



**Regular Meeting of Council #9
August 18, 2020**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Gary Goobie **Gary Corbett, CAO**
Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle **Christa Turnbull, Executive Assistant**
Councillor Kevin Costello
Councillor Kim Ghaney
Councillor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Roger Myette

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20-09-74

Buckle/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda is adopted as presented.

In Favor- 7

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

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES of July 28, 2020 adopted as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

n/a

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Department of Transportation & Works – department will be allocating \$100,000 in the form of a grant to the Town of Holyrood for completion and enhancement of the roundabout.

5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. 20-09-75

**Permit Listing
Costello/Buckle**

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the permit listing- #01-0131-20 to #08-0249-20 from January 1 – August 10, 2020

In Favor- 7

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

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

b. 20-09-76

Costello/Ghaney

Location: 683 Conception Bay Highway

Zoning: RMD

Proposal: Home Based Business- Home Office-General Contracting

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

Application was advertised and no comments were received by the deadline date. No heavy equipment is to be stored on the property

In Favor- 7

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

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

c. 20-09-77

Costello/Buckle

Location: Lot 7, O'Rourke's Road

Zoning: RMD

Proposal: Residential

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

In Favor- 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Costello

Councillor Ghaney
Councillor Joy
Councillor King
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0
Abstained- 0
Motion Carried

6. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Update

Programming

The Department of Recreation and Community Events continue to display creative when it comes to programming during Alert Level 2 of COVID-19

- **Camp A'hoi Online Activity Club-** This program is still ongoing however we are now in our last week of the program. The program has been very well received by the public and I'd like to thank instructor Jenna Hawco for leading this program throughout the summer.
- **Pop-Up Play-** This program has been gaining attraction over the summer. With no summer program, our Recreation team is happy to offer this level of structured play with the convenience of a drop-off and pick-up for parents. Congratulations to Amber Furey and Alyssa Rideout on helping to plan and run this program all summer. This program will come to an end Friday, September 4.
- **Explore Holyrood-** Explore Holyrood, our newest program geared towards school ages children and youth start tomorrow. Children between grades K-12 can get out and explore our beautiful town over the last 2 weeks of summer to win some amazing back to school prizes. Full contest details for Explore Holyrood will be posted tomorrow via our social channels and Holyrood.ca. Hats off to Elliot Devereaux and Kaitlyn Ghaney on creating this program. These 2 students have been handing out Explore Holyrood brochures over the last few weeks to visitors on the Holyrood Boardwalk as well.
- **Soccer-** Hats off to our Summer CBC Soccer Coordinator Alana Lee who is doing a fabulous job with our Summer Soccer Program. This program has been increased to 3 nights instead of 2 and we have received a lot of positive feedback from the parents on the quality of this year's program. With our soccer field drainage issues being address this year, we're excited to see how we can increase users at this program next year.

Events

Outdoor Movie Series- The Town kicked off its first drive-in movie of the Outdoor Drive-In Movie Series last Friday to a sold-out audience for Trolls: World Tour. Despite some technical issues from the audio-visual company this went extremely well for everyone involved.

Facilities

Thank-You- I'd like to give a big thank-you to the Public Works team on the level of disinfecting that has happened on all our outdoor recreation infrastructure. All the signage in place clearly identifies when cleaning occurs, and the public appreciates this very much.

7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

a. Update

Extreme fabrication closed the building on Blue Ocean Drive. Heath Centre will be opening in this fall. Medicine Cabinet, Doctors office, Wellness Centre, etc.

Town continues to work on several business interests.

Working with all departments and organizations in the town to secure funding. Thank you to Marjorie for all your hard work.

Beach Boardwalk is just about ready for tender.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

a. Update

Our recent committee meeting was held on Monday, August 10 . In attendance were Kevin Costello, Gary C., Robert Stacey, Marjorie Gibbons and myself. Also present for the first portion of the meeting were two engineers from Innovative Engineering who are doing the design / project work on the Country Path Water Upgrade & Soccer Field Projects.

The main discussion at this meeting was on the larger ongoing capital projects.

On the Soccer Field Upgrade project, we will be further discussing the scope, design / scheduling at our next committee meeting and will further discuss with council at the following pre meet / public meetings.

The main purpose of attendance of the consultants at our meeting was to discuss the area of the water upgrade on Country Path. It was agreed the priority now is to start replacing the longer length section

from the trail-way, south to Salmonier Line. This is where the problem issues with low pressure, etc. are happening.

