



**QUISPAMIS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

May 6, 2014, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall

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

Absent: Councillor Gary Clark (illness)
Brennan; Michael, CAO (illness)
Losier, Gary; Dir. Of Engineering & Works (conference)

Staff Present McGraw, Jo-Anne; Town Treasurer
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk
Colbourne, Dwight; Municipal Planning Officer

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments

Day of Mourning – Mayor Driscoll stated he attended the Day of Mourning Ceremony at Lily Lake Pavilion on April 28, 2014 in recognition of National Mourning Day. The Town,

to bring awareness of this day, and to honour those killed at the workplace, lowered its flags to half-mast.

KVHS Reach for the Top Team – Mayor Driscoll congratulated the KV Reach for the Top Team who won the Provincial title again, making this the 9th of 10 Provincial competitions they have won over the past decade in this long running high school quiz competition. This year's winning team is composed of KVHS students – Sam Cookson, Chris Huddleston, Alexis Lamontagne, Ryan Queen and Keegan Reynolds. The team will now move on to the National Championships in Toronto in late May, where KVHS has finished first in both 2010 and 2011.

YTV's The Next Star – Supergroup TV Competition - Mayor Driscoll congratulated Kyle McVea, a grade 12 KVHS Student and Quispamsis resident, who, with his band, Rebel Coast, won The Next Star competition. This gives Kyle and his Group a management contract with 21 Entertainment Group which represents Canadian stars like Fefe Dobson and Nelly Furtado, as well as a recording contract with Sony Music Canada. Kyle was the only Maritimer left during the live finale telecast that matched talented youth into five person ensembles, battling it out for a chance at pop superstardom.

Top Chef Canada – Mayor Driscoll congratulated Quispamsis resident, Jesse Vergen, who is the first New Brunswicker featured on the popular Reality TV Show, Top Chef Canada, where he placed as one of the top five Chefs across the country. Jesse is the Executive Chef at the Saint John Ale House, operates Smoking Pig Bar-B-Q, is the Chef and partner of Clever Catering and an organic farmer and partner of Harmony Growers Vegetables. He is to be commended for his culinary talents which he has been demonstrating on a national scale every week as he competes in this cooking competition.

Quispamsis Elementary School - \$25,000 Grant Award – Mayor Driscoll congratulated QES' in its success of receiving a *CN EconConnexions – From the Ground Up Program* grant of \$25,000, one of 30 chosen among 191 applications submitted in 2014. CN's EconConnexions is a partnership amongst CN, Tree Canada and Communities in Bloom and is intended to promote healthy communities through urban green space and forest creation, water conservation, naturalization and environmental stewardship along the CN network.

3. **Moment of Reflection** – The Director of Community Services led the meeting in prayer.

4. **Disclosures of Interest**

No disclosures were declared.

5. **Presentations**

5.1. Playground Project for Future French Kennebecasis Valley School & Community Centre - Presentation by Janik Dionne - Sponsorship Request (\$5000) – Mr. Dionne made a presentation to Council stating the Parents' Committee are looking to raise monies to build a playground at the new French Elementary School, planned for opening in September, 2014. The new school and community centre construction will include a daycare facility for pre-school kids as well as after school students. The Province has set aside \$80,000 for play structures but, he said, this amount is insufficient, and the parents, teachers, volunteers, active community members and students are seeking help to raise \$250,000, (the shortfall of funds), to build a playground for the kids, the community and the neighbours. The playground will consist of playground structures, ground cover material, asphalted basketball area, and a nature trail. The Committee's goal is to have the playground structures installed and ready for operation to coincide with the school opening in September, 2014.

It was noted there are 140 students registered at the new francophone school for the September, 2014 opening date, (58 from Quispamsis), with the school having the capacity to accommodate 350 students. The following year, there are 31 students registered for kindergarten, 27 of them from Quispamsis. The students have been very active in the Fundraising Program for the new school.

Mr. Dionne requested a financial donation from the Town in the amount of \$5000.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

The Francophone School & Community Centre's request for sponsorship for \$5000 be referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation back to Council as part of the 2015 budget deliberations.

