beekeeper, Shawn Mallet, (The Gentlemen's Backyard), some time ago, who patiently introduced her and her daughter to bees, and through this interest, they are now learning the beekeeping business.

*Jennifer Anderson* – has a biology background and has worked with the federal government, and now works in the education system. She is upset with the Town's consideration of passing a by-law that would regulate beekeeping, noting she is afraid of how the proposed by-law could negatively influence beekeeping operations, and thus affect pollination and impact food security. She also noted the difficulty for beekeepers to obtain liability insurance, and the added expense of the \$300 annual fee. If similar type by-laws spread to other municipalities, she feels it would be doing a great disservice to young people.

*Roger Brown* – retired and a gardener who likes to see bees around as they help pollinate his garden. He would be hesitant to have such a by-law passed, noting the \$300 charge is excessive, and allowance of only two hives will not work.

*Chrystal Collette*- a beekeeper, is opposed to the proposed by-law, stating the annual \$300 fee is too much, and two hives is not sufficient relating many beekeepers lose 30-40% of their bees over the winter. If Council plans to adopt a proposed By-law that would regulate apiary operations, the by-law should be prepared through consultations with experienced and knowledgeable apiarist.

*Melissa Rolfe* - resides on Cedar Grove and spends a lot of time gardening, and while she lives next door to the residents who have issues with the bee excrement, she has not experienced similar problems.

*Nancy Dobbin* - suggested Council think hard about enacting the proposed by-law acknowledging the important function of bees. She feels the Town should work closer with the NB Bee Association, and with the residents who have complaints to see if there can be another resolution to address the problem.

*Sally Watts* - lives next door to a beekeeper, emphasizes with those who have a complaint concerning the bee excrement. She loves to garden and feels it is critical to review the proposed by-law before it is passed.

*Yvonne Steeves* - stated she grew up in Quispamsis on the Vincent Road and recalls as a child, seeing various properties in that area that had livestock. She is a Vet Technician by trade, and emphasized the need for bees to have water. The excrement area does seem to be a result of bees flying over the house to Ritchie Lake. She currently has one beehive and loss her previous hive over the winter. She feels the \$300 annual fee is too much, and that it would be best for the Town to visit an experienced beekeeper to learn more about how beekeeping works before approving the proposed by-law.

*Grace Anderson* – speaking as a young person, studying in the education field, has lived in Quispamsis all her life, and is concerned about the long term impacts such a by-law would have on long term food security. She urged Council to work with professional beekeepers in the drafting of a better by-law.

*Agnus King* – a hobby beekeeper who noted commercial bee keepers must pay a \$250 annual fee to be a commercial beekeeper, whereas hobby beekeepers only pay \$50. He feels all beekeepers should belong to the NB Bee Association.

*Shawn Mallet* - stated without bees, plants will flower, but if not pollinated, they will not produce seed nor fruit. Unlike the rural-country areas, in urban settings, where people mow and chemically treat their lawns, they are effectively killing off native pollinators' habitat. These urban areas benefit from beekeepers' hives as honeybees will fly 3 – 5 miles to pollinate, including plants in people's gardens. If the number of hives are reduced, it will be noticed, he said, in the more urban areas of the Town. He noted the cost to operate two hives is over \$1000 and combined with an extra \$300 annual fee, would make beekeeping cost prohibitive for many.



He noted one beehive only tends to generate 35 pounds of honey, making it difficult for beekeepers to cover their costs. He urged Council to be informed in its deliberations on this subject.

Mayor O'Hara asked three times if anyone further wished to speak on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. No further persons spoke, thus concluding the Public Hearing.

6.1.1 PAC's Written Views – Deputy Mayor Schryer read PAC's written views expressing their support of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment 038-37, subject to clarification for liability insurance requirements, enforcement, PAC approval, and implementation of the 14 best practices as outlined in their memo dated April 28, 2022.

6.1.2 Proposed Zoning By-law No. 038-37 - Respecting the Regulation of Apiary Operations

Ms. Jarvis provided her final summation, highlighting the main objections heard were regarding the mentorship program, number of hives, the \$300 annual fee and liability insurance. She feels by working with the people who work with the bees is a great way to determine a shared solution to these items.

