



**Regular Meeting of Council #5
May 5, 2020**

MINUTES

Zoom Meeting- 12:00 pm

Present:

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

Gary Corbett, CAO
Christa Turnbull, Executive Assistant
Steve Martin, Recreation & Comm. Events
Marjorie Gibbons, Business Dev. & Marketing

Regrets:

Councillor Roger Myette

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20-05-29

Correction to agenda- 8(b) amount \$164,226.82 (D01237-D01292 and cheque # 040821-040901)

Buckle/Costello

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Buckle

Costello

Ghaney

Joy

King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF April 9, 2020 as presented

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Mayor- status of beach and boardwalk clean up

CAO response- staff spent about a week on boardwalk, cleaning up debris from winter storm. Most of the work is completed, at least on the north side of boardwalk. This coming Monday, staff will complete repairs and replacement of boards on board walk. Challenge with rocks on the boardwalk. Parking lot area will be cleaned up. Staff continue to work at it.

Mayor- How are we making out with insulation clean up?

CAO response: Staff have walked the area from Festival Grounds to Old Fish plant on back road and they have cleaned up material that was able to be cleaned up. There was a lot of yellow kelp on the beach, and there was some confusion on that being referenced as insulation. Most of the insulation has been taken care of.

Costello- I've been made aware there was a complaint made to Department of Environment. Are you aware complaint was filed CAO?

CAO- not aware of this. If the Department is involved, they will work with the developer.

4. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

20-05-30

Costello/Ghaney

Location: 9 Sunset Drive

Zoning: RMD

Proposal: Residential

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

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Buckle

Costello

Ghaney

Joy

King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

5. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Update

Due to ongoing public health measures restricting gathers, we have offered alternative forms for recreation at home such as play dough making, get messy, reptile show, Burger challenge. Congratulations to Nancy Furey on winning the burger challenge which will be featured at the Station Diner.

Two new at home- trivia night and paint night.

Will continue to explore other opportunities.

Squid Fest will be cancelled for this year. We hope to provide an online format. Will be more planning and creative solutions.

Holyrood Community Garden- fill out online form for garden plot. Garden rules will include social distancing guidelines.

Day Camp and Holy Cross Park- some changes this summer. No update regarding opening of camp or the park. Working with government to determine opening date.

Playgrounds will remain close under Alert 4.

Student Jobs- conducting interviews online in the event we can open some programming.

6. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

Update

The world we are now living & working in is certainly a different one from what we are used to.

Despite the changes the Business Development & Marketing Committee is seeing a continued interest from investors to do business in Holyrood.

It is, as you can all understand, a bit more difficult to get to where we want to be in development because all sectors are slowed down, but we are continuing to move forward and things are very promising.

Our Blue Ocean Industrial Partners are continuing to work with their clients to ensure development can continue this spring and summer. We will soon see the start of road construction there allowing investors to reach their lots and start their development. These developments will mean jobs in our town

Development at the Stores at Holyrood continues with the first building moving nicely and the plans for another 15,000 square ft building now in the design phase. Council should soon have an application to build for their consideration

We are in the early stages of several developments which will enhance community living in the Town, but these are at early stages and we will continue to work through the process to bring it to the Council table for consideration

Our local businesses are standing strong trying to whether the COVID-19 storm and they need our support. Our Business Development &

Marketing team are encouraging and supporting them whenever we can. Last week we sent all business a complete list of government assistance programs and the application link so that our businesses can consider the programs if they need to. We will provide support with the applications if required.

A number of initiatives were on-going before COVID changed how we do business and we are continuing to work with those investors to make sure we are ready to move forward when the province relaxes its conditions.

We still apply for funding and make changes to the programs associated with funding programs to ensure we are complying with the new regulations. These funding programs include funding for recreation and special events, infrastructure, students and community organizations. Funding is available but we need to change the way we plan to complete the activities.

As you can see Mayor, council colleagues and residents, things have changed in how we do business, but it has not stopped development- it has just required us to adjust how we continue to make things happen. We are very active each and every day and we are very positive about the new opportunities for the months to come.

It is economic development which allows us to offer residents safe and reliable services without costing them an increase in taxes and the Business Development & Marketing team never lose sight of that responsibility.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

a. Update

We held our regular committee meeting on Thursday, March 23. In attendance were Gary Corbett, Robert Stacey, Marjorie Gibbons, Kevin Costello and Myself.

The minutes of this meeting are attached to the agenda. We want to get a flow of information from committee to Council as a whole.

With that said I would like to see all committee meeting minutes attached to the regular meeting agenda of council. I believe it's important that all council be aware / updated on discussions of all the individual councillor portfolios.

