



**QUISPAMISIS TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**October 5, 2021, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers
Quispamsis Town Hall**

Present:

- Mayor Libby O'Hara
- Deputy Mayor Mary Schryer
- Councillor Mike Biggar
- Councillor Noah Donovan
- Councillor Kerrie Luck
- Councillor Kirk Miller
- Councillor Emil T. Olsen
- Councillor Beth Thompson
- Brandon, Krista; Town Treasurer
- Kennedy, Aaron; Acting CAO
- Losier, Gary; Director of Engineering & Works
- MacInnis, Lisa; Assistant Clerk
- Snow, Catherine; Town Clerk

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Deputy Mayor Schryer

Seconded By Councillor Luck

The Agenda be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

2. Mayor's Comments

Mayor O'Hara congratulated Quispamsis resident, Darren Ritchie, winner of this year's Canadian Senior Men's Golf Championship who won by five strokes ahead

of the nearest competitor at the Malbaie, Quebec tournament. In 1992, Mr. Ritchie became the first Maritimer to win the Canadian amateur championship, and is also a member of the NB Sports Hall of Fame. Mayor O'Hara noted Mr. Ritchie has been a long term neighbour on her street, and while she may be the elected Mayor of the Town, he is often considered the Mayor of their Neighbourhood.

3. Treaty Acknowledgement - Moment of Reflection

Councillor Miller read the Treaty Acknowledgement and Moment of Reflection.

4. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures were declared.

5. Presentations

5.1 Envision Saint John' Strategic Plan Presentation - In Attendance: Paulette Hicks, Chief Executive Officer - 7:00 p.m. (In Person)

Paulette Hicks presented to Council Envision Saint John's new Strategic Plan noting it is hot off the press, just received last week, and is a brand new model for economic growth. It is about attracting growth not creating it by connecting innovators, entrepreneurs, and builders to get stuff done now.

Highlights of the Plan include:

- 10 Year Outcomes
 - 25,000 More People in Saint John Region;
 - 30 – 35% More Tax Revenue;
 - Stronger Place Brand.
- A Place where anyone can establish roots and grow.
- A Vibrant City at its Core.
- Steeped in History with Strong Pride of Place.
- If Saint John succeeds, the Region succeeds. When the Region succeeds, New Brunswick succeeds.
- A game-changer – the City of Saint John, Hampton, Grand Bay-Westfield, Rothesay, Quispamsis & St. Martins working together collectively to attract growth with a singular purpose.
- Working with partners in business, government, academia, social and environmental.

Strategic Priorities:

- Growth Readiness

- Talent Acquisition & Pipeline
- Entrepreneurship & Business Growth;

Council Members thanked Ms. Hicks for her refreshing presentation, acknowledging the hope that Envision Saint John's invigorating team will leverage the power of their own momentum, attracting growth by delivering an authentic and substantive place brand for those seeking to invest, to live or to visit the Greater Saint John Region.

Moved By Councillor Donovan

Seconded By Councillor Luck

Council thank Ms. Hicks for presenting Envision Saint John's new and innovative Strategic Plan, and her presentation be received and filed.

Motion Carried

6. Public Hearings (none)

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 September 21, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Moved By Councillor Donovan

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Minutes be approved as prepared.

Motion Carried

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 (Aug.17/21) Town of Quispamsis Revised Five Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2019 - 2023 - Amendment Due to 2020-21 Top Up Funds

The Town Treasurer highlighted her Staff Report, noting this past June, the Gas Tax Fund was renamed the Canada Community-Building Fund. In August the Town was informed by the Minister of EGLGR there was a one-time 2020-21 top up allocation of \$1,274,469 that was earmarked for the Town. In order to receive the top up funds, Quispamsis is required to submit a revised 2019-2023 Capital Investment Plan including the top up. The revised plan being recommended to Council includes the following

revisions/additions to the Town's original Plan that had totalled \$6,514,913 in projects:

1. Street Capital Program – 2021 Cost Increase Only;
2. Design & Replacement to WWPS#1, Roberts Lane – Phase 1 – Cost update and utilizing top up funds to fund the increased scope, scope remains the same;
3. Watermain construction – Old Coach Road and Hovey Road – new project will utilize top up funds; and
4. Hammond River Park Revitalization – new project will utilize top up funds.

