



**QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

June 25, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
Board Room
Quispamsis Town Hall

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

Absent: Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara (previous commitment)
Councillor Lisa Loughery (previous commitment)
Councillor Kirk Miller (previous commitment)

Staff Present Deville, Susan; Acting CAO
McGraw, Jo-Anne; Town Treasurer
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

Kennedy, Aaron, Promotions Manager

TELUS Cup Contract

Mayor Driscoll informed Council he had called a Special Meeting to address the TELUS Cup Contract, noting there was some urgency involved due to the number of parties required to sign the hosting contract, and that the next regularly scheduled Council

Meeting in nearly a month away. He also felt it important that Council discuss the contract due to its financial implications.

Ms. Purton Dickson and Mr. Kennedy expanded upon the Staff Report of June 23, 2014 confirming Hockey Canada had formally announced earlier this month Quispamsis was successful in its bid to host the 2016 TELUS Cup, the national midget hockey championship tournament.

Hockey Canada has forwarded the contract to the Town which must be signed by five parties – the Town, Hockey Canada, Hockey NB, Vitos, and the Chair of the Volunteer Host Organizing Committee. The Town Solicitor has reviewed the contract and identified a potential financial risk to the Town who is deemed to be a 'bid supporter'. Ms. Purton Dickson and Mr. Kennedy noted the financial risk only exists in the unlikely event that the tournament incurs a loss.

The Host Committee has been provided with the audited budget statements from the 2012 TELUS Cup in Leduc, Alberta, which created a surplus in excess of \$109,000. It is anticipated, similar to previous years' tournaments, the TELUS Cup will turn a profit for its Legacy Fund (PRO Kids). The majority of the revenue will come from public funding. Requests will be made to the federal and provincial governments for \$125,000 each, with the Minister of State (ACOA) and the NB Minister of Finance both having been briefed already on the tournament. The Committee also has a support letter from the NB Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities. The Committee has also had discussions with two other organizations who are being asked to sponsor the tournament as "Community Sponsors" at \$50,000 each.

In addition to any surplus being turned over to PRO Kids, the event will provide the Town with \$30,000 in revenue for the qplex facility rental for a 10 day period, compared to the normal rental rate for this period of \$10,000. The Host Committee is planning to sell week long passes at a cost of \$99 each, a minimum of 1000 will be sold, with each pass providing the Town with a \$4 commission. The Town will also receive commission on canteen and conference centre food/beverage sales.

The qplex will require a temporary Press Box and an electrical upgrade to 200 amps to provide the required infrastructure to televise the championship game nationally on TSN, anticipated costs for temporary press box, \$7,500. Staff plan to budget in 2015 for electrical upgrades, an improvement that can be used by current users and enhance the facility for future events.

The Town Treasurer has offered to manage the event's finances which will allow the Town to be aware of the financial status leading up to and throughout the event. Additionally, Mr. Kennedy has been elected Chair of the Hosting Committee, which will keep the Town well-informed as to the Hosting Committee's activities and provide an good channel of communication between the two.

Several Council Members offered to assist the Hosting Committee in its planning efforts, acknowledging the 2016 TELUS Cup event is a wonderful opportunity for the Town and a fantastic way to showcase the community and the qplex to the rest of the country.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Clark

Council authorize the Town to sign the contract with Hockey Canada to host the 2016 TELUS Cup.

Motion Carried.

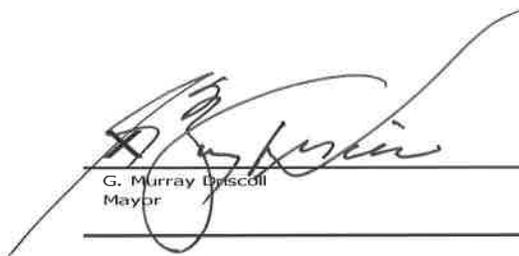
Moved By Councillor Clark

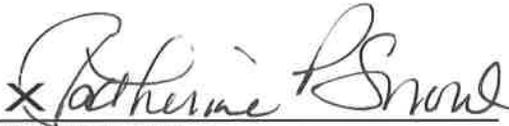
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.


G. Murray Driscoll
Mayor


Catherine R. Snow
Clerk
