



**QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**January 21, 2014  
7:00 pm  
Council Chambers  
Quispamsis Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Mayor G. Murray Driscoll  
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara  
Councillor Gary Clark  
Councillor Lisa Loughery  
Councillor Emil T. Olsen  
Councillor Pierre Rioux  
Councillor Beth Thompson

**Members Absent:** Councillor Kirk Miller (out-of-town work commitment)

**Staff Present** Brennan, Michael; CAO  
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works  
McGraw, Jo-Anne; Town Treasurer  
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services  
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

**1. Approval of Agenda**

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

Agenda be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Mayor's Comments**

1<sup>st</sup> Gondola Point Scout Group - Mayor Driscoll acknowledged and welcomed the 1<sup>st</sup> Gondola Point Scout Group who were in attendance to learn more about local government as part of their Citizenship and Leadership badge requirements. He noted the many outdoor activities the group has been involved in over the past year, as well as their fundraising efforts, adding their upcoming tour of the Town's Engineering Department will follow the Council Meeting. He wished them well in their Citizenship endeavours.

Ice Storm/Massive Power Outage – December, 2013 – Mayor Driscoll acknowledged the recent December Ice Storm and its effect on the Town, noting it was a test of tenacity, resilience and strength. He thanked all those who assisted in the Warming Centre operation, in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross Association, noting it serviced well over 500 people, and remained open for eight straight days.

### **3. Moment of Reflection**

Councillor Thompson led the meeting in prayer.

### **4. Disclosures of Interest**

No disclosures were declared.

### **5. Presentations**

#### **5.1. Presentation of 2012 Audited Financial Statements**

In Attendance - Teed Saunders Doyle & Co.

Peter Logan, In Attendance

Mr. Logan presented the Municipality of Quispamsis Consolidated Financial Statements As At December 31, 2012. He noted these are the first set of Financial Statements for Quispamsis in accordance with the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB), the new accounting standards required by the Province for New Brunswick municipalities. He noted it was a very large undertaking for the Town Treasurer and her Staff, and involved the identification, valuation and depreciation of all of the Town's assets, including town streets, underground infrastructure, and buildings. The new rules also recognize accruals for pension and other post-

employment benefit liabilities. In addition, the statements are consolidated to include all town funds as well as Quispamsis's share of the library, police and fire services. The Audit Report for 2012 is clean, he said.

Mr. Logan concluded that, although the 2012 financial statements was a long and arduous task, now, going forward under the PSAB standards, the Town has captured very good information with the identification of all of its capital assets, making the preparation of future financial statements easier now that the baseline has been formulated.

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Clark

Resolved that the December 31, 2012 Audited Financial Statements be accepted as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

5.2. Climate Change Committee's Donation to the KV Food Bank

In Attendance - Lee Bishop, KV Food Bank

Councillor Olsen as Chair of the Climate Change Committee presented a cheque in the amount of \$225 to Mr. Lee Bishop of the KV Food Bank. This represents funds raised from the 2013 LED Christmas Light Campaign where residents gave a donation of \$2 in exchange for a set of LED Christmas lights.

**6. Public Hearings (none)**

**7. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

7.1. December 17, 2013 - Regular Meeting

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

Minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

7.2. January 1, 2014 - Special Meeting - Presentation of Chain of Office

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

Minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

7.3. January 7, 2014 - Special Meeting - Budget 2014

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Clark

Minutes be approved as prepared.

**Motion Carried**

**8. Unfinished Business**

8.1. 14. (Sept.3/13) Response from the Honourable Danny Soucy, Minister of Environment & Local Government – Equalization Grant Formula

Mr. Soucy's letter responded to the Town's previous correspondence requesting clarification on the Community Funding and Equalization Grant formula which is in its second year. The basic premise of the formula, he said, is to provide funding support so that similar municipalities can provide similar levels of services at comparable rates of taxation. The Province, the Minister wrote, has committed to implementing the new Community Funding and Equalization Grant over three years to give each area time to adapt to the new model. This will include a review of how the Community Funding and Equalization Grant is working and if any changes need to be made within the context of the broader provincial municipal fiscal arrangements.

**Moved By** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

Minister Soucy's letter be received and filed.

**Motion Carried**

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1. Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. - Fee for Service**

Letter from Commissioner Pat Gallagher-Jette, Chair

Commissioner Jette's letter informed Council over the past year the Fire Board and the Fire Chief have been exploring options to offset operating costs and help mitigate rising labour costs. One alternative that is being used in other jurisdictions across Canada is a 'fee for service' model. Section 7(3)(b) of the *Municipalities Act*, however, requires a Municipality to pay the cost of any services provided. It is therefore the view of the Board that if the legislation were amended to provide an option for levying fees, this may present a viable alternative to their present service delivery model.

**Moved By** Councillor Clark

**Seconded By** Councillor Loughery

Council agree to lobby the Provincial Government in an effort to make changes to the present legislation, Section 7(3)(b) of the *Municipalities Act*; by referring this issue to the Regional Board of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick.

On the question, Deputy Mayor O'Hara stated she would like more information as to how this will impact taxpayers. Councillor Olsen noted it would give them more options and abilities to levy fees for false alarms, etc., while currently the *Municipalities Act* does not authorize any options for fees.

**Motion Carried**

### **9.2. Kennebecasis Crime Stoppers - 2014 Contribution Request**

Letter from Tony Bamford, President

Mr. Bamford's letter noted since the Kennebecasis Crime Stoppers' inception in 1986, the Municipal Councils have been instrumental through financial support in helping the local Crime Stoppers organization carry out their important efforts towards solving crime in the Valley. They requested Quispamsis' ongoing support by contributing \$3000 towards their 2014 budget.

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

As this financial support was already committed as part of the 2014 budget process, Council authorize the issuance of the requested \$3000 contribution to the Kennebecasis Crime Stoppers for the year 2014.

**Motion Carried**

9.3. Pathways - An International Women's Day Event - March 7, 2014 Event - Saint John - Request for \$500 Donation

Letter from Manon Pelletier, Organizing Committee

Correspondence from Pathways requested Council's sponsorship of the International Women's Day Event being held March 7, 2014 in Saint John with a suggested contribution of \$500 to support the conference. Ms. Pelletier noted this is the second annual local International Women's Day Event and will celebrate the achievements of women while offering workshops that build on entrepreneurship, leadership and empowerment.

**Moved By** Councillor Clark

**Seconded By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Correspondence be received and filed and an acknowledgement letter be forwarded to Pathways informing them that due to budget constraints the Town is unable to contribute monetarily to their conference, however, if any of the female Council Members wish to attend the event, it could be supported through the registration process.

**Motion Carried**

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

11. **New Business (none)**

12. **Reports**

**Moved By** Councillor Olsen

**Seconded By** Councillor Thompson

Reports be received and filed.

**Motion Carried**

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

14. **Adjournment to Committee of the Whole**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor O'Hara

**Seconded By** Councillor Clark

Meeting adjourned to Committee of the Whole.

**Motion Carried**

**BACK TO OPEN SESSION**

15. **Adjournment**

**Moved By** Councillor Rioux

**Seconded By** Councillor Clark

Meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

X   
G. Murray Driscoll  
Mayor

X   
Catherine P. Snow  
Clerk