



**Regular Meeting of Council #6  
June 2, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

**Mayor Gary Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle  
Councillor Kim Ghaney  
Councillor Jim Joy  
Councillor Sadie King**

**Staff:**

**Gary Corbett  
Christa Turnbull  
Steve Martin  
Marjorie Gibbons**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**20-06-37**

**Buckle/King**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this meeting is now called to order

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2020 as presented**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

Joy- Ref. 7d. - previous agenda, regarding repaving of route sixty.

As we're all aware, with the detour from TCH through Holyrood in the past couple weeks, a lot of additional heavy traffic as with previous detours was placed on route 60. We have been discussing/asking to have the section of Route 60 from Maher's bridge to CBS boundary repaved for the last couple years and the recent heavy traffic no doubt added further damage to this already deteriorated road. It's amazing the number of vehicles that were re-routed through our town. The town worked closely/co-operatively with the minister of DTW in helping with the flow of this traffic which as we all know was grid - locked on times.

So in conjunction with the request to repave Route 60, which has been well discussed, hopefully the minister will give serious consideration

and approve the town`s request to have this repaving done this year.

Mayor- commitment from Minister that when the culvert project was finished, he would be in touch to help alleviate the situation on route 60.

#### 4. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

##### a. 20-06-38

###### Ghaney/King

Location: 528-530 Conception Bay Highway

Zoning: RMD

Proposal: Variance Request

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a variance of 10% with a reduced rear yard measurement of 10.8 meters, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

A variance notice was sent to homeowner in the immediate area as per Section 12 of Development Regulations.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

##### b. 20-06-39

###### Ghaney/Buckle

Location: 528-530 Conception Bay Highway

Zoning: RMD

Proposal: Residential

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the above application, in principle, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations, subject to the house facing The Valley Road, and subject to a submitted drainage plan.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**c. 20-06-40**

**Ghaney/Buckle**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Holyrood has no comment on the Proposed St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan Amendment 7, 2019 from the Town of Paradise

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**5. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**a. Update**

Summer Day Camp Program

Camp A'hoy has been a huge asset to our Recreation Department and the community for the last 7 years. It has provided an opportunity for children, regardless of their social class, to learn, create, socialize, and play. It has also provided the opportunity for youth in our community to grow professionally, through being employed by this amazing program.

Despite the 5-level approach to re-opening, COVID-19 continues to affect our ability to run recreation programs and events to our residents. For the last month the industry has lobbied to government for direction on how we can operate this level of programming throughout the summer. We have also asked how community use of schools will be affected, but to date there has been no response. Recreation NL has developed a "Guidelines for Summer Camp" document for Government's consideration. Given these strict guidelines, the uncertainty of a facility, limited time for planning, and the high level of risk in running a summer program this year, the Department of Recreation and Community Events is cancelling Camp A'hoy this summer.

As we do have student funding dedicated to the camp, we will be working with the federal government to develop new job descriptions for other areas in the community.

### Playgrounds

As directed from by the Chief Medical Officer, all playground equipment in the community will remain closed during Alert Level 3. The Town will be working within government regulations to open these during Alert Level 2.

### Trails/Boardwalk

Remain open for the community to use with good social distancing practices.

### Holy Cross Park

Holy Cross Park will remain closed during Alert Level 3. The Department of Recreation and Community Events are working with Government Officials to determine if the park can be opened for use this summer and if so, under what regulations can we operate.

### Community Garden

The Holyrood Community Garden opened to the public May 22. The Garden sold out of rental plots, but we have just added 3 new rental plots that are available for rent. Cost of a Community Garden rental plot is \$20 and Gardener Applications can be found at [www.holyrood.ca](http://www.holyrood.ca). The Garden Committee is currently working to improve the space with some beautification enhancements and will be doing follow-up calls with all gardeners this week.

### Fire Pits on the Beach

As Government have increased the double bubble to include an additional 6 people, we will be installing the fire pits on the beach on June 8.

### Dog Park

We are happy to announce the re-opening of the Holyrood Community Dog Park. We will be posting COVID information at the park with government regulations that all users will have to follow while visiting the dog park.

### Softball Field

Centennial Softball Field will remain closed during Alert Level 3. The town is monitoring Government guidelines to open field at Alert Level 2 for various skill development practices for youth.