Motion Carried

5.2. YM-YWCA - Raise the Roof Building Campaign - Request for Funding – In Attendance, Shilo Boucher, CA, President & CEO, and Bill McMackin, Raise the Roof Building Campaign Committee - Ask - Capital Gift of \$75,000 over Five

Year Term – Ms. Boucher and Mr. McMackin made presentation to Council noting the YMCA is a charity, open to all, dedicated to providing programs and services to help individuals, families and communities grow and develop in spirit, mind and body. The Y is a leader in community collaboration and partnership dedicated to the well being of individuals, families and their communities.

The Y has been serving the Greater Saint John community for 160 years. At present, it has 145 staff, 590 volunteers and 450 donors. The Y operates in 13 locations in the Greater Region providing child development, health & wellness, youth, camping, settlement and employment programs. It serves over 17,000 people annually with 3,604 individuals and families receiving financial assistance.

The new larger facility will be developed off 4.5 acres of land donated by the City and the Province off Churchill Boulevard, in Saint John's North End. It will be able to accommodate an additional 15,000 men, women and children with quality services and programs and be open to all ages, abilities and income levels. It will staff 220 employees, 850 volunteers, and 1,300 donors, servicing over 30,000 people annually with 5,300 of them receiving financial assistance.

The Y invites Quispamsis to take part in their exciting new *Raise the Roof Capital Building Campaign* by contributing \$75,000 over a five year period to their new facility starting in 2015. Ms. Boucher and Mr. McMackin expressed their hope that the Town of Quispamsis could support this exciting new green globe project for the greater Saint John community, noting they are hoping to raise \$7 million towards the capital costs, and, to date, have secured \$4.5 million of that amount.

Ms. Bouche stated it is felt that there is room for both the Aquatic Centre and the Y's Aquatic programs to grow, as many who currently frequent the uptown Y facility may wish to stay uptown and switch to the Aquatic Centre. It was also noted the Y's new pool does not have a competitive component, and is strictly a teaching and fitness pool.

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The YM - YWCA's request for a \$75,000 financial contribution towards the *Raise the Roof Building Campaign* be referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

Motion Carried

6. Public Hearings

- 6.1. (Mar. 18/14) Master Enterprises Ltd.'s Request to Amend Developer's Agreement Re Property off Swanton Drive – Integrated Development – In Attendance, Ms. Chantal Carpenter – Ms. Carpenter made presentation to Council requesting their Section 39, *Community Planning Act* agreement, entered into with the Town as part of their 2013 rezoning be amended.

The proposed amended agreement would permit the connection of each of the two buildings shown on Multiple Unit "A" and Multiple Unit "B". Further, the applicant is requesting an additional four units be permitted in the building on the Multi Unit Area B increasing the number of units from 16 to 20 to amortize the cost of the elevators for the buildings. Lastly, the applicant is proposing to change the phasing of the project so that Multiple Unit Area "B" becomes Phase 1 scheduled for construction in 2014, and Multiple Unit Area "B" becomes Phase IV, proposed for construction in 2016.

Mayor Driscoll called for anyone wishing to speak for or against the proposed amendment.

Bernard Beukeveld spoke in support of the proposed changes. He noted however, many of the new multiple residential/integrated development proposals coming before Council are all considered high-end, making it difficult for many seniors looking to down-size to afford without having to acquire a mortgage.

Ms. Carpenter noted the units in question, will be two bedroom rental apartments, and rates have not yet been determined. She said the high end description means a housing product the Town will be proud of, and will be ideal for those wishing to downsize their living accommodations.

Mayor Driscoll called 3 more times if anyone wished to speak for or against the proposed amendment. No one further spoke for or against the proposed amendment.

In response to queries of Council, Ms. Carpenter stated Master Enterprises still plan to use the same builder, and the design will be consistent with the other buildings in the development. The apartment buildings will remain the same height as previously proposed, and parking spaces will meet the 1.5 spaces per unit, pursuant to the Town's by-law. Recognizing that Integrated Development qualifies for various types of zones within one development, Ms. Carpenter confirmed they are only interested in building residential properties.

