



**QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

November 17, 2015, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall

Members Present: Mayor G. Murray Driscoll
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
Councillor Gary Clark
Councillor Lisa Loughery
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson

Staff Present Brennan, Michael; CAO
Deville, Susan; Director of Human Resources/Assistant CAO
Kennedy, Aaron, 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 Councillor Clark

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The agenda be approved with the addition of the *Cooking for Cancer Dinner Event* –
Councillor Loughery under Reports.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments

Syrian Refugee Crisis – Mayor Driscoll acknowledged Council had previously informed the Province of its desire to help with a response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Since that time, Mayor Driscoll has also met with the Greater Saint John Mayors and the

YMCA on this subject. He stated there will be 1500 refugees coming to New Brunswick, fleeing from the terrorists activities occurring in their native countries. The Town, he said, is committed to working with the Federal and Provincial governments in partnership with the YMCA to help create a better future for these individuals.

Moment of Reflection

Mayor Driscoll read the Moment of Reflection following a moment of silence held in memory the November 13, 2015 Paris Terrorist Attack victims and all victims around the world of similar attacks. Acts of violence, he stated, are tragedies against all people who stand for love, peace and freedom.

Manager of Communications Update on TELUS Cup – April 18 – 24, 2016 at qplex – Mr. Kennedy informed those in attendance the TELUS Cup tickets will go on sale this Friday evening, November 20, 2015 at the qplex prior to the 8 p.m. Vito's game. Week long passes can be purchased for \$105 which will provide entry to all 19 games. He encouraged people to purchase their tickets quickly, noting they will not last long as Canada's National Midget Championship competition features some of the best hockey players in the country.

3. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were declared.

4. Presentations

4.1 KV Girls Softball Presentation

Kelly Lynch, President & Stacy Blois, Vice President - In Attendance

Ms. Lynch and Ms. Blois made presentation to Council relating the KV Girls Softball Association Inc., founded in 2012, has grown in four years from 52 girls to 390 girls – a 750% increase. They acknowledged many of the League's successes in this time. They also emphasized their desire for more primetime 6 p.m. time slots. Over the past season, they had 20 field slots in Quispamsis, with 14 of these on Saturday or Sunday, 2 on Friday night, and only 4 on weeknights compared to Adult Male Leagues and the KV Minor Ball Association who occupy the rest of the weeknight time slots.

The KVGSA noted they participated in the recent Sports Field Analyses conducted by Tina Beers of Viridis, and agree with the recommendation that lights at Meenan's Cove will provide later time slots for the adult men freeing up

more 6 p.m. weeknight time slots for the girls. They also would like permission to place an Equipment Storage Shed at Meenan's Cove to house their equipment, at no cost to the Town. Lastly, they would appreciate netting being installed near the woods to prevent losing balls.

Ms. Lynch informed Council three of their Association's coaches, all from the Kennebecasis Valley, were selected to coach in the 2017 Canada Summer Games. She stated they would be very pleased to bring in the athletes for practices and exhibition games to showcase the beautiful Meenan's Cove Ballfield and Park area.

Moved By Councillor Gary Clark

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The KV Girls Softball Association Inc.'s ask for -

- i. Lights at Meenan's Cove - Spring 2016,
- ii. Youth First for 6 pm Week Night Time Slots at Meenan's Cove,
- iii. Equipment Storage Shed Placement at Meenan's Cove &
- iv. Netting in wooded area at Meenan's Cove

Be referred to the Community Services' Staff for review and recommendation.

Motion Carried

4.2 Operation Red Nose - Request to Promote Awareness & Volunteers

In Attendance: Paul Boudreau & Jen Butler

Mr. Boudreau stated the purpose of their presentation is to bring awareness of the return of the Operation Red Nose service to the greater Saint John region. He stated Belmont Health & Wealth and the Rothesay King's Rotary Club are offering, free to residents, this designated drivers service for the upcoming Christmas Season, beginning November 27, 2015 until the week before Christmas. He provided applications for volunteers who are interested in assisting in the program, noting all donations will be given to PRO Kids. An Operation Red Nose promotional photo op of Council followed.