### Soccer Field

The Soccer Field Revitalization Plan has begun, and the public will see construction starting in the coming weeks. This project will bring improvements to the field such as drainage, sizing, parking and spectator space.

#### CBC Timbits Soccer Program

We are still unsure about the Timbits Soccer Program this year. Recreation Staff are currently waiting on level 2 program guidelines from the Provincial Government before a decision can be made on the program.

#### Skate Park

The Holyrood Skate Park will remain closed at Alert Level 3. We hope to see this facility open along with our Playgrounds at Alert Level 2.

#### Canada Day & SquidFest

The Town's Canada Day and SquidFest Celebrations will be done virtually. Residents can expect more information on our Virtual Canada Day and Festival in the coming weeks.

#### Active for Life- Older Adult Physical Activity Program

Despite the cancellation of our regular Active for Life Program, Recreation continued the program with a live class through the Town's Facebook Page. I'd like to thank instructor Jenny Temple for adapting this program to ensure our older adults still received this opportunity while social distancing at home. The program is now complete for the spring and we look forward to it continuing in the Fall.

#### Holyrood Festival Grounds

Alert Level 3 will see the opening of the Holyrood Festival Grounds for pedestrian use only. We have received complaints of ATV's on the Festival Grounds. We ask the public if you see any vehicles on the field to please contact the RCMP.

The Festival Grounds will be a rest location with picnic tables for your extended bubble to enjoy a picnic while taking in the scenery around the Holyrood Harbour. Please note that the bathroom facility will remain closed.

#### Waste Management

Bulk Garbage- To date we have not received any update from the Eastern Regional Service Board on a new Bulk Clean-Up date for the Town. Staff are checking regularly, and we will update our residents as soon as we receive new information

#### b. Soccer

**20-06-41**

**Ghaney/King**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood accept and approve the Prime Consultants Agreement prepared by Innovative Engineering

and Project Management Inc for Project 20012 – 17-CCR-20-00007 Soccer Field Project. The Prime Consultant Agreement identifies the roles and responsibilities of the Engineering Company in the design, development and execution of the Soccer Field Upgrade Project. The cost associated with the services of Innovative Engineering is \$38,228.50 plus GST for a total of \$43,962.78

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

## **6. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING**

### **a. Update**

New marketing tool for OHI. Been working on this since last year and we are ready to go. May need to do a virtual presentation.

We are developing core partnerships with cold ocean technology. We will engage with Blue Oceans partners.

We have received over \$600,000 in Gas Tax. We will receive two payments, one in June.

All student programs are 100% funded. Rec got 7 students, town got 4 students, and one for the marina. Marina – 1 student- 3696.00, Town – 4 students – 13,048.00, Recreation- 7 students 22,834.00

## **7. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS**

### **a. Update**

We held our regular committee meeting on Monday May 11. In attendance were Gary Corbett, Robert Stacey, Marjorie Gibbons, Mayor Goobie, Kevin Costello and myself.

The minutes of this meeting were attached to the pre meet agenda for councillors information/review.

At this meeting, we continued to discuss new initiatives from an operational manner, new / upgraded infrastructure projects and planning longer term servicing needs such as water supply options for our town. Some of the recommendations being brought forward from this meeting are for the approval of monies to complete new/ improved infrastructure, which I will read motions for shortly.

I want to say I'm very pleased with the participation / input at our committee meetings, which continue to see new recommendations brought forward for new improved infrastructure which in turn will improve servicing for our residents.

Holding committee meetings with discussion / input at the committee level is a very important part of the workings of council.

Our next Infrastructure & Public Works committee is this Thursday morning June 4 at 10 am.

Capital Projects .

I'm pleased to see the approval of the engineering consultant for the Soccer Field Upgrade Project .

We are now in the process of putting in place the engineering consultant for the Water Upgrade Project on Country Path which funding has been approved for.

Before I move on to the new motions on infrastructure, I would like to note that having these projects completed is dependent on receiving sources of funding. One of the areas of funding is Gas Tax. We receive this annually which allows the town to complete projects as outlined in upcoming motions. It provides for 100% cost on projects so it doesn't require any cost sharing of monies from the town. This is very positive and has allowed the town to do numerous projects since it has been put in place.

