



QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

October 3, 2017, 7:00 pm

Council Chambers

Quispamsis Town Hall

Present:

Mayor Gary Clark
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
Councillor Lisa Loughery
Councillor Sean Luck
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson
Kennedy, Aaron; Communications Manager
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
McGraw, Jo-Anne; Town Treasurer
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

Absent:

Deville, Susan; CAO (illness)

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments (none)

3. Moment of Reflection – Councillor Luck read the Moment of Reflection.

4. **Disclosures of Interest** – No disclosures were declared.

5. **Presentations**

5.1 Saint John Kings Adult Learning Inc. - In Attendance: Ms. Paula Ross, Executive Director - Request to Continue Using Upstairs of QMA - Suite C & D for Adult Learning Program - Preparation Program for GED

Ms. Ross made presentation to Council, requesting on behalf of the Saint John Kings Adult Learning Inc., Council's permission to continue using Rooms C and D at the Quispamsis Memorial Arena for their Adult Learning Program. She stated the Program has been offered at the QMA site for the past 11 years, initially started by the Youth Choices Program, who have since turned it over to the SJ Kings Adult Learning Inc. The Non-Profit Program, funded 100% through Provincial Grants, provides upgrading primarily to prepare adult students, 18 years and over, for their GED Exam, (90%). Some students are enrolled in courses required as pre-requisites for secondary education, as well as immigrants who have enrolled to improve their English skills.

The Program runs from September to June, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Last year, she said, 24 individuals registered for the program, and of that amount, 14 were from Quispamsis. Of the 24, 6 graduated with their GED's and 5 are continuing their upgrading this year. A total of 10 students are enrolled in the 2017-18 program which carries a continuous waiting list of people waiting to get seats.

Ms. Ross stated they have 15 locations from Saint John to Sussex, and would be open to pay rent as well as utilize another space in the Quispamsis area, if available, noting they do need a secure space to accommodate their laptops and books.

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Ms. Paula Ross of the Saint John Kings Adult Learning Inc. be thanked for her presentation, and this item be tabled pending further information, recognizing the next Presentation from the YMCA is also looking to use the same space at the QMA.

Motion Carried

5.2 YMCA of Greater Saint John - In Attendance: Ms. Adrienne Boudreau, Vice President, Child Care & Camping and Ms. Sheryl Titus, Supervisor of KV Childcare Programs – Request to Lease Upstairs Rooms (4) at QMA

Ms. Boudreau and Ms. Titus made presentation to Council requesting to lease the four upstairs' rooms at the QMA to expand their current day care operation at the qplex. They stated they began their partnership with the town in 2005 running an after school program at the Rec Centre. In 2010, they moved to the qplex with their program licensed for 80 children who were bussed from Valley schools. Due to added demand, in 2014, they began renting the Oland Room at the qplex to accommodate another 50 children. In 2017, due to transportation changes with the School District, children from QES are no longer bussed to the qplex, and they have a waiting list of children for their afterschool program.

Ms. Boudreau and Ms. Titus indicated the YMCA qplex Program employs 37 people, with 34 of these being Valley residents. They have been active in the community providing all-inclusive programming at their daycare, as well as providing Seniors' programs and participation in many town wide events. Their proposal for QMA includes operating a licensed after school program beginning in January 2018 from 1 pm to 6 pm on weekdays to accommodate 45 children. Later they hope to expand this location to accommodate day camps. They expressed the Y's willingness to assist the Town with upgrading the requested space, noting they would also like to create a natural outdoor play space near the ballfield and/or storage sheds.

In response to Councillors' concerns re giving up all four community rooms in the upstairs of the QMA, used currently by the Adult Education Program, as well as the Quispamsis Figure Skating Club, and other community groups, the YMCA representatives stated they would be willing to start with only using two rooms beginning in January, and growing from there. They stated the proposed Afterschool Program and the Adult Education Program are not a suitable mix for sharing facilities, adding their preference to have exclusive use of the washrooms as part of their child protection policies and also preference to have exclusive use of the rooms they would rent.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Based on the information proposed by the YMCA for use of the upstairs of the QMA, and in consideration of the Saint John Kings Adult Learning Association's request for continued use of the two rooms they have been occupying, as well as the QFSC and KVMHA community use of these rooms; this matter be referred to the Director of Community Services to investigate options and bring back recommendations to Council.

