



**QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**September 18, 2018, 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  
Brandon, Krista, Town Treasurer  
Deville, Susan; CAO  
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works  
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services  
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

**1. Approval of Agenda**

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

The agenda be approved as amended with the addition of the Health Seniors Pilot Program – Art4Life Presentation.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Clark encouraged residents to get out and vote on election day September 24, 2018 and wished the Provincial political candidates the best of luck.

**3. Moment of Reflection**

Councillor Loughery read the Moment of Reflection.

**4. Disclosures of Interest**

No disclosures were declared.

**5. Presentations**

**5.1 Fundy Regional Service Commission - Proposed 2019 Operating Budget Presentation**

In Attendance: Marc McLeod, Executive Director

Mr. MacLeod presented an overview of the Fundy Regional Service Commission's Proposed 2019 Operating Budget to Council. The lower overall budget from 2018, amounted to \$8,411,062; with Contributions from Corporate and Local Planning Services, including Municipalities, amounting to \$536,378. Quispamsis' share, based on 50% tax base and 50% population amounts to \$9,683. The budget reflects the same or less tipping fees since 2003. Fuel costs have increased from \$1.10 to \$1.25. The Fundy Regional Service Commission will be voting on the approval of the proposed 2019 budget at its October 22, 2018 meeting.

Mr. MacLeod updated Council on recycling initiatives and operations, acknowledging that the curbside recycling in Quispamsis is less than 3% mixed which is a very high success ranking. In comparison, the blue bins tend to be approximately 35% contaminated, which is challenging and presents a loss of revenues.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

Mr. MacLeod be thanked for his presentation, and any comments or concerns concerning the FRSC's 2019 budget to be brought forward through Mayor Clark as the Town's representative ,at the October 22, 2018 FRSC meeting when a vote to approve the proposed 2019 budget will take place.

**Motion Carried**

**5.2 Health Seniors' Pilot Program - Art4Life Proposal**

In Attendance: Anita Punamiya, Founder and CEO, Art4Life Inc.

Ms. Punamiya introduced the Arts4Life Program, a mission she has to improve the health and well-being of seniors through their participation in arts. She related her interest in such a program was ignited through witnessing her own mother's journey with dementia. Following her own extensive research on the concept of 'Creative Aging', she found that universally, study upon study revealed that engaging older adults in participatory arts programs with a social engagement component generally reduced medication use, fewer doctors' visits, less loneliness, increased activity levels, better self-reported physical health and better morale. She stated providing seniors with an opportunity for meaningful creative expression through visual, literary and performing arts, frees the limiting beliefs about aging and embraces the reality that individuals grow, learn and continue to contribute to their communities throughout the life journey.

Ms. Punamiya related she wishes to apply for government funding to conduct a two year pilot research project in the greater Saint John Region that would see 165 older adults selected. One half of these seniors would become engaged in participatory, professionally run art programs with a focus on social engagement and skills mastery. The other half would continue to carry on life as usual. After two years, the two groups would be compared to potentially illustrate the community based professionally run arts programs have real health benefits and impact on seniors maintaining independence and reducing dependency.

Ms. Punamiya informed Council it is her plan to be a for-profit social enterprise rather than a not for profit, as not for profits tend to always be struggling for funding, while she is hoping to make this venture self-sustainable. She would be working with UNB Professors to have a team of Researchers as well as a team of Artists to conduct the pilot program. She is asking each of the surrounding municipalities to contribute in-kind by offering space at a community centre, one day per week from April 2019 to November 2020 for the Art4Life Program.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council refer Ms. Punamiya's request for space at a Town Facility to Staff to determine if it meets the criteria under the proposed new *Policy for Waiving or Reduction of Facility Rental Fees at Town Facilities*, and, in the interim, Council approve the Mayor sending a general letter of support, in principle, to Ms. Punamiya's proposed Art4Life Program.

**Motion Carried**

## **6. Public Hearings (none)**

## 7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

### 7.1 September 4, 2018 - Regular Meeting

**Moved By** Councillor Rioux

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

## 8. Unfinished Business

### 8.1 (Aug.21/18) DTI - Provincially Designated Highways Program 2019-2023

Mr. Losier's Staff Report provided background information concerning the Provincially Designated Highways Program. The Province, in recent years, has added a financial component to the program where a Municipality can contribute 15% to 25% of a project cost to assist in expediting the project. At this time, however, he has prepared a designated highways priorities list with no municipal contribution. While no major construction is prioritized at present, it is expected that as the Town extends its Water Distribution plan, future budget processes will assign funds towards the Hampton Road under the new DTI Program. In the interim, the 2019 Program is the same as last year's Program to construct a right and left hand turn lane onto the Chamberlain Road from the Gondola Point Arterial.