Yesterday the prime minister announced 2.2 billion dollars as advance payment of Gas Tax to help Municipalities function in this period of time. When we receive clarification on amounts and receipt of this money we'll look at what additional projects can be completed, but this will help with more money being available at this time.

**b. Gas Tax**

**i. 20-06-42**

Joy/Buckle

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood submit a Gas Tax application in the amount of 50,062.58 (HST included) for the purposes of completing paving local roads in the Town. The roads associated with this application have been examined and prioritized by the Town as projects to be completed this paving season. The paving will improve our transportation system and ensure safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The roads include sections of Country Path: Carroll's Road: Butterpot Road: Brien's Road: The Valley: Highland Park and Green Acres.

In Favor- 5  
Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Opposed- 0  
Abstained-0  
Motion Carried

ii. **20-06-43**

Joy/Ghaney  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Holyrood award paving projects for Country Path, Carrol's Road, Butterpot Road, Brien's Road, The Valley, Highland Park and Green Acres, in the amount of \$50,062.58 to Weir's Construction.

In Favor- 5  
Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King  
Opposed- 0  
Abstained-0  
Motion Carried

iii. **20-06-44**

Joy/King  
**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood submit a Gas Tax application in the amount of 47,598.50 (HST included) for the purposes purchasing a filtration system for the emergency water supply for the Town of Holyrood. Holyrood has prioritized safe, reliable water supply as the number one priority of the Town. To avoid loss of water and the restraints which are brought about by an interruption of a water supply to residents Holyrood has established an emergency water supply.

This project will enable the Town of Holyrood to purchase 3-600gal. water tanks, PVC piping, valves and pipe stands.

The emergency water supply will provide the Town of Holyrood with the confidence that residents will not be negatively affected by loss of water and/or low water levels as we have seen in the past.

In Favor- 5



Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0  
Abstained-0  
Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Buckle declared conflict of interest and removed himself from voting.

**iv. 20-06-45**

Joy/King

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood submit a Gas Tax application in the amount of 98,314.00 (HST included) for the purposes of completing the installation of Armour Stone at North Arm. This Armour Stone project is an attempt to support the roadway from natural erosion caused by high seas and wind events. The project is also addressing drainage concerns in the area. The project is the initial phase of providing a safe transportation route to the residents and visitors using our roadways. Phase 2 of the project to be completed at another time, will see the actual buildup of road itself.

In Favor- 4

Mayor Goobie  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0  
Abstained-0  
Motion Carried

Deputy Mayor Buckle returned to discussion.

**v. 20-06-46**

Joy/Ghaney

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood submit a Gas Tax application in the amount of 7,500.00(HST included) for the purposes of acquiring a membership in the Asset Management Cohort Program. This unique municipal leadership opportunity is designed to strengthen governance and decision making about infrastructure by helping municipalities to incorporate asset management as a strategic, ongoing business process in their organization. Doing so creates efficiencies and saves

money, resources and time over the long-term for the benefit of the community.

The program is a proactive move forward to allow the Town to gain control of the location of water lines, hydrants, valves, roads, sidewalks and trails, etc. and associated attribute data. This information is invaluable as we build the Town's infrastructure.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**c. Project Extension Timeline**

**20-06-47**

**Joy/Buckle**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Town of Holyrood request Department of Municipal Affairs to extend project 17-SCF-17-00005 Water Main Upgrades from Conception Bay Highway to Woodford Station. This project is a federal program, however, was originally approved under MYCW and received a reprofiling to the SCF (Small Community Fund). The purposes of extending this project is to seek permission to reprofile savings of approximately \$170,000.00 to other water main project within the jurisdiction of the original application.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

A change was made more recently to approved funding where if a project costs came in lower than the approved amount for that project, the municipality on approval, could use the remaining dollars for other projects. This was a very positive change. On this Water Upgrade project on Woodford's Station there will be approx. \$ 170,000 savings available for use.

## 8. PUBLIC SAFETY

### a. Update

Joy- Motorized Vehicles - I'm pleased we are working through a process with authorities on solving associated problems with motorized vehicles operating in our town. The problem is just not related to use on the trailway but on our local roads, route 60 & private property.