The Municipal Planning Officer acknowledged this item came to the Planning Department at the request of Council following the complaint from the Cedar Grove Drive residents re bee excrement. Staff have been communicating with the Provincial Apiarist, where the need for a water source evolved in order for bees to do their cleansing ritual. He noted the Town is looking at this from a land use point of view, and currently apiary regulations are not covered in the Town's Zoning By-law. Unless reasonable guidelines are provided from a planning perspective, then the Town does not have authority to act when such complaints arise.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Schryer  
**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

The Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment No. 038-37; Regulating Apiary Operations be referred to the Planning Department to work with the NB Bee Association to review the concerns raised during the Public Hearing process, and to come back to Council with potential modifications to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment that will address the beekeepers' concerns as well as propose regulations that can address the residents' concerns re the bee excrement droppings during the bee's spring cleansing time of year.

Against (1): Councillor Donovan

**Motion Carried**

**7. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

7.1 May 3, 2022 – Regular Meeting

**8. Unfinished Business**

8.1 Council's Review of Items Referred to Strategic Plan Using MDB Insight's Decision Tree Process

Councillor Luck requested when this item comes back for Council discussion, that the Decision Tree process as recommended by MDB Insights also be reviewed.

8.1.1 (May 1/18) Proposed Smoke Free Places By-law No.060

Proposed by-law received 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings at the February 18, 2020; and April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting. Council referred the proposed By-law to the 2021 incoming Council as part of the Town's Strategic Planning Exercise

8.1.2 (Apr.6/21) Level of Service - Asset Management

Council referred to a more detailed discussion on the Level of Service evaluation component of the Asset Management Plan in coordination with the Town's Strategic Plan exercise

8.1.3 (May 18/21) Poop & Scoop Signage, Waste Containers and Public Benches

Placement and upkeep of these items was referred to the Strategic Planning process

8.1.4 Street Maps and Q-Map

The purchase of Town maps, including the development of a Q-Map to promote the Town's recreational offerings was referred to the Strategic Planning process

8.1.5 Council Communication

Need for better communication on decision-making and the rationale behind the decisions referred to the Strategic Plan discussions

8.1.6 (June 15/21) Sidewalks, Bicycle Lanes, Walkability and Active Transportation

Council appointed an Active Transportation Ad Hoc Committee to review all aspects of Active Transportation with the mandate to submit recommendations to the Master Transportation Plan by April 30, 2022. See *Ad Hoc Committee's Report under Presentations*.

- 8.1.7 (Aug.17/21) Deputy Mayor Mary Schryer - Proposed Scenic Road Designation - Gondola Point Road, Cedar Grove Drive, and Model Farm Road

Included in the Transportation Master Plan and Strategic Plan for consideration. The Gondola Point Road Corridor Study – was included in 2022 Budget and has been awarded to Englobe Consulting Ltd.

- 8.1.8 (Oct.16/21) Climate Change – Smart Energy Community Benchmark Report

Council referred the Town's Smart Energy Communities Benchmark Report to the Strategic Plan to ensure language reflecting a Smart Energy Community lens and climate change culture is incorporated into the Town's new Strategic Plan.

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

The above referenced items that Council had previously referred to the Strategic Plan be postponed to the next meeting due to the heavy agenda.

**Motion Carried**

## 9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Carol Dixon - Request for Year Round Pool in Kennebecasis Valley

Ms. Dixon, In Attendance to Expand Upon her Letter

Ms. Dixon was in attendance and expanded upon her letter requesting a year-round pool to serve the population of the Kennebecasis Valley. She referenced the funding paid to the Canada Games Aquatic Centre, and feels a full-time pool in the KV would help make the Town a more livable community, providing another step towards healthy lifestyles for all ages.

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Schryer

Ms. Dixon be thanked for her correspondence and presentation, and the issue of a year-round swimming pool in the Kennebecasis Valley be referred for consideration to the proposed Recreation Master Plan currently being prepared.

**Motion Carried**

9.2 Michelle Pollock - Crosswalk Concerns at Vincent Road and Aurora Boulevard – Request for Overhead Flashing Crosswalk Light

Ms. Pollock was in attendance and expressed concern about the high amount of traffic on the Vincent Road, and the need for an overhead flashing light crosswalk leading to the BMX Park at the Vincent Road and Aurora intersection. She noted her son visits the BMX bike park regularly, and she does not feel the current crosswalk is safe due to the high number of speeding and distracted motorists.

Mr. Losier stated the Town had allocated funding, (\$12,000 each) for two sets of overhead flashing crosswalk lights in its 2022 budget, noting he is not sure if they have yet been installed in the previously designated areas. If so, the Town could order another one for an approximate cost of \$12,000.

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Donovan

A Rapid Flash Beacon light be installed at Aurora Boulevard/Vincent Road crosswalk intersection expeditiously, and if the Town does not have one currently available, then another one be ordered for this location.

