



**Regular Meeting of Council #3
February 26, 2019**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

**Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle
Councillor Kevin Costello
Councillor Kim Ghaney
Councillor Sadie King**

STAFF:

**Gary Corbett, CAO
Christa Turnbull, Executive Assistant
Robert Stacey, Director of Inf. & Public Works**

REGRETS:

**Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Jim Joy**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019

19-03-12

Buckle/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting is now called to order at 5:30 pm.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello
Councillor K. Ghaney
Councillor S. King

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2019 as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING- n/a

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Request for participants on research project- Tabled

b. Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Agreement

19-03-13

Buckle/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Gas Tax Agreement for 2019-2024 in the amount of \$578,944

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello

Councillor K. Ghaney
Councillor S. King

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Residential Small Lot

19-03-14

Costello/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve the Development Regulations Amendment No. 8, 2019. This amendment has been advertised in the local paper and no written comments were received.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello
Councillor K. Ghaney
Councillor S. King

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

6. RECREATION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Crystal Carnival

Crystal Carnival events went really well and were well attended. The Crystal Dip is postponed to a later date due to ice conditions in the harbor. I would like to recognize and thank all the volunteers, staff and Steve Martin for a successful Carnival.

b. Holyrood 50

Registration is open for Holyrood 50. Can register on our website as well as pre order merchandise. Photo Contest winner is Geraldine Crawley. Geraldine wins a \$100 gas card.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

a. Change Order

19-03-15

Costello/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve and submit Change Order #001 prepared by SNC Lavalin for project - Water Main Upgrades- Main Beach Lift Station - Project No. 17-SCF-17-00005

The above-mentioned change order reflects additional construction fees associated with increasing the pipe diameter of force main and is a project cost increase of \$4,554.05 changing the total project costs from \$104,264.75 to \$108,818.80

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello
Councillor K. Ghaney
Councillor S. King

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

8. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Accounts

19-03-16

King/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount of \$241,080.44 from January 30-February 19, 2019 be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello
Councillor K. Ghaney
Councillor S. King

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

b. Donations

19-03-17

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to approve \$100 donation to the CBR Minor Hockey Association as per Budget 2019.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello
Councillor K. Ghaney
Councillor S. King

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

Buckle

I attended Seniors Dance- was great food, great entertainment and the seniors are appreciative of the towns support. Congratulations to Steve, Committee and Staff for successful Carnival. I attended almost all of the events and it was great. First of the Holyrood 50 events was the "Remember When" event- it was really enjoyable. Marie Hunt did a great job emceeing.

Ghaney- n/a

King

Congratulations to Steve, Brenda, and the committee. I attended most events. I think this was one of the best Crystal Carnivals I have ever attended. The "Remember When" event was such a great event. The Dinner Theatre was fantastic. Thanks to the heritage committee for coming on board.

I have been asked many times why there no sings indicating that there is a roundabout? We should really get something in place. Also, we are back to square one with the bump in front of my place on the Conception Bay Highway.

CAO responded that a lot of signs are not yet in place as it is an active construction.

Costello

Congratulations to Steve and staff for a successful Carnival. It was unique to see how Holyrood 50 was tied into some of the events.

Mayor Goobie removed himself as Chair, Deputy Mayor Buckle assumed the role of Chair.

Goobie

The issue I want to raise briefly is regarding rate mitigation, something we have spoken about on a few occasions at our public meeting; and in the interest of our residents, I'd like to take this discussion a step further. Now that the Public Utilities Board has confirmed that without rate mitigation, electricity rates will, in fact double. On that basis, ratepayers of the province need an absolute guarantee that such mitigation will be fully protected - and the only way this can be accomplished is in the form of provincial legislation.

While the public has been given a verbal commitment by government that rates will not double, I would like to see legislation enacted when

the House of Assembly reconvenes next week. We need affirmation that this commitment will in no way be jeopardized in the future. Ratepayers need that guarantee that rate mitigation will not be manipulated, compromised or even gradually phased out over a shortened period of time.

We have been told this mitigation will come into effect in 2020; however, to my knowledge, the duration or timeframe has never been specified. Will it apply over 2 years, 5 years or 10 years? This is a key component in this whole arrangement which has to be asked and confirmed.

With an election looming in the months to come, ratepayers need and deserve that extra layer of guarantee, and not simply a commitment by word of mouth.

I'm certainly not calling the integrity or honesty of any minister into question; however, this is too important of an issue to accept just verbal commitments.

I'd also like to hear the position of all parties; and will they support and lobby with us in having this proposed legislation fast-tracked during this upcoming session in the House?

As a municipal government, we have a responsibility to speak up and speak out on behalf of our residents; and I encourage all other municipalities to follow suit.

With your approval, I would like to write a letter, on behalf of Council to the Premier, the Finance Minister, the Government Leader in the House of Assembly, the Minister of Natural Resources and our MHA, along with the Opposition Leaders with this request.

19-03-18

Goobie/King

BE IT RESOLVED to write a letter to various levels of government to ascertain what plans will be put in place to address rate mitigation. Council wants a guarantee that such mitigation will be fully protected in the form of provincial legislation. Council ask that legislation be enacted during this sitting of the House of Assembly to affirm a commitment. Council would like to see a document which outlines the timeframe and the implementation of a rate mitigation plan.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello
Councillor K. Ghaney

Councillor S. King
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

Mayor Goobie resumed the role of Chair

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 19, 2019

11. ADJOURNMENT

19-03-19

Ghaney/King

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting adjourn at 6:05 pm.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor K. Costello
Councillor K. Ghaney
Councillor S. King

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

Mayor

Clerk

Minutes taken by CT