Council offered to assist in the promotion by posting the Operations Red Nose link on the Town's website, including the volunteer application.

4.3 PRO Kids - Request for \$7,135 Financial Contribution – In Attendance: Kathy Davidson, Chair & David Dobbelsteyn, PRO Kids Manager

Mr. Dobbelsteyn made presentation to Council, noting Pro Kids provides assistance to as many children as possible who are unable to participate in sport, art, recreation or cultural activities due to financial limitations. These activities, he said, are known to promote self-esteem, healthy growth, increased knowledge and personal development. Since 2005, the Program has expanded to all four of the Greater Saint John municipalities.

Every child in financial need in Quispamsis is eligible to apply for financial assistance, with 100% of the funds received through donations, grants and fundraisers going directly to assist the children. He informed Council, so far in 2015, 85 young people from Quispamsis have received PRO Kids' placements, with 9 still on a waiting list. Overall in the region, 1104 children have been assisted this year, with 102 still on a waiting list. The four Greater Saint John municipalities have been contributing to the Administrative Budget of \$93,882 annually, with Quispamsis' prorated share, based on population amounting to \$7,135.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

The PRO Kids request for a financial donation of \$7135 be referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

Motion Carried

5. **Public Hearings** (none)

6. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

7.1 November 3, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Clark

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

7. **Unfinished Business** (none)

8. Correspondence

8.1 Jack Burnham, In Attendance - Legend Lane Drainage Concerns - Request to Extend Curb 110 m to Mitigate Flooding Issues

Mr. Burnham requested that the concrete curb on Legend Lane be extended 110 meters. He stated his property falls below Legend Lane, and the extended curb would divert the rainwater coming down the street away from his property. He stated Storm Arthur in 2014 had done some damage to his property. Fortunately, during the September 30, 2015 rain event, he was home and kept his culvert cleared to prevent the water from backing up onto his property. He stated his insurance policy does not provide coverage for flooding damages, and he is very concerned about his basement flooding during storm events.

The Director of Engineering stated Mr. Burnham's home is located 13 m below road level, and he has not had water in his basement to date. The Town recently installed an asphalt swale adjacent to Mr. Burnham's property to prevent the water from flowing down onto his lot. Mr. Losier stated Mr. Burnham's request to extend the concrete curb is more extensive as it would also require storm sewer work and installation of an additional catch basin. He noted the Town has just expended nearly \$20,000 in drainage upgrades to this area, and the work identified should address Mr. Burnham's flooding concerns, which Staff will continue to monitor.

(Aaron Kennedy left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.)

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Mr. Burnham's letter be referred to the Engineering Department to continue monitoring.

Motion Carried

8.2 Chelsea Whittaker - Letter Supporting Community Deer Population

Correspondence from Ms. Whittaker expressed concern about people destroying deer habitat through development, which leaves the deer with no place to go, and removes much of their food source.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Ms. Whittaker be thanked for bringing her concerns re the deer to Council's attention and her letter be received and filed.

Motion Carried

8.3 Kennebecasis Regional Police Force Telecom Budget – Correspondence from Chairman Gary Clark

Correspondence from Chairman Clark informed Council the Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners met on November 9, 2015 and approved the 2016 Telecom Budget for \$29,833; reflecting a 7.860% increase over 2015, with Quispamsis' share amounting to \$17,886.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Quispamsis' prorated share of the 2016 Telecom 911 Service Budget of \$17,886 be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion Carried

8.4 Greater Saint John Regional Facilities Approved 2016 Budgets

Copies of correspondence from the Regional Facilities Commission to the Canada Games Aquatic Centre (Total 2016 Budget, \$808,989), Saint John Arts Centre, (Total 2016 Budget, \$125,000), Imperial Theatre, (Total 2016 Budget, \$517,000), Harbour Station, (Total 2016 Budget, \$704,026), and the Trade & Convention Centre, (Total 2016 Budget, \$978,083), indicated the Commission's approval of each of their proposed 2016 respective budgets.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

The copies of the Regional Facilities approval letters to each of the regional facilities be referred to the Finance Committee for inclusion of the Town's prorated share of these budgets in the Town's 2016 Budget.