This is not a new issue and important thing here is continuing in working to control / solve this issue / problem for longer term. Majority of users of ATVs do so properly, in respect of others and don't deserve to be penalized.

CAO- we are working toward a process for dealing with concerns on ATV usage. Majority seem to be in Beach Board walk, marina shores, boardwalk and Woodford's Station. Working with an expert in trail development for coexisting with pedestrians.

CAO- Main discussion around ambulance service. Question posed to the town on concerns relevant to the length of time it takes for ambulance service. Recommend we write the minister expressing concerns and ask for an update. Are there enough ambulances here to cover response?

Ghaney- Quads and dirt bikes are one thing, and we need to handle the issues for the safety of the public. Witnessed a truck/car on tracks and this has been brought forward to the RCMP. They will increase their presence in the problematic areas. I caution those using the trailway as it puts other folks that are walking, etc. in danger. Excessive speeds on roadway and we need RCMP to increase patrols in areas where there are straight roads, etc.

Buckle- as councilor Joy indicated, we recognized high speeds. We had a great meeting with RCMP and Rick Noseworthy. They know our concerns and a lot of towns have the same concerns. Lots of good dialogue. As Councillor Ghaney indicated, there is speeds on Salmonier Line but RCMP were out with the radar gun and got a few violators. Our communication and working relationship with RCMP is good and they have no issue helping us out.

Mayor- if public do notice vehicles on trailway, please notify the RCMP as soon as possible.

### b. Joy/Buckle

**20-06-48**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to write Minister of Health expressing concerns relevant to the provision of ambulance services in Holyrood area.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**9. CORPORATE SERVICES**

a. Bankbook Balance: \$9,202.54

**b. General Account**

**20-06-49**

**King/Buckle**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that accounts as tabled in the amount \$186,024.62 (cheque # 40988-40902, D01293-D01323) from April 27-May 22 2020 be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

**c. Transfer**

**20-06-50**

**King/Joy**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to transfer \$500,000 from the General Account to Premium Investment Account.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Councillor Ghaney left meeting at 1:00 pm

Comments from Mayor

On behalf of Council, I want to thank and commend residents and businesses for continuing to pay taxes during this pandemic. It's been difficult, but despite challenging times, our cash flow remains consistent and we are able to continue with services.

We are able to proceed with some big infrastructure projects, and we are fortunate to avoid any employment layoffs at the Town.

Everything has been working smoothly thus far. Message from Sheila Fitzgerald, President of MNL- many towns expected to face financial ruin, which is disturbing. Many towns facing out migration deteriorating infrastructure even before this pandemic started. We hope the situation improves.

Not to compare with those town, but we have been blessed to move our town forward in a successful and sustainable manner. Thanks to residents and businesses.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Buckle**

Condolences to families and loved ones in St. Lawrence. Thanks to fire depts who took part in moment of silence yesterday. Thoughts and prayers to families and residents of St. Lawrence.

Congrats to grads of Roncalli- hopefully they get to celebrate at later date.

Province is doing great job on COVID 19. Thanks to the provincial government. Hope to get everything back to normal soon.

King

Since COVID-19 pandemic started, it's been a difficult time for residents and office staff. Difficult emotionally, physically and financially. Our staff have kept the town running smoothly and residents paying taxes. Very little difference in what has been paid compared to last year. Thank you to all residents for paying taxes, we are in a great financial position to keep paying our bills.

Thanks to office staff and public works. It is only by council and staff working together that it is working like it is. Thanks to all for your cooperation.

Joy

It's certainly welcoming to see the warmer temperatures as of late after this long challenging winter. It's one we all will remember. Although cases of COVID-19 are nearing zero in our province public health measures in place will certainly restrict normal summer activity for us all. As these health measures are relaxed and the alert level in the system being used is lowered, some of the restrictions in place will be lifted and allow for a bit more freedom in our normal activity. This will certainly help. With that said, despite the restrictions, I wish everyone a very enjoyable summer & we all look forward to good & better times ahead.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

June 30, 2020 at 12:00 pm

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**20-06-51**

**Buckle/King**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this meeting now adjourn at 1:09 pm

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Councillor Ghaney

Councillor Joy

Councillor King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

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Mayor

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CAO

*Minutes taken by CT*