**Motion Carried**

9.3 258 Hampton Road, PID No. 251959 - Elmtree Development - Request to Amend Section 59 Development Agreement - Ali Kamkar, Owner, Landmark 258 Inc.

Mr. Kamkar expanded upon his application to amend the Section 59 CPA Agreement associated with the previous rezoning of 258 Hampton Road from Single and Two Family Residential to Multiple Residential. The proposed change would rotate the two apartment buildings, (50 units per building), by 90 degrees in order to make construction easier by requiring –

- less excavation, (working with the land contours),
- less retaining wall; and
- better surface and storm water management.

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Schryer

The application to amend the Section 59 Agreement concerning the 258 Hampton Road - Elmtree Development Property be referred to PAC for its written views, notification be sent to property owners within a 100m radius of the property

proposed for amendment change, and a Public Hearing date be set for 6 p.m. on June 21, 2022.

**Motion Carried**

9.4 Hamel Drive Developments Ltd. – PID No. 173732 (Previously Master Enterprises Ltd.) - Andrew Harrigan and Bradley Lockhart - Application to Amend CPA Development Agreement - PID No. 173732 - Adjacent to Route 119

Messrs. Harrigan and Lockhart were in attendance and expanded upon their application to amend the CPA Agreement associated with the previous rezoning of Hamel Drive Developments (Formerly Master Enterprises Ltd.) from Single and Two Family Residential to Integrated Development. The proposed changes include –

*Change in Phasing –*

Phase 1A - 1st multi-unit apt. building off Swanton Dr

Phase 1B - Initial 5 duplex lots off Millican Drive

Phase 2 – Continuation of 7 duplex lots off Millican

Phase 3A – 6 duplex lots

Phase 3B – 2nd multi-unit apartment building

Phase 4 – Final 5 duplex lots.

*Timelines –July 2022 to Dec 2026 -*

Change in Number of Units:

Phase 1A - 1st multi-unit apt – units to increase from 25 to 36; and

Phase 3B – 2nd multi-unit apt – from 38 units to 42

*Total of 15 added units from previous 109 units*

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor Schryer

Hamel Drive Developments Ltd.'s application to amend their CPA Agreement be referred to PAC for its written input, a Public Hearing date be set for June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., and notice be issued to property owners within a 100m radius of the property proposed for rezoning.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to Extend Meeting Beyond 11 p.m. Curfew**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Schryer

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

Council continue deliberations past the hour of 11 pm and not to exceed beyond 12 pm, midnight.

Against (1): Councillor Olsen

**Motion Carried**

9.5 Letter from Honourable Daniel Allain Re Quispamsis' 2022 Funding Allocation under the Canada Community Building Fund and Staff Report from Town Treasurer, Krista Brandon

Minister Allain's correspondence confirmed that under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), the regular 2022 allocation of \$1,314,412 is available for Quispamsis, to be transferred in two equal installments July 31, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

Ms. Brandon's Staff Report indicated one of the requirements to receive Canada Community Building Fund funding is to have an annual report completed and submitted to the Province for approval each year. She attached the 2021 Annual CCBF report that has been submitted to and approved by the Province of New Brunswick.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded By** Councillor Donovan

Minister Allain's letter confirming the Town's 2022 Gas Tax Fund Allotment be received and filed, with thanks.

**Motion Carried**

9.6 PNB's Request for Input by May 20, 2022 Re Local Governance Reform - Regional Service Commission (RSC) Proposed New Mandates/Services

Council reviewed the Local Governance Reform – Proposed New Mandates for the Regional Service Commission Paper dated April, 2022, acknowledging the deadline date for submissions is May 20, 2022. The proposed new mandates fall under the following categories:

- Economic Development;
- Tourism Promotion;
- Community Development;
- Cost Sharing for Recreational Infrastructure;
- Public Safety; and
- Additional Social Focus for Homelessness, Poverty Reduction and Mental Health.

Correspondence from Deputy Mayor Schryer noted PNB's New Mandates for RSC is a full packed document identifying significant changes to the current delivery of services for

municipalities. She noted her concern with the future of the community being decided by a Commission, including social determinants of health being downloaded to the RSC vs through the Province, which removes the fair and equitable delivery of these services across the province.