Next agenda item discussed was completion on paving and other work on the roundabout. At the previous pre meet, following a fairly lengthy discussion on the Roundabout, council decided to delay bringing a motion forward at the last public meeting on completion of paving and other work until the tenders for that work were back and further clarification on cost sharing given.

Our committee had been working on this through discussion at committee meetings. We were discussing the options of covering and securing the cost and this was noted in the minutes which were circulated at previous pre meet.

Gary Corbett & Marjorie were well involved and working hard on this.

At the committee meeting last Monday, the tender pricing had been received with further clarity on required cost sharing. Available as well was the revised plan, showing some enhanced features, such as the Truck Apron turning to Liam Hickey Drive, increased sidewalk to allow pedestrians safe access to Liam Hickey Drive and additional crosswalks.

A recommendation to complete work was brought forward to pre meet on Tuesday (last week) and in turn a motion to today's public meeting. which I will read shortly.

I would to like to say that the circumstances resulting in the roundabout not being completed as scheduled were unfortunate and outside the town's control, but avenues / options to complete continued to be worked on through Gary Corbett, Marjorie & Committee.

b. Awarding of roundabout completion

20-09-78

Joy/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood approve the awarding of the roundabout completion contract to Weirs Construction for a cost of 233,160.20 (HST included) as per the submitted bid. This scope of work has been prepared by Progressive Engineering and has been presented to seven companies per a bid request. After completion of a review of the four submitted bids, Weirs have been identified as the company capable of completing the scope of work in a timely manner for the lowest cost.

The costs associated with this project are being cost shared with the Provincial Government (\$100,00.00 grant) and the Town of Holyrood (158,975.31- this includes engineering and design).

The Town's portion will be taken from the Blue Ocean Partnership land investment fund and will not be taken from the town's tax budget.

Restitution of 100% of the Town's portion will be collected from the developer through a legally binding agreement on each sale of property held by the developer in Holyrood.

Ghaney- glad from a safety perspective that this will be completed. Huge safety concerns with current.

What is time frame for completion? What is time frame for restitution?

CAO- we have to work out the full agreement with Weir's. Once Weir's receive letter of approval from town, they have 14 days to mobilize. Following that they have a 25-day timeline for completion, barring any changes or other work. Two weeks could start this week or next week. Make sure OHS plan is approved, ensure bonding is addressed, and there's a long list of other things to be agreed upon.

For restitution- in a land agreement, which is not completed to date- currently the developer is involved in 4 companies in Holyrood. In this agreement, any land sale that takes place from either of those companies, there is a fee on land, and that has to be paid before a permit is approved. Developer has 28 lots currently, and another 21 that is stage 7 of Marina Shores. Developer has Total approx. 49 lots which the town will be looking to retrieve money from. Cost recovery has been established and agreed upon.

Letter will not be released to Weir's for approval until legal document with the developer is signed off for cost recovery.

Mayor- there is a penalty if project is not completed on time.

CAO- Progressive engineering will be on site to monitor and provide daily inspections and weekly reports. Weir's are responsible for any repairs/deficiencies. The town has shown leadership to get this complete.

Costello- this project is bonded and insured. We have taken into consideration design changes, some which came from town staff and

others that came from the public. I feel positive about the town getting this done and done right.

Buckle- lot of positives here. Been hearing a lot of negativity on the roundabout. We are moving forward with a company with bonding. With the traffic detours the past spring, the minister made a commitment to the Mayor and CAO to contribute to this project.

Myette

Huge safety issue there now for pedestrians and vehicles. We have been talking about this for 3 years now. Need to get this done in a timely manner. Be good to have some positivity around this for once. I'm confident we will get the money back that the town is paying into it.

Mayor

Lots of work done by I&PW committee, staff with the support of Council. I want to thank the public for their patience.

Joy

It is my thought that it is time now to get this done and allow further development to proceed in that area, which will be very positive / valuable to the town's future and is the reason the roundabout is being built. The delay in completing has certainly been an inconvenience for residents and the travelling public.

Relative to covering cost what is planned here in cost sharing from the town will not be at any cost to our taxpayers and will be secure under a legally binding agreement. The portion of our cost sharing from the town will come from property sales within the industrial park, which will only temporarily delay use of this money for other projects in the town.

In finishing I'd like to say that the developer involved here has invested a huge amount with developments in our town, which include Marina Shores with its beautiful homes, which are attracting and bringing new people and substantial new annual tax revenue. I don't know the exact amount but I would think that this annual amount exceeds the cost sharing by the town to finish this project. Our town is certainly benefiting from his developments.