Motion Carried

Nay (1): Councillor Loughery

5.3 High Tide Comedy Festival - October 19 - 21, 2017 - In Attendance: Mark Burnett - Request for \$1000 Sponsorship and Request to Erect Signs on Town Property

Mr. Burnett stated he and Didi Lombard are organizing the first *High Tide Comedy Festival* which will take place October 19 – 21, 2017 at KVHS theatre and KV Billiards in Quispamsis. He stated this is Canada's only true East Coast Comedy Festival which will host its gala event on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at KVHS. Comedians include Canadian Comedy Award winner, Brian Aylward as well as featuring James Mullinger, Jimmy MacKinly, Jen Grant, amongst many others. Also included will be a Comedy Show for Kids as well as a Roast Battle and a Professional Development Seminar. He stated they are seeking funding in the form of sponsorship in the amount of \$1000 from the Town of Quispamsis as well as permission to put up signs on Town property that will respect the requirements of the Town's By-laws. The Sponsorship package will include sponsorship recognition on marketing material for the Comedy Fest, invitations, recognition in their program and gala show red carpet activation.

Council Members informed Mr. Burnett donation requests should be made a year in advance for consideration in the next ensuing year's budget, however, noted the Town would be happy to promote the event on its website, with several members acknowledging that they will be supporting the event by purchasing tickets and attending. With respect to the temporary signage, Mr. Burnett was directed to obtain written permission from the property owners, and make application to the Town's Building Inspection Department for approval of temporary signs to promote the event. Mr. Burnett was thanked for his presentation.

6. Public Hearings (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 September 19, 2017 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 2017 Street Capital Program - Update – Staff Report from Director of Engineering & Works

Mr. Losier expanded upon his Staff Report, stating there are three main projects involving asphalt and landscape reinstatement that are weather dependent, mainly - the 2017 Street Capital tender, the qplex parking lot paving and the Gondola Boulevard Streetscape project. In the Street Capital, mostly shouldering and landscape work remains to be completed. The project amounts tendered, Mr. Losier informed, were all within allocated budget amounts and, to date, interim reporting indicates they are trending to meet budget. Once all works are complete, and month end reports reviewed, he will be in a better position to present a final budget analysis of the 2017 Street Capital Program.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The update from Mr. Losier be received and filed and should council receive future inquiries, the interested parties can be referred to the Town's website, specifically <http://quispamsis.ca/category/news-notice/road-construction> where regular updates are posted for all capital programs.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1 Items from Councillor Kirk Miller -

1. *Speed Limits on Town Streets* – Councillor Miller acknowledged many of the Town's subdivision streets have various speed zones, ranging between 30 kph to 50 kph, and suggested for safety and consistency purposes, the speed zone on all subdivision streets currently posted at 50 kph be lowered to 40 kph.

The Director of Engineering & Works advised Council he feels 50 kph is an appropriate speed that can be navigated safely on most subdivision streets, noting if motorists are not abiding by this speed, then enforcement is a policing matter. The current roads posted at 40 kph tend to be a direct result of residents petitioning Council for reduced speeds. He stated if speeds are reduced from 50 kph to 40 kph, it will have a negligible impact on motorists who tend to drive at the speed they perceive as safe. He suggested a more effective solution is self-policing tactics, such as the temporary mobile illuminated speed signs, creation of traffic circles and/or road designs similar to what is being done on Gondola Boulevard. He also noted the local Police Force should be asked for their input, acknowledging that if the speed is lowered, there will be a greater demand for enforcement of the lower speed limits. Mr. Losier stated if Council enacts a by-law amendment to reduce

the standard speed zone in subdivisions to 40 kph, while new speed signs would not need to be posted throughout the Town, the existing 50 kph signs would all need to be removed.

Council Members expressed their support of standardizing the speed zone on subdivision streets, for consistency and safety purposes, by reducing the speed from 50 kph to 40 kph.