- 6.1.1. Memo from Planning Advisory Committee – PAC's Notice of Decision related PAC supports Master Enterprises Ltd.'s request to amend Section 39 of the Developer's Agreement to permit the changes indicated.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Council approves Master Enterprises Ltd.'s request to amend their Section 39 *Community Planning Act* developer's agreement with the Town to permit a single building on each of the two areas rather than two buildings as originally proposed, to add an additional four units on the Multi-Unit Area "B" building, and to amend the phase schedules so that Multiple Unit Area "B" becomes Phase 1 scheduled for construction in 2014 rather than as Phase IV, as originally proposed and the prior Phase 1, Multiple Unit Area "A" to become Phase IV, proposed for construction in 2016.

Motion Carried

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- 7.1. April 15, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business:

- 8.1. (Feb. 2/14) - Response from Minister of Health Re Town's Request for a Tick Drag – Minister Flemming's letter, in response to the Town's request for a tick drag, stated the Department of Health is currently reviewing its approach to tick surveillance and developing a systematic plan, and therefore will not be dragging for ticks this year. He acknowledged Lyme disease is an emerging issue in New Brunswick, and urged the community to inform people to take proper precautions to prevent Lyme disease.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Minister Flemming's letter be received and filed.

Motion Carried

- 8.2. (Feb.18/14) Animal Control in Quispamsis - Report from Chief Administrative Officer – Mr. Brennan's report provided details on the 24/7 Animal Control response service the Town currently provides to its residents, including the roles and responsibilities of the Animal Control Officer, Mr. Ralph Raeburn. The report contained the numbers of calls, impoundments and prosecutions. Costs for Animal Control Services for the 2012 and 2013 years totalled \$65,749 and \$85,498 respectively, with legal fees associated with prosecutions representing the bulk of the cost increase. Mr. Brennan stated license tags do require further discussion, noting only 600 dogs licensed and 75 cats are licensed per year, while estimates suggest there are approximately 3,200 dogs and 3,150 cats residing in our Town. A recommendation on methods to increase the licensing of animals will be reviewed as part of the 2015 budget process.

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The Chief Administrative Officer be thanked for his detailed report on Animal Control, and it be referred to Staff to follow up with recommendations concerning the licensing of cats and dogs.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

- 9.1. Peter Little -Rebuttal to Deer Concerns - Mr. Little's letter stated he is not opposed to a deer management plan, but he is opposed to any plan that results in killing the animals when nothing else has been tried or contemplated. He provided documentation from a scientist with the Carey Institute of Ecosystem Studies, and an expert in the field of Lyme Disease stating that deer are not the cause of the emergence of Lyme Disease. Deer, he said, are what is considered an 'incompetent reservoir,' or dilution hosts meaning they cannot contract Lyme themselves so there is no way they can pass the bacteria onto other mammals. He wrote if the deer are eliminated or substantially reduced, the adult ticks will feed on other large mammals who can be infected with the bacteria. He suggested the Towns install Deer Crossing signs to make motorists aware of their presence at known problem areas, and municipal vehicles be equipped with electronic deer alert systems.

Mr. and Mrs. Little were in attendance and expressed their protest to the mindset that deer are responsible for Lyme disease, noting mice are the source of the Borrelia bacteria that causes the disease.

Council Members expressed their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Little's comments, noting the Deer Crossing Signs on roads where there is heavy deer traffic is a good idea. Also the Town could promote to residents usage of the deer warning whistles to prevent deer from hitting vehicles. Council noted it leans upon DNR's guidance with respect to options to address the deer issues and thanked them for their information.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Mr. Little's letter be issued to the KV Regional Deer Committee for their information.

Motion Carried.

- 9.2. Iris Collett - Request for Resurfacing of Maple Grove Court – Ms. Collett's letter related the surface condition of Maple Grove Court is badly deteriorated, and she hoped it would soon be resurfaced.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Ms. Collett's request for resurfacing of Maple Grove Court be referred to the Engineering Department for review and assess as part of the Town's upcoming Capital Streets Program Review.

