



**Regular Meeting of Council #1
January 14, 2020**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Gary Goobie
Councillor Kevin Costello
Councillor Kim Ghaney
Councillor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Roger Myette

STAFF:

Gary Corbett, CAO
Marjorie Gibbons, Business Dev. & Marketing

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20-01-01

Ghaney/Myette

In Favor 6

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

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF December 17,2019

Adopted as presented

3. BUSINESS ARISING

n/a

4. CORRESPONDANCE

- a.** Department of Transportation & Works – Office of the Minister -
Tabled

Councillor Joy: I agree there was patchwork done in paving on sections of road in the Southside area. As the town has highlighted on various occasions, due to the deteriorated condition on the larger section of this road, the whole road requires resurfacing from Maher`s Bridge to the town boundary.

The other areas identified in the letter by the town, being responded to here by minister, need to dealt with.

As I noted in previous meetings, these problem priority areas which were forwarded to DTW at their request, have been causing continuing damage for years. Damage is not only being caused on the provincial roads with risk & safety issues to walkers / drivers , but is causing on-going damage to private property & our own town roads . I had a resident contact me, just before Christmas on continuing problems in one area of the town.

One area of washouts & damage just down here on Route Sixty (from North Side Rd. to top of hill) have been happening for years & years. Permanent fixes need to done with proper drainage installed in a # of locations. In turn, ongoing resulting damage will not be happening. I think a different approach by DTW is needed. Realize they have a big area to cover, but scheduling this work is necessary & will provide cost savings in the long term.

I ask that a further review of these problem areas be done, with a commitment that the ongoing problems be corrected.

5. Planning and Development

a. Regulations Amendment No. 11, 2019

20-01-02

Costello/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Development Regulations Amendment No. 11, 2019 which will add a definition for micro (craft) brewery to Schedule A, Definitions; add micro (craft) brewery to the list of examples for Catering for General Assembly Uses, as found in the Classification of Uses of Land and Buildings, Schedule B, add micro (craft) brewery as a discretionary use; remove brackets for take-out food service, and add a new Condition 3, to the list of conditions in the Open Space-Recreation (OS/R) Land Use Zone Table, Schedule C.

This amendment has been advertised through the local paper – The Shoreline and there were two correspondences received related to the application process not the amendment process. These correspondences will be attributed to the application process as we do due-diligence at that stage.

In Favor 6

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

Opposed 0

Abstained 0
Motion Carried

Councilor Joy: Just for clarity with this regulation change , Micro (craft) Breweries will now be added as a Discretionary Use in OS/ R – Zones

b. 20-01-03

Costello/Joy

Location: Lot 1, Blue Ocean Drive

Zoning: Town Centre

Proposal: Pharmacy, Medical Clinic, and Physiotherapy/Wellness Centre

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the above application, in principle, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

The application was advertised in accordance with Regulation 32 and 90 of the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations in the local paper, the Shoreline. No comments were received by the deadline date.

In Favor 6

Mayor Goobie

Councillor Costello

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Myette

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

Councilor Joy- This facility will provide much needed medical type services in Holyrood & surrounding communities. Very positive and welcomed.

6. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Update

An update for the Department was delivered by Councilor Ghaney who informed Council that the Community Guide is being prepared and will be available next week. The guide clearly identifies activities for the coming months suitable for all ages. The guide clearly indent

The Crystal Carnival is scheduled for February 13-23 and has a host of events the community will surely enjoy.

7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

a. Update

Councillor King informed Council of the progress of the Heritage file which has been a constant activity in the status reports of the department. Councilor King stated tonight during our Council business, we are approving a permanent home for our valued heritage and culture as we secure the premises of 429 Conception Bay Highway, formally referred to as the Port O' Call Building.

I could not be prouder of this Council for having the wisdom and courage to make this decision and in so doing are securing the heritage and culture of Holyrood for generations to come.

It has been a long and diligent journey to tonight's approval. Guided by the recommendation of the Holyrood 50 Committee which prepared the celebrations for the Come Home Year and 50th Anniversary of incorporation who identified a Heritage Museum as a legacy project, Council, Holyrood Heritage Committee and staff prepared and actioned a plan to investigate the merits of a museum in our Town and how that museum should contribute to the fabric of Holyrood today and into the future.

We have evaluated various buildings in the Town to ensure we secured an appropriate and meaningful place to house the numerous artifacts which have been presented to the Town. The evaluation of properties, in consultation with members of the Heritage Committee has landed us at this place. The building is conducive of great displays, events and endless possibilities as we showcase our history to the residents, visitors and world. The number of visitors both locally and abroad during the months of Come Home Year is a real indication of the need for a permanent home and an established plan for the exhibiting of our culture.