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The Traffic By-law be amended to reduce the 50 km speed zone on side streets in neighbourhoods/subdivisions to 40 km, (and any current 30 kph stay as is), and, this matter be referred to the KRBPC and Town of Rothesay to see if they too are interested in reducing their speed zones in subdivision streets as indicated for consistency.

Motion Carried

2. *Update on Trail Behind QES* - The Director of Community Services updated Council on the trail work completed last week behind QES. She stated when the School District made the decision to expand the parameters of the QES walk zone, as well as the timing of Engineering projects being done in the area, emphases was placed on completing the trail link between QES and Pinewood with funding being reallocated from the Granite Drive trail development. Ms. Purton Dickson noted the Engineering Department had built a water retention pond on the Town property behind QES to mitigate flooding issues in neighbouring properties, and the Community Services Department took advantage of this work by turning the new access road leading to the pond into a trail. The next phase, she said, will see the trail extended to Birchdale Drive. She stated the Anglophone School District South have committed to snow clearing the trail during winter months and installing a gate. Overall, she concluded, it was an effective and collaborative effort by the School District, the Engineering Department and the Community Services Staff resulting in a beautiful trail connection linking QES to Pinewood Drive.
3. *Budget Deliberations 2018 – Expectations* – Councillor Miller expressed his personal thoughts and expectations for the 2018 budget process –
 - Holding overall budget on items under Staff control;
 - Maintaining minimum of \$1.3 m - \$1.4 m on Roads;
 - Not in favour of paving qplex overflow parking lot;

- Reducing spending in trail development and increasing spending on sidewalks in high trafficked areas;
- Water study cost vs benefit analyses;
- Any adjustments/changes to Council's previously made decisions to come back before Council for approval;
- A hold on new vehicle purchases for 2018;
- Not in favour of Master Recreation Plan;
- Budget asks to be forwarded to Council at least three days prior to the November 25 Budget Meeting;
- Needs assessments for jobs/ best deployment of personnel, and/or sharing of personnel/vehicles;
- Detailed summary of COMEX results;
- Detailed summary of ESJ results;
- Summary of any major projects forthcoming.

9.2 Standing for Water Invitation - October 4, 2017 at Hammond River Angling Association - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

An invitation from the Standing For Water NB Group invited Council to an information panel on local water issues, featuring guest speakers Frank Johnston, Margo Sheppard, and Caroline Lubbedarcy, October 4, 2017.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Council Members available to attend the Standing for Water session October 4, 2017 at the Hammond River Angling Association to do so, and correspondence be received and filed.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws

10.1 Local Improvement By-law No. 011-2017

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Luck

First reading be given to Proposed Local Improvement By-law No. 011-2017.

Motion Carried

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Second reading be given to Proposed Local Improvement By-law No. 011-2017.

Motion Carried

11. New Business

11.1 Appointment of Bob McLaughlin to Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Council endorse the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr. Bob McLaughlin to the Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners for a three (3) year term, effective immediately and expiring October 1, 2020.

Motion Carried

11.2 Kings View Subdivision - Phase 17 B Plan Amendment - Creates Municipal Service Easement for Drainage Ditch

Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Councillor Luck

Council assent to Kings View Subdivision Amending Plan Phase 17B creating a Municipal Drainage Easement.

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1 August 2017 Interim Unaudited Financial Statements
- 12.2 Vacancies on Board of Trustees of NB Public Libraries Foundation
- 12.3 Government of NB Announcement Re Property Tax Assessment Freeze for 2018
- 12.4 Harbour Station Commission – Invitation – October 21, 2017 Sea Dogs Game – Saint John Sea Dogs vs Chicoutimi Squeneens
- 12.5 Fundy Regional Service Commissioner's 2018 Budget Presentation
- 12.6 Update on Illegal Dumping – Palmer Brook Road near Elliott Road – Dir. Eng. & Works
- 12.7 Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners – Minutes of July 26, 2017 Meeting and Financial Statements (Unaudited) As At July 31, 2017
- 12.8 Cherry Brook Zoo Invitation for October 5, 2017 Presentation

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

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

14. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

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Gary Clark
Mayor



X

Catherine P. Snow
Clerk



