



QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2016, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall

Members Present: Mayor Gary Clark
Councillor Lisa Loughery
Councillor Sean Luck
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson
Deville, Susan; CAO
Kennedy, Aaron; Communications Manager
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
McGraw, Jo-Anne; Town Treasurer
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

Members Absent: Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara (prior commitment/illness)

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Councillor Thompson

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments (none)

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

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

5. **Presentations**

5.1 Imperial Theatre's Capital Campaign Restoration Project

In Attendance: Board Chair, Gary Caines; Asst. Executive Director, Angela Campbell; and Quispamsis Board Representative, Paula Copeland

Mr. Caines and Ms. Campbell made presentation to Council on Imperial Theatre's finances and Capital Campaign Restoration initiative. They noted annual attendance at Imperial Theatre events is over 50,000 people, with an average of 700 local performers appearing on stage each year. An independent, non-profit organization, Imperial Theatre is governed by a volunteer board of 17 directors, including representation from Grand Bay-Westfield, Rothesay, Quispamsis and Saint John. The Theatre's operations are managed by its Executive Director and a full-time staff of 14, plus up to 20 part-time staff.

Imperial Theatre receives an operating grant from the Greater SJ Regional Facilities Commission as well as a small amount from Federal and Provincial governments. The remainder of the theatre's nearly \$2m operational budget is supported by revenue earned through rentals, presentations and fundraising.

Ms. Campbell related as Imperial Theatre receives no ongoing support for its capital needs, when any maintenance or repair costing more than \$5000 is required, money must be found outside the operating budget. In 2013, a building audit revealed concerns with the condition of the facade masonry, with DFS Architects and Estabrooks Engineering, in 2014, revealing major masonry and structural issues. Safety netting was installed temporarily, and a design created and approved with the tender awarded in April 2016 to Clifford Restoration Ltd. The capital campaign's goal, based on cost estimates, is \$3,000,000; and as of August, 2016, \$2,100,000 has been raised, leaving approximately \$850,000 yet to be

raised. Ms. Campbell stated the Board would be most appreciative if Quispamsis would consider sponsoring their Capital Campaign by making a contribution similar to the \$15,000 contribution Quispamsis had made to the Theatre back in 2008.

Moved By Councillor Loughery

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Imperial Theatre's request to support their Facade Restoration Capital Campaign be referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation as part of the 2017 budget deliberation process.

Motion Carried

5.2 Greater Saint John Field House Project

In Attendance, Mr. Bill MacMackin, President, Greater Saint John Field House Project

Mr. MacMackin made presentation on the proposed Greater Saint John Field House Project. The business plan, he stated, is based on sustainability, broad user group support, economic impact, cluster opportunities, and spreading investment widely. It will serve a broad range of users and impact the region from Sussex to St. Stephen, with 40% of the users projected to be from outside Saint John. The Field House is proposed to evolve in two phases, the first, a Field House to include turf fields, track, fitness and community centre, and the second, a double rink facility, (will replace some of SJ's rinks built in the 1960's), and multi-purpose space, plus tenants. The proposed location at Exhibition Park is close to the highway system, hotels and the retail sector. The Discover Saint John Sports Tourism model projects the annual economic impact of this facility would be \$2.5 - \$3.0 m., and will be the only inside track facility east of Montreal.

Mr. MacMackin stated the facility has gained, in principal, the support of the Fundy Regional Services Commission, and is looking at bringing in the YMCA as a potential partner to accommodate their summer camps, etc. The total project funding is \$24 m, (not including the Phase 2 rink portion),

and of that amount, \$12 m has already been raised. Next steps is getting construction ready, and securing the additional needed funding, with the plan to be open for use by October 2018.

In closing, Mr. MacMackin requested Council's consideration of contributing to the Greater SJ Field House Capital Campaign. A suggested sport club membership identified Quispamsis' pro-rated share in the vicinity of 21% or \$217,000. Mr. MacMackin noted he will be approaching the area municipalities requesting contributions towards the Capital Campaign, and would be appreciative of whatever amount the Town could fit within its budget, suggesting a contribution could also be spread out over 3 – 5 years.

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

The Greater Saint John Field House' ask for a contribution towards the Building Capital Campaign be referred to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation as part of the 2017 budget deliberation process.

Motion Carried

6. Public Hearings (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 August 16, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business (none)

9. Correspondence

9.1 Letter from Jacklynn Reid - Concerns of Speeding Traffic - Phillips Drive

Correspondence from Ms. Reid related she has made complaints to the Kennebecasis Regional Police re the number of speeding motorists on Phillips Drive. The Police had suggested she write Council requesting speed zone signage be installed on this street. Additionally, she stated, there is a need for a "Hidden Driveway" sign on Phillips Drive just before the knoll when travelling from the Hampton Road.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Ms., Reid's correspondence be referred to the Director of Engineering & Works to complete a review of the speed concerns.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws (none)

11. New Business

11.1 Town Appointments - Rescind Motion to Appoint Courtney Warnell Kennebecasis Public Library Board and Recommendation to Appoint Linda Hansen

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Luck

Council accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to rescind its motion of August 16, 2016 appointing Ms. Warnell to the Kennebecasis Public Library due to her change in residency.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Luck

Council appoint Ms. Linda Hansen to the Kennebecasis Public Library Board for a two year term effective immediately and expiring September 1, 2018.

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1 Beaverbrook Art Gallery Campaign Newsletter – July 2016
- 12.2 Big Brothers Big Sisters Month – Proclamation September 2016
- 12.3 Portage Atlantic Recognition Ceremony and 20th Anniversary 2016
- 12.4 UNB – Invitation to Gift Announcement 2016
- 12.5 Kennebecasis Public Library Minutes– May 2016 & June 2016 Meetings
- 12.6 Town of Quispamsis Building Report – August 2016
- 12.7 PAC Minutes – July 12, 2016
- 12.8 Town of Quispamsis' Unaudited Financial Statements As At July 2016

- 12.9 Steve Sanderson & Nancy Lyons – Rail Safety – Mr. Sanderson was in attendance and expanded upon his correspondence issued to Judy Sgro and the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure & Communities. His correspondence requested a reply to his initial letter of May 26, 2016 that was sent in support of the Town's letter and Mr. Bernard Beukeveld's letter re railway safety. He noted since that date there has been a number of rail accidents across Canada, and there is a growing number of Canadians speaking out about rail safety and the seemingly lack of action on new and improved rail regulations to protect citizens from further tragic train derailments. Mr. Sanderson acknowledged the high number of railway cars carrying hazardous goods through our communities on a regular basis. He stressed the importance of not allowing these large conglomerates to set their own safety standards, as they tend to look at establishing the bare minimum standards as they are cheaper to implement. He encouraged the Town to be a voice in moving this issue forward by promoting to the Federal Government the requirement that third party agencies be engaged to develop safety regulations for Canadian railways, and suggested this is something Council could pursue with the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB).

Councillor Rioux noted with the continuous delays in the construction of the Energy East Pipeline project, oil is being transported on freight trains, which is possibly more dangerous than if it were piped underground. Mayor Clark stated he has been in discussions with neighbouring Mayor, Nancy Grant, on the issue of railway safety. Councillor Thompson confirmed Railway Safety is on the upcoming UMNB agenda for its fall session. Mr. Sanderson was thanked for his presentation.

Moved By Councillor Miller

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 Councillor Thompson

Meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Gary Clark
Mayor

X 

Catherine P. Snow
Clerk