Mayor Goobie, Council Colleagues and staff, your attention to this initiative is indeed a game changer in protecting and safe guarding our history, I am proud to be a member of the group making this historic event a reality.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

a. Update

a. Very pleased with the participation and discussion/input in the past year at the committee level, which saw a number of recommendations brought forward for improvement/extension of infrastructure. Some major projects were done while other projects approved are about to start or are moving through the approval process .

Also, we are waiting on response to the ICIP application on key elements, in some service areas.

Looking forward to continuing that work in the year ahead. We have two committee meetings scheduled for this week, one tomorrow & one on Thursday.

b. Snow Clearing - We are now into the heart of winter & have experienced a fair amount of snow to date, especially with the 40+ cm. last week. Another storm being forecasted for end of week. I would like to compliment our public works staff in responding to snow clearing & sanding of our town roads in such a very timely manner. Workers are out in the early morning hours, following a well laid out plan for the equipment & routes. Great job. Thanks very much.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Update

Councilor Myette congratulated Matthew Simmonds and Evan Woodford on securing new positions with the fire department as full-time fireman. This is a wonderful step in their careers and a great achievement for the Town to have 2 new full-time firefighters under the NALCOR agreement.

10. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bankbook Balance: - 21,211.66

b. General Account

20-01-04

King/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount of \$155,157.61 from December 7, 2019 - January 1, 2020 be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor 6

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

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

c. Legacy Project

20-01-05

King/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood purchase 429 Conception Bay Highway for the purpose of housing and parking availability for the Holyrood Heritage Society Museum/Art Gallery

The cost of acquisition including HST is \$465,000

Holyrood has always valued its history and its culture, and we set the path for future generations to remain loyal to the values and principles of the Town. The Holyrood Heritage Society Museum will be invaluable in ensuring the Town's longevity.

In Favor 5

Mayor Goobie

Councillor Costello

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Councillor Ghaney

Opposed 1

Councillor Myette

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

Councillor Ghaney

As a member of the 50th Celebrations Committee I am pleased the recommendation of the Committee is being put forward tonight through this motion. The Holyrood Heritage Museum and Art Gallery is much needed in the Town and I couldn't be happier that we are moving it forward.

Councillor Joy

At this point in our history it is an important step in safeguarding our heritage. I want to extend my congratulations to the group working on heritage in our Town- you are showing true commitment and making a huge impact to the Town.

Councillor Myette

I have struggled with this initiative for a while- the cost is a concern and as well I had to wonder if this is really what we should be doing, or should we be looking at adding to an existing building or build a new building. For me it is the use of tax payer's money and is this what we should be doing. I cannot support the motion.

Councillor Costello

I want to congratulate the group of individuals, some of whom are present tonight, on the work being done with our local heritage. I commend your team for the efforts you have put into creating the museum here in the Town. I do support the buying of this building for the purposes of a museum/art gallery in our Town. I believe it is a sign of our Maturity as a Town and defines a new way forward into the future for us as a municipality.

Mayor Goobie

Curtis Buckle would have been proud to be a member of our meeting tonight and take this initiative forward. He has worked hard on this file and took great pride in moving heritage to new heights in the Town in cooperation with the Heritage group.

Unfortunately, Curtis lost his Dad in recent days and he is dealing with that tragedy. His father was a great man and he will be sadly missed. My deepest condolences to Curtis and his family.

Over the past week, I've been pondering how to address this motion presented here this evening, as I believe it will be one of the most important motions ever put before any Council, and it will also be one of historic significance on to itself. In doing so, I think it has to be clearly articulated how and why we've reached this point in our deliberations.

To borrow a quote from Albert Einstein: you cannot do the same thing over and over again and expect a different result.

As we're all aware, we did have a heritage society in place several years ago. Unfortunately, there were many challenges and obstacles that impeded our ability to move forward and remain active. Consequently, things eventually went to the wayside and there was no activity for several years thereafter.

However, despite those challenges of the past, we remained steadfast and determined to turn things around in moving to the future. In hindsight and upon reflection, I believe we were following Einstein's quote... trying to do the same thing over and over expecting different results. And thankfully, that is all history now.

We were severely lacking physical structure, as all these numerous and invaluable pieces of historical "treasures" were scattered throughout the town in various locations from haylofts to basements. With such a chaotic arrangement (and that's not meant to be

disrespectful to those who were trying their best to make it work), but our story could never really be told, appreciated or understood.

Everything changed this past summer when the heritage society once again regrouped and quickly transformed the Port o' Call building into a temporary heritage and art museum to lend their contribution toward the town's 50th Anniversary and Come Home Year Celebrations.

Up to this point, admittedly, I was a bit sceptical over any consideration of Council acquiring this property as a permanent home for Heritage. However, when I entered the building for the first time, and observed the many themed rooms and numerous artifacts and memorabilia, meticulously and proudly showcased throughout this beautiful facility, I finally realized... this is our home. This is where our story will be told. This is, in fact, what we were lacking all along.