Motion Carried

- 9.3. David Down - Request for Upgrade & Sidewalks Near Pettingill Road/Quispamsis Road/New Francophone School Location – Mr. Down was in attendance and expanded upon his concern about the increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the Quispamsis Road/Pettingill Road area, noting it will further increase with the addition of two new elementary schools within close proximity. He stated the Quispamsis Road is very narrow coming from the Pettingill Road, with ditches in the area between four and eight feet deep. He asked if there are any plans to install sidewalks, particularly on the Quispamsis Road between the Pettingill Road and Alma Lane.

The Municipal Planning Officer informed Council traffic studies have been done, and traffic calming measures were recommended for the intersection area. With the school development, the town had brought forward the need for sidewalks but the Province has not yet responded. Councillor Olsen noted it is important when developers are building in Quispamsis to recognize the significance of supporting the community in its efforts to provide the proper infrastructure improvements to make the impacted areas safe for motorists and pedestrians.

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

The Engineering Department be asked to provide Council with additional information re Mr. Down's concerns for the need of additional street upgrades in the vicinity of the Pettingill Road/Quispamsis Road area.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws

- 10.1. Proposed By-law No. 047; Police Name Change – The proposed By-law No. 047 would change any reference to the Rothesay Police or Rothesay Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners in the Town of Quispamsis' by-laws to the Kennebecasis Regional Police or Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

First reading be given to By-law No. 047 re changing all references of the Rothesay Regional Police Force and/or Commission in the Town's By-laws to the Kennebecasis Regional Police Force and/or Commission.

Motion Carried

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Second reading be given to By-law No. 047 to change all references of the Rothesay Regional Police Force and/or Commission in the Town's By-laws to the Kennebecasis Regional Police Force and/or Commission.

Motion Carried

- 10.1.1. Letter of Thanks from Kennebecasis Regional Police Board of Commissioners - Approval of Name Change – Correspondence from Chairman McGuire thanked Council, on behalf of the Police Commission, for approving the name change of both the Police Force and the Governing Authority. He noted this assists tremendously with the day to day operations of the Force as it relates to all aspects of policing.

Moved By Deputy Mayor O'Hara
Seconded By Councillor Loughery

The letter of thanks from the Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners be received and filed.

Motion Carried

11. New Business

- 11.1. Garbage Collection in Quispamsis - Staff Report from Town Administrator – Mr. Brennan's detailed report noted FRSW are at a decision point as to how they were going to continue with blue bin recycling at locations in the Town. Staff felt it timely to visit the whole issue of garbage collection once again as it hasn't been reviewed since 2007.

The report provided information on –

- Number of households currently contracting out for garbage collection, transportation and disposal;
- Costs of curbside pickup and transportation;
- Residents' Current Costs per Household for Garbage Pickup;
- Tipping and composting fees;
- Metric tonnes of garbage generated by households;
- Inclusion of recycling as a curbside option, rather than replacing bluebins;
- Cost Comparisons;
- Pros and Cons of each Option.

With respect to cost overall, the status quo is the more expensive option for most users. The average breakeven cost for a householder where they would be cost neutral, (not including recycling), would be at an assessed value of \$267,500. If however, the Town created a partnership for collection with FRSW, it would reduce the estimated homeowner's cost and increase the point of neutral impact for the taxpayer to \$397,000 and include curbside recycling.

Mr. Brennan's report concluded the tables and analysis contained in the report show the Town would be remised to continue with the status quo and therefore recommends Staff move ahead with looking at the possibility of a partnership with the Fundy Regional Services Commission.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Loughery

Council accept the CAO's recommendation to seek public engagement on this issue to determine what the public opinion is concerning whether or not to include garbage and compost pickup in the tax rate AND include curbside pickup of recyclables.

Motion Carried

Council Members noted if the public engagement process is positive, the Town can consider talks immediately with the Fundy Regional Services Commission to see if they will partner with the Town on this project, considering it could be a part of their mandate – (Section 6(a) of the Act).

- 11.2. Municipal Plan By-law Review - Public Engagement Survey - Staff Report from Municipal Planning Officer – A Report from Dwight Colbourne informed Council the Town is beginning the process to prepare a new Municipal Plan, and will be engaging the residents of Quispamsis as well as various organizations, businesses, developers and builders to seek fundamental feedback that will assist in the preparation of the new plan. One of the ways to engage the public is through a Public Opinion Survey that will be conducted by telephone and an online survey, including topics such as development and use of land, the livability of Quispamsis, the protection of the environment, the development of municipal facilities and services such as transportation networks, water, sewerage, garbage disposal, emergency services, etc.