As noted much of the discussions at this meeting involved infrastructure type projects, those within our own budgeted items and as well those of a larger funded nature .

A number of the agenda items dealt with are being brought forward as motions , which I will read shortly.

Next Infrastructure & Public Works committee meeting is scheduled for next May 11.

Before I move on, I would like to say I'm very pleased with the progress being made by the contractor on the Armour stone Project on the Northside. Certainly taking on a new look over there- very tidy job work replacing the old cribbing which was basically falling into the water and this work will safeguard the road and enhance this beautiful area of our town.

As part of this project new culverting will be installed and the armour stone will be placed approx. one and a half meters above road level, to accommodate future raising of the road bed with new pavement for this section of road. This will be done when funding is available.

b. North Arm River Water Supply

20-05-31

Joy/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood award a contract to SNC-Lavalin to complete a North Arm River Water Supply investigation as a viable or non-viable option for a water supply. This project is one component of a larger initiative to evaluate and identify the appropriate actions necessary to ensure reliable safe drinking water to the Town of Holyrood through several approaches. The cost of the proposed work is \$19,900.00 plus HST for a total of \$22,885.00.

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Buckle

Costello

Ghaney

Joy

King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

The scope of work for this project would include a number of related activities including Review the provincial water supply regulations to determine if the North Arm River could meet the regulations. Discuss with various departments including Department of Fisheries regarding restrictions to using North Arm River as a water supply, and Department Municipal Affairs & Environment to identify any environmental concerns.

The study will review Town's Municipal plan and available mapping to determine location for intake. Review available data and undertake water shed analysis to determine available yield from the river. The consultants will prepare a concept plan for location of intake, pumphouse, treatment plant and connection to existing water distribution system. The report will identify water treatment options, phasing and capital costs.

A much-needed proactive approach for our Town ensuring we consider all options and enabling the Town to make a decision to follow the option which is most beneficial to the Town and its residents.

The recommendation/decision of a longer term water supply has been a priority item I'm pleased we are completing the necessary investigation and follow up on this particular option.

Motion Carried

c. Gas Tax

20-05-32

Joy/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood submit a Gas Tax application in the amount of \$22,885.00 for the purposes of completing a North Arm River Water Supply investigation as a viable or non-viable option for a water supply. This project is one component of a larger initiative to evaluate and identify the appropriate actions necessary to ensure reliable safe drinking water to the Town of Holyrood through several approaches.

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Buckle

Costello

Ghaney

Joy

King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

d. Route 60

20-05-33

Joy/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood forward a letter concern to Minister Steve Crocker outlining the present condition of Route 60

Conception Bay Highway CBS Boundary – Route 62 Maher’s Bridge and request an updated plan to address the conditions and improvements.

In Favor- 6

Goobie
Buckle
Costello
Ghaney
Joy
King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

The town has previously written Minister Crocker requesting attention to Route 60 in their 2019 Summer Maintenance Program however we have not received any response and there is no evidence of addressing the issues through the recently released road plan. The Town of Holyrood needs to further demand consideration within the Transportation and Works planned budget for road repaving this year. This road continues to further deteriorate, especially during this winter and must be addressed.

The need to resurface this section of Route 60 has been well discussed and highlighted by council, including with our MHA.

I would like to add as well that sections of Route 60 in North Arm is seeing a lot of deterioration & need to be assessed.

e. MYCW Change Order #1

20-05-34

Joy/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood approve Change Order CO No.1, PROJECT No.: 17-MYCW-18-00049 dated Feb. 11, 2019, changing the initial engineering costs of \$35,102.43 to \$64,717.92 to accommodate increased inspections required for residential inspections on Salmonier Line.

RFP allowed for 240 resident inspection hours for 3 projects. (The 240 RFP hours were divided as Salmonier Line,147 hours, Northside Road, 63 hours, Water Tank Upgrades 30 hours). However, when project went to tender, it was determined that the work for all 3 projects would require 50 contract days, therefore 500 resident inspection hours which would be an increase of 260 hours from RFP. To date, 45 contract days has been used on Salmonier Line using 450

hours of resident inspection. This change order is for the difference of allotted hours to actual hours for Salmonier Line.

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Buckle

Costello

Ghaney

Joy

King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

8. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bankbook Balance: \$324,296.45

b. General Account

20-05-35

King/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount \$164,226.82 (D01237-D01292 and cheque # 040821-040901 from March 13- May 5, 2020 be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Buckle

Costello

Ghaney

Joy

King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motorized Vehicles

Ghaney- we have received correspondence from residents on concerns of ATV users on the trailway. Concerns over safety has been brought forward. Many riders have total disregard for pedestrians. Flat surfaces are necessary for those with limitations and the trailway is the only flat surface for those walking to use. Irresponsible actions of a few is making it impossible for those who use trailways to support physical and mental health. Important to have a safe accessible place for those to enjoy the fresh air.