In Favor- 7

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Costello
Councillor Ghaney
Councillor Joy

Councillor King
Councillor Myette
Opposed-0
Abstained- 0
Motion Carried

9. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bankbook Balance: \$1,126.72

b. General Account

20-09-79

King/Myette

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount \$210,904.65 (cheque # 041140-041203 and D01412-D01441) from July 19-August 7, 2020 be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor- 7

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

Opposed-0
Abstained- 0
Motion Carried

c. Transfer

20-09-80

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$50,000 from the Premium Investment Account to the General Account.

In Favor- 7

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

Opposed-0
Abstained- 0
Motion Carried

10. NEW BUSINESS

Buckle

Thank you to staff- with the running of the office during COVID-19, and infrastructure work still moving outside. A job well done.

See that work was completed by Farrell's on the Salmonier Line waterline last week. So that's great to see.

Nice to see letter from Deputy Minister on the grant for the roundabout. Want to get some pavement on the road works program on route 60, but letter stated that they recognize our motions of council in asking for pavement and road work to begin. Priorities will be included for consideration as the department prioritizes road infrastructure improvement projects for the future.

King

Thanks to all those involved in getting the roundabout completed and hopefully it's not half finished like some other things around here.

Joy

Nice to see the paving on Salmonier Line completed in the last week . Very nice job. This was a section that was left out for the water upgrade to be complete.

As has been discussed / requested, other areas off route 60 need to be upgraded and paved. Pavement on the Southside and areas in North Arm are getting worse. If we don't get some work done it's going to be in rough shape this winter.

One item that contributes to the driving condition of these roads is when paving is re - done after pavement is cut for installation of water / sewer work.

There is a situation there now on route 60 / southside where repaving was done not once but twice on a crosscut where services were installed to a new apartment building that has left a large dip. Not only an inconvenience to thousands of drivers who use this road daily, but has done damage to a number of vehicles. Why can't this be done properly. This needs to be dealt with, cut out and repaved.

I would like to say public works staff responded quickly to some water leaks we experienced in the last week. Unfortunately, the tank level was affected and in order to allow time to restore, water had to be shut down in early morning hours for a while to a section of the town. As I understand system is now working normally.

Ghaney

Thank you to Search and Rescue for safely getting people in/out of the Drive-in movie series. Return to school plan has been released by Government. I chair school council at Roncalli and we met with our MHA regarding huge concerns we have- but the biggest thing we are hearing is bussing. This will further disadvantage some kids for sure. No courtesy stops. This is a terrible plan in regard to bussing. People need to be vocal or contact the school, school council or MHA. MHA is welcoming feedback to get some info on what the biggest concerns are for the school year. No option for virtual learning for immunocompromised kids to learn from home. People need to make sure their voices are heard. High speeds around town- anywhere there is a straight. I know the RCMP are doing some work, and I'm hoping they will increase patrols.

Goobie

Bus contractors have spare busses as part of their contract. Suggestion that they be utilized to accommodate extra children.

Myette

n/a

Mayor

We don't have a problem with water quantity or quality, so more development in the town will not be an issue. I understand the public's frustration, but it's also frustrating for us too, as well as staff. When they are trying to solve a issue that is a sense of urgency. Decisions have to be made right of way. The inconvenience of one night is not too bad, but we have a major problem that we are trying to fix in a timely manner. We are not "punishing" the public, we are working to resolve the water issue. It's alright for people to get on social media and bash the town, but we are trying to rectify the water supply, and replenish the tank. It's through process of elimination that we determine where leaks are

Costello

We have approved a water upgrade project which includes a 500,000-gallon tanks, additional PRV's and some other infrastructure, which will help us with water issues. Our waterlines are old, but we are planning for the future, we are undertaking some water studies for future water supply. \$1.6 million dollar investment for water upgrade project. One thing that is inevitable, is leaks. We don't have an unlimited supply of water. Staff are doing a great job, as leaks are a simple thing to find with all the infrastructure we have in our town. The addition of PRV's will control the pressure on our water lines as well, which will also control the volume of our water. If you are pushing less water with a leak, you

lose less water from the tank. The location of these PRV's will be in areas with high pressure.

Mayor

I am pleased that Minister Crocker honored his commitment to me and he stepped up to the plate and came through with some money for the roundabout project. Thanks to the Minister of T&W and Municipal Affairs for their support over the past number of years.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

20-09-81

Buckle/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 6:49 pm

In Favor- 7

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

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT