



QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**September 1, 2020, 7:00 pm
Meeting Conducted By Electronic Participation**

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; Treasurer
- Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
- Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
- Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk
- MacInnis, Lisa; Assistant Clerk

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

The Agenda be approved as prepared

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments

Municipal Facilities – Mayor Clark wanted to clarify “misinformation” around the delay in reopening the Quispamsis Memorial Arena.

He noted that the pandemic has forced everyone to make difficult decisions, and Quispamsis is no exception and to avoid a deficit at the end of the year some of the Town’s heavily subsidized recreation facilities have been temporarily closed. Despite many unknowns, Staff are planning for the safe reopening of the qplex, this facility was chosen to open first due to the amenities that the facility offers for a variety of residents other than ice users. Mayor Clark noted dates as follows:

- The qplex arena will open with reduced hours and staffing on Monday, Sept. 21st
- The Aquafina Walking Track, with reduced hours on September 28th
- The Moosehead Conference Centre on October 1st.
- The QMA scheduled for January 2021, could potentially open mid December.

Additional items that Mayor Clark highlighted:

- Additional ice time will be available for minor hockey at the qplex at the start of the season (as the high school and Saint John Vito’s games are delayed).
- The town has added a 7 a.m. ice time Monday through Friday for high school and minor hockey.
- Staff will consider opening two hours earlier at 2 p.m. if there is demand from youth associations or other users.
- QMA will be used by Fundy Lacrosse until the end of November.

Back to School - Mayor Clark acknowledged that next week is back to school for teachers and students and reminded motorists to drive cautiously and be on the look out for pedestrians. Further noting that because of COVID-19, more parents will be opting to drive their children rather than send them on the school bus, therefore traffic congestion is expected to be increased.

Road Construction - Mayor Clark also reminded motorists that Alma Lane and Squire Drive remain closed as construction of the roundabout on the Gondola Point Arterial is ongoing and drivers are asked to continue to use alternate routes, such as Pettingill Road and Chamberlain Road.

Regional Economic Development - Mayor Clark announced that Qualified professionals are being invited to serve on the Board of Directors for the New Regional Economic Development Agency for Greater Saint John. Expressions of

interest will be accepted until 5pm AST, Friday, September 11, 2020. More details can be found at redagsj.com.

3. Moment of Reflection

Councillor Rioux 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 August 18, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

The minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business (none)

9. Correspondence

9.1 Nick Papadopoulos, 6 Elsie Drive - Pesticide Application and Control - Staff Report from Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Director of Engineering & Works reviewed the staff report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and answered Council inquiries. The Director noted that the sale and application of pesticides are controlled at the provincial level. In New Brunswick, the Department of Environment and Local Government are responsible for this duty.

Moved By Councillor Luck
Seconded By Councillor Miller

Mr. Papdopoulos be thanked for his correspondence, and a copy of the By-law Enforcement Officer's memo be referred to him for information purposes, and his letter be received and filed. Correspondence also be forwarded to Department of Environment and Local Government.

Motion Carried

9.2 Dangerous & Unsightly Premises - 106 Parkside Drive

Director of Engineering & Works reviewed the staff report from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer on the unsightly property at 106 Parkside Drive and answered Council inquiries.

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The file concerning the dangerous and unsightly condition of property at 106 Parkside Drive be referred to the town solicitor to send a letter of compliance to the property owner and should satisfactory action not be taken, to proceed with the dangerous and unsightly process.

Motion Carried

9.3 Mike Hughes, Office Manager - Kings Valley Manor - Requesting Letter of Support

Director of Engineering & Works noted that although Council cannot offer support of an expansion to the Kings Valley Manor Complex at this time as it may require a legislated Public Hearing process, and if so, Council will need to retain an open and transparent position pending the completion of any required public process. Further stating that Council can go on record and support of the Kings Valley Manor's application to conduct a feasibility study for such an expansion, acknowledging that the Town's Municipal Plan does promote a range of housing options, including Multiple Residential, to meet the diversified housing needs of the community.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Council supports Kings Valley Manor's request for a feasibility study, subject to any legislative requirements, and directs the Town Clerk to draft a letter in response to Mr. Hughes request.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws (none)

11. New Business

11.1 Nominating Committee's Recommendation Re Reappointment of Linda Hansen to Kennebecasis Public Library Board of Directors

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Council accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Linda Hansen to the Kennebecasis Public Library Board for another two year term, effective September 1, 2020 and expiring September 1, 2022.

Motion Carried

11.2 RFP No.2020TQ07-24 Brook Street Stormwater - Consultant Engineering Recommendations

Moved By Councillor Luck

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Council award RFP #2020TQ07-24 Engineering Services – Stormwater Infrastructure Analysis and Improvements – Brook Street, Scarlet Dr, Colton Brook Rd to CBCL and that they proceed with Part A for an upset fee identified as \$23,580 (plus HST)

Motion Carried

11.3 RFP No 2020TQ08-27 Animal Control Services

Staff Report from Director of Engineering & Works/Animal Control

Councillor Rioux thanked Ralph Raeburn for his years of service and wished him all the best in his retirement.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Council authorize staff to enter negotiations to formalize a contract in accordance with Animal Control Services RFP# 2020TQ08-27 with the NB-SPCA for a base annual contract of \$49,000.

Motion Carried

12. Reports

12.1. Kennebecasis Public Library Board - Minutes & Associated Documents from February 2, 2020 Meeting

12.2. Town of Quispamsis Unaudited Financial Statements As At June 30, 2020

Deputy Mayor O'Hara acknowledged and wanted to bring attention to the extra costs associated with COVID-19 in Item 12.2, further clarification was provided by the Town Treasurer with a summary of the staff report.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Luck

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

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

14. Adjournment

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Gary Clark
Mayor

Lisa MacInnis
Assistant Town Clerk