A discussion of Council ensued with the following points being noted:

- Points raised in Deputy Mayor Schryer's aforementioned submission.
- Significant downloading of current Provincial Services to the RSC.
- Pressure placed on Regional Mayors and Designated Committees/Staff to work through the RSC transition.
- The new RSC philosophy appears to be one of taking over individual municipalities – threatening the autonomy of the Town.
- Aggressive timelines – need to slow down and not rush through process.
- Will create another layer of bureaucracy.
- Quispamsis rejects any efforts that would lead to regional policing by the Saint John Police Force, acknowledging Quispamsis is very satisfied with current level of service provided by Kennebecasis Regional Police Force.
- The Greater Saint John Region municipalities have invested substantially in the new Envision Saint John Economic Development Agency.
- Clarification required on obligations for cost sharing regional recreation infrastructure.
- No information provided on what the cost sharing financial obligations will be, acknowledging the RSC will need more staff, office space and resources.

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

The Town submit correspondence to Minister Allain, Ryan Donaghy, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform, and the Town's MLAs – Premier Higgs and Minister Crossman expressing Council Member's concerns about the new mandates being proposed for the Regional Service Districts, as outlined collectively by Council, and also to request more time for local governments to respond.

**Motion Carried**

9.7 Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department - Fire Station 2 Renovation Costs - Memo from Deputy Chief Dan McCoy, Fire Administrator John Jarvie and Treasurer, Krista Brandon

The above referenced correspondence related the tender for Fire Station 2 renovation came in by \$1,124,070.63 overbudget. The estimated construction

budget was \$2,251,484 and the tender came in at \$3,375,554,63; mostly attributed to the increase in the cost of some materials and labour. To reduce costs, the sprinkler system was removed, resulting in a savings of \$277,913. The Fire Board is requesting the Quispamsis Council authorize an increase to the renovation budget not to exceed \$650,000; and agree to fund its proportionate share of the additional amount.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

That council authorize the estimated additional cost of \$383,955 with funding coming from borrowing and reserves as recommended by the Town Treasurer.

**Motion Carried**

**10. By-laws (none)**

**11. New Business**

**11.1 Tender Award - 2022TQ04-12; Dump, Body Spreader & Plow Equipment**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Schryer

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

Council award Tender No. 2022TQ04-12, for the Supply and Installation of Tenco Model Dump Body Spreader & Plow Equipment to the sole bidder Applied Pressure Inc for the bid price of \$192,500.00 (plus HST). Once final project costs are accounted, any project cost beyond the current allocated budget will be redirected from any operating budget surplus in 2022 or be redirected from General Capital reserve funds.

**Motion Carried**

**11.2 Tender Award No.2022TQ04-13; 2022 Heavy Duty Cab & Chassis 4 x 4 - 550 with 8000 LB Crane**

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Donovan

Council authorize staff to directly purchase a new 2022 – Heavy Duty Truck and Hoist from Dobson Chrysler Dodge for the bid price of \$164,600 (exclusive of HST, licensing & Tire Levy). Additional costs for the truck purchase and costs associated with equipping the truck with the required attachments will be assigned from any



2022 Utility Dept operating surplus if any are realized or as a reallocation of Utility Capital reserves.

**Motion Carried**

11.3 Tender Award - 2022TQ04-14; Upgrades to Hammond River Park

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

Council award Tender 2022-TQ04-14 to Terra Ex. Inc. with the low bid of \$382,700 plus HST with any additional funds needed to come from 2022 General Operating surplus or General Capital Reserves.

**Motion Carried**

11.4 Tender Award - 2022TQ04-16 - Old Coach Road Watermain Extension

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Luck

Council award RFP No. 2022TQ04-16 to the low bid from Midi Construction Ltd. and to enter negotiations with the low bidder to structure the tender value remove a portion of Hovey Road watermain from the project scope to adjust the project costs to \$614,583 (exclusive of HST).

**Motion Carried**

## 12. Reports

- 12.1 Unaudited Financial Statements As At March, 2022 - Town Treasurer
- 12.2 Town of Quispamsis Building Report As At April 2022
- 12.3 Queensbury Drive Traffic Calming Information - Letter to Residents
- 12.4 Planning Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes - April 26, 2022
- 12.5 Kennebecasis Regional Police Force Minutes & Financials - February 2022
- 12.6 Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners' Audited Financial Statements As At December 31, 2021
- 12.7 Union of Municipalities of NB Bulletins Including 2022 Conference Registration Information - Oct 7 - 9, 2022
- 12.8 Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick - Light it Up in Blue - May 29th

(A blue light will be placed at Town Hall)

**Moved By** Councillor Donovan  
**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** Deputy Mayor Schryer

Meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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Elizabeth (Libby) O'Hara  
Mayor

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Catherine Snow  
Town Clerk