



## **QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 3, 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** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

The Agenda be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

### **2. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clark announced the Royal Canadian Legion has named Debbie Sullivan as this year's National Silver Cross Mother. Debbie's son, Navy Lieutenant Chris Saunders, was killed in a submarine fire while serving the country aboard the HMCS Chicoutimi in 2004, just 32 years old. Chris grew up in Quispamsis and graduated from KVHS the same year, Mayor Clark noted, as he did. Many in the community knew Chris and his family and had

a personal connection with him. Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary School was named after Chris, a tribute to his sacrifice and legacy.

Mayor Clark encouraged everyone to get out and get their poppy and give generously to the local Legion which has seen many of its normal fundraising efforts curtailed due to COVID-19. He noted he participated in the annual launch of the Poppy campaign at the Kennebecasis legion last week. As there will not be a formal ceremony at the qplex on Remembrance Day this year, he encouraged everyone to take a moment to pause and reflect on the memory of those like Chris Saunders and the other brave women and men who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of all Canadians.

**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 October 20, 2020 - Regular Meeting**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Luck

Minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

**7.2 October 24, 2020 - Special Meeting - Proposed 2021 Budget Presentations**

**Moved By** Councillor Luck

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

The October 24, 2020 Special Meeting minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

**8. Unfinished Business**

**8.1 Revised Proposed 2021 Budget - (Includes Council Decisions from October 24, 2020 Special Budget Meeting)**

Ms. Brandon expanded upon her Staff Report included with the Revised Budget Document highlighting the changes that were made by Council consensus at the October 24, 2020 Special Meeting. The summary of all the changes now propose a tax rate for 2021 of 1.3428 which is the same tax rate as 2020 for a total budget of \$26,394,801. This also includes the extra \$15,000 allocated towards traffic safety, as per Councillor Miller's email request to double this budget from \$15,000 to \$30,000 to allow for the purchase of more flashing signs, speed monitor signs, etc. to improve traffic safety.

Councillor Rioux stated he will be voting against the proposed 2021 budget primarily based on his displeasure of not suspending the allocation of \$173,088 for the COMEX Public Transit service for 2021 for further review in 2022. His view is based on the low ridership of the bus service, stating he feels this money would be better spent on the Town's street upgrade program.

CAO Deuille and Councillor Miller noted they serve on the Town's Ad Hoc Transportation Committee, along with Councillor Olsen, and will be further analyzing the COMEX Service once the ridership and final budget numbers are received from Saint John Transit. If there is a will to change the current Comex Service as a result of this pending information, the Ad Hoc Committee will bring this matter back to Council, noting by allocating the \$173,088 in the proposed 2021 budget, at this time, serves as a placeholder.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

That the Town Treasurer be authorized to proceed with finalizing the 2021 Proposed Budget as presented and that the 2021 Budget be brought to council for final resolution at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Against (1): Councillor Rioux

**Motion Carried**

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 Ms. Tracy Scott - Request for Upgrade to Meenan's Cove Road**

Correspondence from Ms. Scott expressed her concern regarding the state of the Meenan's Cove Road and its need for repair. She stated it is bumpy, with large ditches, narrow lanes and no sidewalks coupled with high volumes of traffic, making it unsafe for pedestrians. She referenced the number of children who catch their bus on this street as well as the recently opened daycare in the area.

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

Ms. Scott's letter be referred to the Engineering Department to consider as part of their current review of the Meenan's Cove Road Upgrade Requirements.

**Motion Carried**

9.2 Fundy Region Service Commission - Intention to Make Application to Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Notice to Participating Municipalities

For Two Projects - 1) Construction of Cell No. 9 (Two Year Phase)(Total \$4,464,000) ; and 2) Rebuild of Electrical Generator (\$250,000)

Mr. MacLeod's correspondence acknowledged, in accordance with Section 28 of the Regional Service Delivery Act, the Fundy Regional Service Commission intends to submit an application to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for the above referenced projects and amounts. His correspondence to serve as notice to the participating local governments at least 45 days before the vote to be held by members on November 23, 2020.

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

Mr. Marc MacLeod's correspondence be received and filed.

**Motion Carried**

**10. By-laws**

10.1 (May 7, 2019) Proposed By-law No. 059 - A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting Fire Prevention & Protection

**Moved By** Councillor Rioux  
**Seconded By** Councillor Miller

First reading be given to Proposed By-law No. 059; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting Fire Prevention and Protection with the 'Admin' and 'Prevention' Fees as outlined in the top part of Schedule "A" being *suspended* until January 1, 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic for tickets written within Quispamsis boundaries.

**Motion Carried**

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

Second reading be given to Proposed By-law No. 059; A By-law of the Municipality of Quispamsis Respecting Fire Prevention and Protection with the 'Admin' and 'Prevention' Fees as outlined in the top part of Schedule "A" being *suspended* until January 1, 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic for tickets written within Quispamsis boundaries.

**Motion Carried**

**11. New Business (none)**

**12. Reports**

- 12.1 Copy of Joint Letter to Premier Blaine Higgs from Quispamsis and Rothesay Re Request for Amendment to Police Act
- 12.2 Old Neck Road Connection - Additional Correspondence Submitted by Residents - 1) Stephany Peterson (Opposed); and 2) Ricky Cormier (In Favour) (Copies were Emailed to Council Prior to October 24, 2020 Budget Meeting)
- 12.3 Street Condition Map - Asphalt Ratings - 2020
- 12.4 PNB - Use of Community Mask Information Page
- 12.5 Town of Quispamsis - Unaudited Financial Statements As At September 30, 2020

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

Reports be received and filed.

**Motion Carried**

**13. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole (none)**



**14. Adjournment**

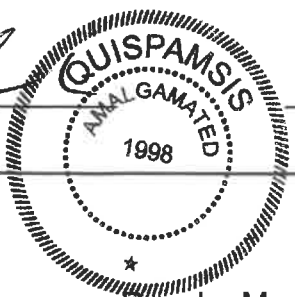
**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Meeting adjourn to the November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

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Gary Clark Mayor Catherine P. Snow Clerk



November 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