Motion Carried

8.5 Enterprise Saint John - Proposed 2016 Budget

Correspondence from Steve Carson, CEO, related that when the True Growth 2.0 initiative and governance model was launched, each of the five regional municipalities agreed to a fixed funding amount for a three year period for the fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015. This replaced the previous funding model that referred to the tax base. Quispamsis' share of ESJ's total 2015 budget represents \$112,133.

Moved By Councillor Clark

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Enterprise Saint John's proposed 2016 budget showing Quispamsis' pro-rated share at \$112,133, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion Carried

8.6 Climate Change Committee's 2015 LED Light Bulb Promotion - Memo from Councillor Olsen, Chair - Climate Change Committee

Councillor Olsen's memo related the Climate Change Committee will kick off its LED Light Bulb Campaign in conjunction with the November 25, 2015 Tree Lighting Festivities. These bulbs, he wrote, are the latest trend in environmental lighting, with a life expectancy that far surpasses any other light on the market, (25 year plus). NB Power is providing Fact Sheet brochures to accompany the 350 bulb promotion with Home Hardware providing the best pricing. The LED Light Bulb Promotion offers one bulb per Quispamsis household on a first come, first serve basis with a \$1 charge, and Food Bank donations encouraged.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Councillor Olsen's memo be received and filed and Council Members who wish to participate November 25th in the LED Energy Efficient Light Bulb Campaign to inform the Town Clerk.

Motion Carried

9. By-laws

10.1 Proposed By-law No. 50: A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

First reading be given to Proposed By-law No. 50; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Second reading be given to Proposed By-law No. 50; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste.

Motion Carried

10. New Business

11.1 Proposed Community Grants & Sponsorship Policy- Manager of Communications

A Staff Report from Mr. Kennedy related Staff has reviewed the Town's grant and donation policy and compared it to best practices from other municipalities in the region. A new proposed Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy has been prepared for Council's review and approval. It provides for Staff to review grant requests up to \$100 to official groups and organizations which will enrich the overall well-being of the Town, including local teams representing the Province at national competitions. For grant requests in excess of \$500, the proposed policy requires that they be submitted to Council for consideration by October 15 of any given year in order to be considered as part of the annual budget process.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Council adopt the proposed Community Grants & Sponsorship Policy, effective January 1, 2016.

Motion Carried

11. Reports

11.1 Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners – September 30, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

- 11.2 KVHS Riverboat Basketball Tournament 2015 Recipient of Town's 2015 Sport Tourism Fund - Councillor Rioux noted this event has been going on for many years, and the type of sport that is very beneficial to the community as it brings with it many visitors to the community.
- 11.3 The Honourable Denise Landry, Minister of Natural Resources – Kennebecasis Valley Nuisance Deer Management Program
- 11.4 Animal Control Reports As At October 31, 2015
- 11.5 Unaudited Financial Statements As At September 30, 2015
- 11.6 Canadian Cancer Society – Daffodil Ball – April 16, 2016 Delta - Beausejour, Moncton
- 11.7 UMNb – Taking Action on Climate Change in New Brunswick

- 11.8 Cooking for Cancer – Councillor Loughery encouraged Members to purchase tickets for the November 19 *Cooking for Cancer* event, noting she is on one of the 8 cooking teams, who will be serving guests delicious food. The dinner will be held at the Delta Brunswick, November 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and has already sold more than 400 tickets.

Moved By Councillor Clark

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

12. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole (none)

13. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Motion Carried



G. Murray Driscoll
Mayor



Catherine P. Snow
Clerk