When we reflect and reminisce on the days of the Golden Eagle Oil Refinery, the railway, our local contribution during the war days, the first cold storage facility in the Province, the significance of George Cove Mountain, the Royal Visit, the birthplace of the first Lieutenant Governor (Sir Albert Walsh), the old rubber plant, the former Fleetline Bus Company, numerous confectionary stores and the list goes on, it certainly brings back a lot of fond memories for many of our residents.

Our local artists such as Kelli-Ann Pye-Beshara, Elizabeth Veitch-Dillon, Jim Hart, Rosemary Byrne and the late Gerry Squires among others have made quite a name on the art stage both nationally and internationally.

Many popular musicians such as Wilf Doyle, also made a huge impact both here and abroad.

The CBC Region as a whole had quite a reputation in the sporting community, particularly hockey and softball. In fact, our CAO has been recognized at the international level as a major builder and contributor in the softball world. Gary was also dubbed as being one of the best pitchers in Canada. One gentleman who I met last year referred to Gary as a legend in the softball world. Now, in referring to Gary as being legendary, we could have some fun with that one around this table. But seriously, it is an accomplishment to be quite proud of.

So, beyond any shadow of a doubt, our community is certainly steeped in history, culture and heritage, and must be preserved on into perpetuity.

Further to this motion, I want to add that I have the utmost confidence in our Heritage Committee members. And from speaking with Committee Chair, Linda, there will be many more volunteers on the list to become official members at their next meeting.

On behalf of my Council colleagues, I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work you are doing; and beyond any doubt, you will ensure the museum will be sustainable long into the future and become a centrepiece within the community.

From Council's perspective, while we recognize the fundamental importance of providing our residents with the best possible programs, services and infrastructure, we must not allow our history, culture and heritage to fall through the cracks.

It must also be noted that the cost of this acquisition has been factored into our budget and is well within our fiscal capacity without having an impact on our taxation levels.

I commend and applaud you for demonstrating real leadership in recognizing the value, significance and importance of bringing this "Legacy Project" to reality.

As the saying goes: you won't know where you're going, if you don't know where you've been.

With that said, I have no hesitation in supporting this motion.

Councillor King

I have already spoke to this in the update on behalf of the Business Development & Marketing Committee which has worked on his file on behalf of the 50 Celebrations Committee and Council. I want to thank the Heritage Committee for everything they have done and continue to do for the Town

d. Motion to Borrow

20-01-06

King/Joy

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood borrow \$465,000.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada for the acquisition of the Holyrood Heritage Society Museum. These funds will be at an interest rate of 3.23% for a period of 180 months for a monthly payment of 3263.00

In Favor 6

Mayor Goobie

Councillor Costello

Councillor Joy
Councillor King
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor Myette

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

e. Motion to Request Ministerial Approval to Borrow

20-01-07

King/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood request approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs to borrow \$465,000.00 to purchase 429 Conception Bay Highway for the 50th Anniversary Legacy Project, the Holyrood Heritage Society Museum and Art Gallery

In Favor 6

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

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

11. New Business

Ghaney

I am very pleased we are moving forward with the Legacy Project and we can expect great things to happen in recording and displaying our culture and our history.

I am having letters and calls from residents regarding littering, especially reusable cups. We will be taking these concerns to our committee for further discussion and will keep you informed to how the discussions are unfolding.

King

Thank you to the Heritage Committee for their dedication and hard work. I also want to thank our public works staff for their efforts to keep our roads plowed. Snow clearing has been exceptional. Thank you.

Joy

Firstly, I want to offer condolences to Deputy Mayor - Curtis & his family on the sudden passing of his Dad. His father Chris was a past councillor with the town & also a volunteer fire fighter.

As well, I like to offer condolences to Christa & family on the passing of her Nan.

I would like to wish council, staff, residents & everyone a Very Happy New Year.

I believe the past year was a very positive one for our town. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. I look forward to 2020 in creating new opportunities & in turn benefits for all our residents.

Myette

Congratulations to the Heritage Society for their hard work.

I have concerns about potholes in the round about and maybe we can touch base with Transportation to have something done with those holes as they are creating a dangerous situation there.

(CAO Gary Corbett informed Council there has already been an outreach to the department regarding the matter)

I also offer my condolences to Curtis and Christa.

Costello

Congratulations to Matthew Simonds and Evan Woodford on their new positions.

I want to speak to the Ministers correspondence, and I don't agree that the problems have been solved. I feel they were not addressed properly, and we need to respond further to the department asking for an appropriate plan to make permanent corrections.

My sincere condolences to Christa and Curtis on the passing of their loved ones.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 4, 2020

13. ADJOURNMENT

20-01-08

Ghaney/Myette

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 6:45 pm.

In Favor 6

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

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by MG