



**Regular Meeting of Council #10
September 8, 2020**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle
Councillor Kevin Costello
Councillor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King

STAFF:

Gary Corbett, CAO
Marjorie Gibbons – DBD&M

Via Phone

Mayor Gary Goobie

Regrets:

Councillor Roger Myette
Councillor Kimberley Ghaney

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20-10-82

King/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting is now called to order

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Costello
Councillor King
Councillor Joy

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES as presented

3. BUSINESS ARISING-

Councillor Joy referenced his comments under New Business, page 9 , re : repaving of crosscut after W/ S service to new apt. building , Southside . As noted , the repaving of this crosscut which has left a large bump / dip In the road with signage to that effect , needs paving to be cut out & redone . A large area in front / back of the building was paved recently, but nothing was done to correct the situation on the road. Councillor Joy asked that staff follow-up to see if anything is planned to correct the mistakes

Deputy Mayor Buckle stated the matter had been brought to the attention of the MHA for the area.

CAO, Gary Corbett stated staff had reached out to DTW and was informed it is the responsibility of the contractor to make corrections within 1 year, however he will contact the department again issuing concerns of Council.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Minister of Health and Community Services- tabled
- b. Woodfords Station Cell Service- tabled

5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Permit Listing

20-10-83

Costello/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the permit listing- # 08-0250-20 - #08-0263-20 from August 11-August 31, 2020.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Costello
Councillor King
Councillor Joy

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

- b. Location: 7 Sunset Place
17 Healey's Road
46-52 Country Path
101 A Conception Bay Highway
11 Eagle Drive

Zoning: RMD

Proposal: Residential

20-10-84

Costello/Joy

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

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Costello
Councillor King
Councillor Joy

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0
Motion Carried

- c. Location: 2 Veitch's Hill
Zoning: RMD
Proposal: Residential

20-10-85

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the above application, in principle, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations, and subject to a certified drainage plan.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Costello
Councillor King
Councillor Joy

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

6. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. Deputy Mayor Buckle thanked the students employed by the Town for their dedication to their various tasks

7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

- a. The official media launch for Oceans Holyrood branding and marketing will be held on September 16th.
- b. The Job Creation Partnership program awarded to the Town to assist the Royal Canadian Legion started on Tuesday, Sept 8th and employs 5 people. This grant will enable the Legion to make necessary improvements.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Update
Paving work funded under gas tax on various sections of our roads are just about complete. Also, in conjunction with this work , some main culverts were replaced & we are discussing similar work at other locations . Pleased to see this work being done. Some of the paving work by the contractor got extended this summer & needed to be better co - ordinated with the removal of the old asphalt & placing the new paving. We will be following up & discussing at our Infrastructure & Public Works committee on how we feel it's best to approach this work in the future.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. The public safety update was delivered by Councillor Joy who referenced several discussion points. The committee was pleased there was a reply from Minister Haggie with a positive solution to the ambulance situation in the Town. The Committee report also great progress within our fire department.

The committee reported concerns with safety in relation to parking at the boardwalk. Options for parking are being reviewed in consultation with the new re-development plans for the area.

The ATV issues which the committee have been discussing in terms of safety, is now being researched by Tract Consulting and we anticipate report to help us make decisions related to improving the issue of AYV's in the Town.

d. Cell Service

20-10-86

Joy/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood prepare a letter of concern to be forwarded to Bell Aliant regarding the lack of appropriate reliable cell coverage throughout the municipality. This letter will provide Bell with a clear indication of the problems created for the municipality, its residents and its business community due to the lack of continuous reliable service.

In Favor- 5

- Mayor Goobie
- Deputy Mayor Buckle
- Councillor Costello
- Councillor King
- Councillor Joy

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

10. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bankbook Balance: \$414.38

b. General Account

20-10-87

King/ Joy

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount \$348,196.02 (cheque

041141-041238 and D01412-D01504) be approved for payment from the General Account.

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

c. Transfer

20-10-88

King/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$75,000 from the Premium Investment Account to the General Account.

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

d. Audit 2019

20-10-89

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to approve 2019 audit as presented.

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

Councillor Joy stated he was very pleased with the audit. The presentation by the auditor to council at the premeet on the 2019 financial statement / summary was very favourable / positive on how the town operates / manages it`s finances. Through focused planning in the attraction new residents / business , we are able to broaden / increase our tax base , which is allowing to maintain our existing mil rate & other tax levels , which comparably are lower than other towns in

our region. This is obviously positive for our existing residents & is certainly a consideration for those who are planning on buying / building new homes in our town . We have / are maintaining a fairly low debt ratio in our borrowing for new / upgrade of infrastructure & are taking advantage of all funding that is available through federal / provincial government programs & other programs . Our CAO & staff deserve a lot of credit in finding ways to generate new revenue & the management of our finances & in particular Marjorie , Director of Business Development & Marketing , who is very much on top of new opportunities / funding available to our town.

Deputy Mayor Buckle stated he echoed Councillor Joys comments. It was a great audit report . We are getting a lot of work completed through provincial and federal grants which helps keep our debt low. Thank you to CAO Gary Corbett, Finance Director Marie Searle and Marjorie for their work.

Mayor stated he was very pleased with the financial statement. It provides confirmation to residents that the town's fiscal business is being done well. The surplus is largely due to land sales. This Council had the vision and insight to develop the idea of the industrial park and it is netting the Town huge benefit. Following the advice of John Walsh when we developed our very first strategic plan, we are finding new sources of revenue to enable us to do work while keeping taxes at a low mil rate. He commended Council and staff for their work.

e. 2019 Annual Expenditure Audit

20-10 -90

King/Costello

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2019 Annual Expenditure Audit as presented.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie

Deputy Mayor Buckle

Councillor Costello

Councillor King

Councillor Joy

Opposed-0

Abstained- 0

Motion Carried

f. Receivables

20-10-91

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2019 Tax Receivable Summary.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Buckle:

Children are going back to school. It's the first time in some months and they are full of excitement We hope they will keep safe and enjoy their school days. Please be extra careful and keep the children in mind as we travel through town. There were 6 new housing applications tonight. This is very encouraging.

Councillor Joy:

Nice to see the approval of a # of new residences brought forward this week in different areas of the town.

Nice to see that we're starting to re - open our building, by appointment two days a week , on Tues. & Thurs .

We're at that time of the year now where it's getting dark earlier & street lights not working are becoming more noticeable.
Appreciate if you notice street lights not working, if you report them.

Councillor Costello:

It is nice to see 6 new applications for housing tonight and the building of these residences are spread all-over town. These of course are in addition to the house already under development.

Children are going back to school, please be careful and watch out for the buses and the children as they go off to school.

- 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
September 29, 2020 at 5:30 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

20-10-92

Buckle/Joy

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 6:25 pm.

In Favor- 5

Mayor Goobie
Deputy Mayor Buckle
Councillor Costello
Councillor King
Councillor Joy
Opposed-0
Abstained- 0
Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by Marjorie Gibbons