Additionally, further to the CAO's memo re the garbage collection review and public engagement, Mr. Colbourne suggested the Town also use this opportunity to gather input from residents by adding to the survey questions on the garbage issue.

Moved By Councillor Olsen
Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Council accept the proposal from Corporate Research Associates to complete a combined telephone and online Public Opinion Study as part of the citizen engagement component of the Municipal Plan review process, and to include a Citizen Satisfaction component to gather feedback on the day to day operation and administration of the Town and with Council, at a cost of \$13,400 (plus HST). Furthermore, to use this opportunity to gather citizen feedback on how garbage collection should be handled by the Town understanding there will be a minor increase in the total cost of the survey.

Motion Carried

- 11.3. Dog Friendly Swim Area - Staff Report from Director of Community Services – Ms. Purton Dickson’s Report related Staff have been contacted by residents looking for a place to take their dogs to exercise in the water, as currently dogs are not permitted on Town beaches. Staff is recommending that a portion of Gondola Point Beach, to the right of the swim area, be designated as a dog friendly location. There is already a fence on the right side of the beach to separate the property from the nearby homes. The area would be fenced from June to September, signed as a dog friendly area and will use the existing rules that are in place at the Homestar Dog Park. She noted there is \$5,000 allocated in the 2014 budget for the dog friendly swim area that could be used for the fence and signage.

Moved By Councillor Thompson
Seconded By Deputy Mayor O’Hara

That staff use social media, Q-Mail and the Town website to gauge the interest of residents in having a dog friendly swim area at Gondola Point Beach, and if there is an interest that Staff move forward in amending the appropriate by-laws to have Gondola Point Beach designated as dog friendly this summer.

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1. Town Owned Properties Listing & Map – Councillor Miller thanked the CAO for submitting the Town Owned Properties Listing & Map, and asked if this map could be kept updated and posted on the Town’s website. The Municipal

Planning Officer stated the Town is moving towards a web based mapping system for public viewing.

- 12.2. Insurance Bureau of Canada - Flood Precaution Tips for NB Residents
- 12.3. Bill 67 – Proposed Amendment to the Community Planning Act
- 12.4. Rothesay Councillor Alexander Re Fire Department Volunteers
- 12.5. Animal Control Report As At March 31, 2014
- 12.6. Kennebecasis Valley Chamber of Commerce Agenda for Annual General Meeting
- 12.7. Kennebecasis Valley Chamber of Commerce - Financial Audit 2013
- 12.8. Kennebecasis Public Library - Thank you to CAO Michael Brennan for Assistance with Building Expansion Project
- 12.9. Kennebecasis Public Library - March 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- 12.10. Town of Quispamsis - Unaudited Financial Statements As At March 31, 2014
- 12.11. Railway Association of Canada and Transport Canada
Public - Rail Safety Week - April 28 - May 4, 2014

- 12.12. Meenan's Cove High Water Levels - High Tides April 16 - 28, 2014
- 12.13. Keith Minchin - "Faces of New Brunswick" Book
- 12.14. Kennebecasis Regional Joint Board of Police Commissioners Meeting of April 2, 2014
- 12.15. Saint John Theatre Company - Stephen Tobias, Ex.Director, Thank you
- 12.16. TransCanada Energy East Project - Regulatory Approval Process Initiated
- 12.17. Celebrating Asian Heritage Month at the Kennebecasis Public Library - May 1 - 31, 2014
- 12.18. QES Home & School - Award of CN EcoConnexions Award - "From the Ground Up Program"

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

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

14. Adjournment

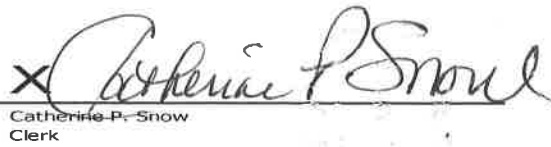
Moved By Councillor Rioux
Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Meeting adourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.


G. Murray Bristol
Mayor


Catherine P. Snow
Clerk