Mr. Losier confirmed both the Town's request for traffic calming/lights at the Route 119/Squire Drive/Alma Lane intersection; and the Town's more recent request supporting a one way, right turn access off the Gondola Point Road onto Route 119 are being considered separate items apart from the Provincially Designated Highways Program.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded By** Councillor Rioux

Quispamsis submit the proposed priority list for Quispamsis' Five Year Designated Highways Program 2019-2023 identifying the potential for a cost share arrangement for both right hand and left hand turning lanes at the Chamberlain Road exit off of Rte 119. It is further recommended the Designated Highway program for future years be referred to the budget process to incorporate future infrastructure planning such as water mains along the Hampton Road so that the town may be in a position to make a cost share proposal if appropriate at some time in the future.

**Motion Carried**

**9. Correspondence**

9.1 Patricia Murray and Gerry Donovan - Letter of Commendation for Activities and Landscape at Arts & Culture Park

Ms. Murray and Mr. Donovan's correspondence expressed their enjoyment of the concerts that took place over the summer at the Arts and Culture Park, in addition to their pleasure with the beautiful flower gardens at the Park and other areas around Town.

**Moved By** Councillor Luck

**Seconded By** Councillor Miller

Ms. Murray and Mr. Donovan be thanked for their letter of support, and correspondence be received and filed.

**Motion Carried**

9.2 Habitat for Humanity - Kevin Perry - Request for Land Donation and Rezoning - Corner Lot on Leeswood and Willowbriar

Correspondence from Mr. Kevin Perry, CEO , Habitat for Humanity Saint John, requested the donation of a parcel of land located at the corner of Leeswood and Willowbriar to be donated to Habitat for Humanity Saint John Region for the purpose of building a Habitat Home. Mr. Perry acknowledged that the zoning of this property is currently Park/Recreation, and would need to be rezoned to Residential.

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

Council obtain the opinion of the Director of Community Services as to whether the lot in question is required for public use in the area as was intended when the subdivision was developed, and further,

Council refer the application to PAC to determine if they will grant their consent. In connection with their consideration of the matter, PAC be encouraged to poll the neighbours and provide a hearing of the input received.

Once Council receives the above information, an amendment to the Town's Municipal Plan and Zoning By-laws can then be considered to amend the property from its current Park/Recreation zone to Rural Residential.

**Motion Carried**

9.3 Staff Report Re Proposed Waiving of Fees at Town Facilities Policy

A Staff Report from the Director of Community Services presented a draft policy to guide Council, staff and the public in the consistent approach and procedure in processing the waiving or reduction of fees from Quispamsis based non-profit community organizations who have demonstrated an exceptional need and meet the criteria outlined in the proposed Policy.

It was noted that any requests that go beyond the scope of the Policy, including asks valued at over \$500, would be referred to Council as part of the annual budget process.

**Moved By** Councillor Luck

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Council adopt the proposed Policy for Waiving or Reduction of Facility Rental Fees at Town Facilities in preparation for the 2019 budget deliberations.

**Motion Carried**

Against (1): Councillor Loughe.

9.4 Letter from Mike Caddell, General Manager, Harbour Station Re Upcoming Expiry of Town's Representatives' Term on Harbour Station Board of Directors

Correspondence from Michael Caddell informed Council Ms. Kara McCready's term on the Harbour Station Board of Directors expires December 21, 2018.

**Moved By** Councillor Miller

**Seconded By** Councillor Luck

Mr. Caddell's letter be referred to the Nominating Committee for a recommendation for the October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

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

**11. New Business**

11.1 Tender No. 2018TQ08-15 - Works Garage Lunch Room Flooring - Recommendation from Director of Community Services

**Moved By** Councillor Rioux  
**Seconded By** Councillor Olsen

Council award the Tender for the Works Department Flooring Tender 2018 TQ08-15 to Industrial Commercial Residential for \$80,000 plus HST.

**Motion Carried**

**12. Reports**

- 12.1 Planning Advisory Committee Minutes of August 14, 2018
- 12.2 Animal Control Monthly Report As At August 2018
- 12.3 Regional Facilities Commission – 2019 Approved Budget
- 12.4 Alaina Lockhart, MP – Climate Change Action Fund
- 12.5 Response from Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure to Residents Requesting Bridge Between Quispamsis and Kingston Peninsula
- 12.6 NB Human Rights – New Guidelines Re Sexual Harassment
- 12.7 Constable Kelley McIntyre – Top Female Officer in the World Award (Article)

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Miller

A letter of congratulations be sent to Constable Kelley McIntyre acknowledging her recent accomplishment of being awarded "Top Female Officer in the World".

**Motion Carried**

- 12.8 Town of Quispamsis – 2019 Budget Schedule (Approved by Finance Committee)

**Moved By** Councillor Luck  
**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** Councillor Thompson

Meeting adjourn.

**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

X

Gary Clark  
Mayor

X

Catherine P. Snow  
Clerk