Moved By Councillor Thompson

Seconded By Councillor Olsen

That the document entitled *“Town of Quispamsis Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2019-2023”* be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Councillor Mike Biggar, Request to Province for Rapid Flash Beacon at Crosswalk and Speed Reduction at the Hampton Road (Route 100), Bob Munro Drive, (Kennebecasis Valley High School)

On the question, Councillor Biggar expanded upon his correspondence recommending that Council send a letter to the Province requesting the speed zone be reduced, and a Rapid Flashing Crosswalk light be installed at the existing crosswalk between the Kennebecasis Baptist Church and KVHS. This issue was initiated by Laura Gracewood, a concerned parent, who noted KVHS is encouraging, as part of its Covid-19 safety measures, that students be dropped off and picked up at the Kennebecasis Baptist Church. This helps to eliminate the traffic congestion and the bottle neck at the school parking lot. The concern arises with the number of students crossing the street on this busy provincially designated road, with many motorists failing to stop at the crosswalk to allow the students to safely cross. Councillor Biggar further noted, unrelated to Covid-19, the students cross this crosswalk weekly on Wednesdays to attend the Kraft Dinner Program at the Church property, and further the school also uses the

church parking lot as an emergency muster station for any emergency evacuations.

The approximate cost, the Director of Engineering and Works stated, to purchase the Rapid Flash Beacons is approximately \$8,000. Jurisdiction for approval to remove or change traffic controls on the Hampton Road rests with the Province.

Moved By Councillor Biggar

Seconded By Councillor Donovan

Council authorize sending the draft letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting a Rapid Flash Beacon be installed at the crosswalk on the Hampton Road near its intersection with the Kennebecasis Baptist Church and KVHS, and further, a reduced school-zone speed limit be implemented in this area, similar to the speed zones at the other three schools on this road, (QES, Harry Miller Middle and Rothesay High).

Motion Carried

9.2 Norah Emerson, Acting Library Director - Kennebecasis Public Library's Proposed 2022 Budget

The Municipal funding portion of the proposed 2022 Kennebecasis Public Library Operating Budget totalled \$213,431.

Moved By Councillor Luck

Seconded By Councillor Donovan

Council refer the proposed 2022 Kennebecasis Public Library Budget to the 2022 Budget Deliberation Process.

Motion Carried

10. By-laws (none)

11. New Business

11.1 Recommendation of Award - RFP for Consulting Services for Development of Strategic Plan - Staff Report from Acting CAO, Aaron Kennedy

A Staff Report from Acting CAO, Aaron Kennedy, informed Council five (5) Consultants submitted proposals in response to the Town's RFP for the

development of a Strategic Plan. Proposals were reviewed by the Town's Executive Team, and it is Staff's recommendation that the RFP be awarded to MDB Insight Consultants as they had the top ranked proposal once the financial submissions were included in the overall assessment.

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Miller

Council award the Strategic Plan RFP No. 2021TQ07-26 to MDB Insight for the price of \$39,940, (excluding HST).

Motion Carried

12. Reports

- 12.1 Claire Leblanc, President, NB Breast & Women's Cancer Partnership Inc. - Colour NB Pink - NB Breast & Women's Cancer Partnership Inc. - Request for Community Events in Recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month - October

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Schryer

In response to the NB Breast & Women's Cancer Partnership Inc.'s request, the Town of Quispamsis show its support of the Colour NB Pink initiative by creating a Pink Pumpkin Patch Display at town hall or other Town property, with this event being led by Mayor O'Hara and interested Members of Council, in coordination with the Community Services Program Director, and further, Council encourage the local businesses and residents to recognize and bring awareness of Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October by flying pink balloons, flags or banners on their properties.

Motion Carried

- 12.2 Enabling a Cleaner Energy Future Empowered by Atlantic Innovation - Commentary by Stephen MacMackin
- 12.3 UMN Bulletin - September 27, 2021
- 12.4 PAC Minutes - September 14, 2021 Meeting

12.5 Town Treasurer - July 2021 Unaudited Financial Statements

12.6 Joint Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2021

12.7 Town of Quispamsis - Building Report as of September 30, 2021

Moved By Councillor Olsen

Seconded By Councillor Biggar

Reports be received and filed.

Motion Carried

13. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

14. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Donovan

Seconded By Councillor Thompson

Meeting adjourn.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

X

Elizabeth O'Hara
Mayor

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Catherine Snow
Town Clerk