



**Regular Meeting of Council #17
December 19, 2017**

MINUTES

Present:

**Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle
Councillor Kimberly Ghaney
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Jim Joy
Councillor Kevin Costello
Councillor Roger Myette**

Staff:

**Gary Corbett, CAO
Christa Turnbull, EA
Marie Searle, Manager of Payroll & Finance
Gary Lewis, Director of Inf. & Public Works
Marjorie Gibbons, Director Bus. Development
Steve Martin- Director of Rec. & Com. Events**

1. SAFETY MESSAGE

**Tree Trimming Safety- Assume that All Power Lines Are Energized!
Stay alert at all times.**

Do not trim trees in dangerous weather conditions.

Perform a hazard assessment of the work area before starting work.

Eliminate or minimize exposure to hazards at the tree and in the surrounding area.

Operators of chain saws and other equipment should be trained and the equipment properly maintained.

Use personal protective equipment such as gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, hearing protection, etc., recommended in the equipment manufacturer's operating manual.

Be alert and avoid objects thrown back by a tree as it falls.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

17-16-170

Buckle/King

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt of Agenda of December 19, 2017 as presented.

In Favor 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor King
Councillor Joy

Councillor Costello
Councillor Myette
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of December 5, 2017 minutes as presented

4. BUSINESS ARISING- n/a

5. CORRESPONDENCE- n/a

6. RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Transfer

17-17-171

King/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$100,000 from Premium account to general account.

In Favor 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor King
Councillor Joy
Councillor Costello
Councillor Myette

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

b. Accounts

17-16-172

King/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount of \$273,904.39 (cheque number 37122-37323) be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor King
Councillor Joy
Councillor Costello
Councillor Myette

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

c. 2017-2020 Multi Year Capital Works Borrowing

17-16-173

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOVLED that the Town of Holyrood borrow \$100,896 for the Municipal Share of the 2017/2020 Multi Year Capital Works Funding.

The Town of Holyrood will borrow \$100,896 from the Royal Bank of Canada with 5/5-year amortization at 3.66% interest rate with a monthly payment of \$ 1,843 per month.

In Favor 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor King
Councillor Joy
Councillor Costello
Councillor Myette

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

d. Budget 2018

17-16-174

Buckle/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood, in accordance with the Municipalities Act Section 75-79 adopt the 2018 Budget with operating revenues and expenditures totaling \$3,853,628.36

In Favor 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor King
Councillor Joy
Councillor Costello
Councillor Myette

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

17-16-175

Joy/King

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood, in accordance with the Municipalities Act 1999 Section 75-79 adopt the attached Schedule of Taxes, Rates and Fees to take effect January 01, 2018.

In Favor 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor King
Councillor Joy
Councillor Costello
Councillor Myette

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Congratulations to all the staff on the wonderful job done at the lighting of Holy Cross Park. Looks even better with the snow down. Merry Christmas to everyone and I hope you have a new year.

Councillor Ghaney

I'm looking forward to heading to the park this evening. Thanks to the staff for all the work done on the budget. I think it's a fair budget. Looking forward to seeing the work at the STRACC site complete. Please to see funds for continued recreation programs. I would like to offer my condolences to Mayor Hickey's family. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Councillor King

The park looks beautiful. Great job to everyone on the budget. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Councillor Myette

Fantastic job by town staff with the lights in the park. Congratulations to town staff on presenting a balanced budget. The previous residential mil rate of 6.5 stays. Water and Sewer Fees are kept to a kept to a minimum. Fantastic job by town staff with the lights in the park.

Councillor Jim Joy

Pleased we maintained the residential mil rate at 6.5 while providing increased amounts for key areas of service to our residents. Some increased costs for water and sewer and commercial business but in consideration of higher costs, I believe these are reasonable.

As chair of Infrastructure & Public works committee, I'm pleased we were able to provide an increased amount for maintenance of roads, water and sewer and emergency issues. During the winter months, we will be identifying priority areas and planning for projects so construction can start earlier in year.

Our Debt Servicing Ratio remains low and in fact in 2018 will reduce by 1% on present debt. Nice to see a reduction in annual cost of garbage and waste collection of \$23,000.

Overall lot of positives in the various areas of service and I am pleased.

The information provided by staff on this budget is excellent and they are to be commended for the strong effort and many hours of work in preparation of this. Thanks so much.

Attended the CLC meeting at Hydro a short while back - Manager of plant with other officials in attendance. Very interesting. The more recent emission incident was discussed and a report on this will be done by end of January. We discussed the future of plant and information to council will be provided on requested letter by town. Will bring minutes of meeting to council for discussion when approved.

We held our third Infrastructure and Public works meeting a week or so ago. We discussed a number of capital type projects including assessment report by SNC Lavalin on North Side and also the deteriorating cribbing. Other issues will be brought forward in new year.

Beautiful job done on Holy Cross Park Lighting again this year. Thank you and congratulations to all the public works staff who were involved with this.

I would like to wish council and staff a very happy and safe Christmas. Look forward to good things for our town in the new year.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

January 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

17-16-176

Ghaney/Buckle

BE IT RESOVLED that this meeting adjourn.

In Favor 7

Mayor Goobie

Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor King
Councillor Joy
Councillor Costello
Councillor Myette

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

Mayor

Town Clerk

Minutes prepared by Christa Turnbull on December 21, 2017