



QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

April 21, 2020, 7:00 pm

Meeting Conducted By Electronic Participation

Present:

Mayor Gary Clark
Deputy Mayor Libby O'Hara
Councillor Sean Luck
Councillor Lisa Loughery
Councillor Kirk Miller
Councillor Emil T. Olsen
Councillor Pierre Rioux
Councillor Beth Thompson

Deville, Susan; CAO
Krista Brandon
Kennedy, Aaron; Communications Manager
Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
Purton Dickson, Dana; Director of Community Services
Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk
MacInnis, Lisa; Assistant Clerk

Electronic Attendance due to Provincial State of Emergency associated with Covid-19 Pandemic. Town Hall is closed to the public. All Council members and staff participated by video conference. The Clerk conducted roll call to determine quorum. To ensure public access and transparency of the meeting Rogers TV provided live streaming of the Council Meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Miller

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments

Condolences Extended to Former Resident of Quispamsis - Lisa (Kierstead) McCully - Nova Scotia Shootings – Mayor Clark expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family of Lisa (Kierstead) McCully, a mother, daughter, sister, teacher and friend, who was killed during the tragic shootings that occurred in Nova Scotia this past weekend. He noted her father, John and the other members of Lisa’s family, as well as everyone else who is grieving the loss of loved ones, friends and colleagues from this unfathomable tragedy.

Mayor Clark stated that flags at all municipal facilities in Quispamsis have been lowered to half mast in memory of Lisa McCully, RCMP Const. Heidi Stevenson, and the other victims of this heinous criminal act.

A moment of silence was held in honour of all those who were killed this weekend in Nova Scotia.

3. **Moment of Reflection** - Councillor Luck read the Moment of Reflection.

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

5. **Presentations** (none)

6. **Public Hearings** (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 April 7, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Deputy Mayor O’Hara

Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 (Dec.20/17) Meenan's Cove Beach House Renovation Update - Director of Community Services

A Staff Report from the Director of Community Services provided an update on the Meenan's Cove Beach House Renovation, highlighting the changes made following the January meeting.

Members made design suggestions regarding the basement layout and patio area.

Ms. Purton-Dickson noted she would take suggestions back to the Architect to see if they are possible options for the Meenan's Cove Beach House expansion.

Members further discussed the berm which was installed to mitigate flood waters. In response, CAO Deuille stated that the 2020 spring freshet events will determine how they proceed.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

The update information on Meenan's Cove Park renovation be received and filed with additional comments regarding the basement layout and patio area.

Against (1): Councillor Luck
Motion Carried

8.2 (Dec.18/18) Queensbury Drive Traffic Calming - Memo from Councillor Miller & Staff Report from the Director of Engineering & Works

Councillor Miller summarized his concerns regarding Queensbury Drive Traffic Calming Project. Councillor Miller's email provided some options and suggested new types of traffic calming measures that could be used in the area.

A staff report from the Director of Engineering & Works gave background information and updated Council on the Traffic Calming Study currently underway in the Queensbury Drive area, summarized below:

- implementing physical road narrowing and visual triggers, like reflective delineators, large planters, temporary curbing that channel drivers to a single (or 1 and a half) lane width
(rather than re-installing the speed humps. These can have similar speed impacts but less obtrusive impact than the humps. In addition, implementing the use of self-enforcing methods (humps, road narrow etc.) to take out enforcement demand on police presence.)

- avoid all-way stops since they only control at intersections
(these proposed narrowings can be used at intersections, mid-block or any specific locations where highest speeds are measured.)

Mr. Losier feels this is a very good test location to compare the methods and use results for introduction in the revised subdivision specifications, so they are included in initial development costs.

Mr. Losier stated that engineering staff will be monitoring impacts all summer and propose a Public Meeting in mid-October and recommendations to Council in early November.

Moved By Councillor Luck

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

As some of the neighbours have been advised of the Engineering Department's update and as this is an update of a project currently scheduled for this summer and no specific action is required of Council, at this time, Councillor Miller's email and the Staff Report from the Director of Engineering & Works be received and filed.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence (none)

10. By-laws (none)

11. New Business

11.1 Award of Tender No. 2020TQ03-10 - 2020 Street Capital Program

Staff Report from the Director of Engineering & Works providing results of Tender No. 2020TQ03-10 - 2020 Street Capital Program.

Members asked the Director of Engineering & Works if staff would consider adding more streets to this year's paving program to capitalize on the favorable pricing. Mr. Losier cautioned against making any decisions right now considering the current COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, CAO Deuille noted this was a possible area for saving due to the loss of revenue and increase spending due to COVID-19.

Members also asked about the quality of asphalt used to pave municipal streets. Mr. Losier stated that problems typically arise when the base and existing pavement overlay are not prepared properly.

Moved By Councillor Rioux

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

Council award Tender 2020TQ03-10, 2020 Street Upgrading to the low bid from NRB Construction for the bid price of \$939,333.00 (exclusive of HST). In addition, the successful bidder is directed to include Jasper Dr in the proposed project as initially planned in the 2020 approved budget.

Motion Carried

11.2 Quispamsis Asset Management Plan Phase 2

Moved By Councillor Luck

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Council authorize staff to engage the services of our consultants, R.V. Anderson Associates Limited (RVA), to initiate the first project of our 2020 Phase 2 Asset Management Plan program, the "10-Year Desired Level of Service (LOS) AMP for Roads. It is further authorized that staff apply for FCM Municipal Asset management Program funding once the program opens. Staff will be required to come back before Council for the approval to have our consultants proceed with parts 2 and 3 once results of the FCM application are known.

Motion Carried

12. Reports

12.1 Town of Quispamsis - Animal Control Reports

12.2 Irving Woodlands Division – COVID-19 Pandemic - Response and Action Plans - Employees and Operations

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Hara

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

13. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Luck
Seconded By Councillor Rioux

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Gary Clark
Mayor

Lisa MacInnis
Assistant Town Clerk