Goobie- agree with Councillor Ghaney. I had an interview with the Shoreline. It has become problematic. Seeing an increase of quads

throughout the town. I visited the boardwalk to observe the number of quads this past weekend. One thing I noticed, in giving credit to ATV users, 99.9% are very respectfully of speed limits, and pedestrians. Unfortunately, a hand full create safety issues for those on roads and by roads and travelling on trailway at excessive speeds. In the 45 minutes I encountered 30-35 quads, and all but one was very responsible. The big issue is the dust. What can we do to reduce dust? Council consideration to purchase a used quad with a water tank and periodically in dry conditions, line the trailway with water. Other consideration is to put calcium on the railway bed from Byrnes Lane to the Church. The fact that CBS prohibits ATV's on railbed, Holyrood is the gateway and we are seeing a lot of quads from various communities.

I put forth a resolution to MNL and was accepted by 97% of municipalities in regard to ATV's. spirit of resolution was for minister of justice to review regulations as they are right now- don't have the teeth to regulate users. If they're apprehended and driving reckless, the quad should be impounded until owner or operator conducts a safety course. We need to make contact with MNL or Minister of Justice to see if this was given any consideration.

Jim

I appreciate previous comments made. There have been concerns expressed with motorized vehicles on the trailway in past years, normally get a lot at this time of year. The motorized vehicles provide a lot of recreation activity for various age groups and certainly for younger families with smaller children. I see use of these vehicles where parents are guiding their children on a smaller bike or a family on a larger ATV, really enjoying use of the trailway. A recent email expressed concern with the speed of some users but said as a family they enjoy use of the trailway all year round on their bike and snowmobiles and would not want to see it closed. The high percentage of users take their time on their bikes and respect others on the trailway, whether that be walkers or those on motorized vehicles. The number of walkers vary in different areas and is much higher in the central area along the boardwalk area. I appreciate the safety issues and concerns, but I think we need to look a bit closer before making any changes to use of these motorized vehicles. Working with input from our residents, authorities, etc. hopefully we can work through the concerns being expressed.

Goobie- we have a meeting tomorrow with the RCMP and Trailway Council president, Rick Noseworthy, to discuss this issue.

Buckle

Online recreation for families at home- great to see. Thank you to Steve on a job well done. Thank you and I hope all my colleagues, our management and public works staff, and all residents remain well, remain safe and continue to be kind to each other.

Ghaney

I work in health care, and one of the things for people to remember is if you double bubble you select wisely and ensure people are honoring the commitment. Consider vulnerable populations when choosing your double bubble.

Happy Mother's Day to all this upcoming weekend.

Is there update on completion of the round about?

CAO response- we continue to work with developer. Gone through a different exercise to determine cost for 2020, and we have all that info and waiting on meeting with developer to determine what are they able to do based on these numbers. We will get back to council if other options have to be pursued.

Joy

Certainly pleasing and welcoming to see the number of new cases and active cases from COVID 19 considerably reduced. Thanks to everyone who are following the public health measures / guidelines in making this happen.

I would like to say a big Thank You as well to all health care and essential workers and all those involved in any way in dealing with this virus. This is a very stressful time and I applaud your courage and commitment. Plans are being made in municipalities / provinces for lifting some restrictions as I'm sure we all look forward to getting back to some degree of normal activities

Costello

April 19-25 was volunteer weeks. Thanks to all our volunteers in Holyrood and surrounding area. Haven't been able to have a celebration this year due to COVID 19.

May 4 was international fire fighter's day. I would like to thank the women and men in Holyrood and surrounding area for their service.

ATV- I have received emails and calls. Hope we can continue the conversation tomorrow with RCMP and Trailway Association and come up with a solution for both the riders and walkers.

Goobie
Great job with the armour stone on north side road.

King
Is there any indication if we are going to have a bulk clean up?

CAO response- to the best of our knowledge, yes. We continue to check with waste management and any changes will be announced.

King- Unsightly properties- are we going to be sending out letters?

CAO- started a process 2 weeks ago and have issued one letter so far. We are working with town staff to see how we can conduct a proper community clean up as well.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

June 2, 2020 at 12:00 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

20-05-36

Ghaney/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 1:08 pm.

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Buckle

Costello

Ghaney

Joy

King

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT