



**Regular Meeting of Council #13
November 17, 2020**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

**Gary Corbett, CAO
Christa Turnbull, Exe. Assistant**

VIA PHONE

Councillor Roger Myette

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

20-13-109

Buckle/Ghaney

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 October 20, 2020 adopted as presented

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Goobie- update on the roundabout

CAO response- the little islands and truck apron needs to be completed with concrete but they're waiting on colored concrete to match the center.

A few other signs need to be changed/completed. It's in the final stages, it was due to be completed last Friday, but due to delay with concrete, date is pushed ahead. 2 other phases of the roundabout still to be completed, but not under this contract. Lighting and signage- hope to do this next year.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure- Rainfall Damage on Route 60- repairs identified have completed. Engineers are doing a review of the area to determine any additional work that may be required as part of summer maintenance.

Joy- The only answer to the continued problems of washouts and erosion along particular areas of Route 60 is to install proper drainage, that of ditching and culverting and resurface the full length that we have asked for on various occasions, from CBS boundary to near the roundabout

- b. Bell Mobility- Bell is in the process of reviewing its Build Program for the next 1-2 years. Liaison for Community Government partner project will be in touch with staff over the next few weeks to explore some options for expansion of the network in Holyrood.

5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Permit Listing

20-13-110

Costello/King

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the permit listing- #10-0295-20 to 10-0301-20, October 6 to October 29, 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. 20-13-111

Costello/Joy

Location: East of side of Island Pond Ridge Trail, 300 m North of TCH

Zoning: Watershed

Proposal: Quarry (redevelopment of an existing quarry)

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

Buckle- won't be supporting this application as it's in the watershed and we need to protect our watershed.

Goobie- do not support- no value in this for the town, and quarries are unsightly.

Myette- I was up there when they were trying to drain it. Dirty soot and silt was going in the river stream.

Costello- This permit has been issued by government. Ruling of Government of NL supersedes ruling of the Town of Holyrood. Permit granted was for one year, and as long as they continue to pay fees, we are led to believe there isn't a lot we can do to take it back.

Ghaney- what would be our next steps if Government continues to approve it?

Goobie- Government has to monitor activity, be compliant with regulations, and at end of the quarry life, an environmental remediation. We are sending a strong message for Government to turn this down, in our watershed area.

CAO- We have to give reasons why it's turned down, and forward message back to the applicant. Remember, it's not a protected watershed in that area.

In Favor-0

Opposed-7

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

Abstained-0

Motion Defeated

6. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Update

In past few weeks we had Tasty Trail event, with 5 chefs, 61 people made their way through the park to try these meals. This will become an annual event.

Holyrood Pumpkin Walk- partnered with Children's Wish. 60 pumpkins on display, and it was held at the loop. We collected donations of 702.56.

Great feedback on the harvest walk that Holy Cross students participated in. Each class visited individually. Vice Principle, Michelle Maloney provided us with some positive feedback of the new trail at Holy Cross Park.

Won't be a Santa Parade this year. Events scheduled are: Holy Cross Park loop lighting.

Inclusive swing has arrived.

Holy Cross Park operations plan is being completed by a consultant and will be presented to council once reviewed by staff.

Village Hours at the park and Santa will be there twice as much this year. Hot chocolate and selfies with santa.

Sold out Breakfast with Santa- thanks to Royal Canadian Legion for providing space for some of our events.

Wreath making and ornament making.

Toy Mountain- for the 9th year, Town of Holyrood is on a mission to help families. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are accepting gift cards and monetary donations.

Donations accepted by emt to the Town (info@holyrood.ca) ensure you put in the memo what the transfer is for, Drop box at office, Holy Cross Park, Magnolia Hair Studio in Colliers.

7. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

a. Update

BD&M committee met on October 30.

Supermarket is conditional approved, and talks are ongoing with developer and the provider. We hope to make this work.

Heritage AGM took place on Nov 4 with 16 people in attendance and have elected a new executive. The town have made an application to New Horizon for building renovations for the Heritage Building.

Soccer field- tender package sent to Municipal Affairs for review/approval. Once that is done, it will go to tender. This is cost-shared funding with provincial and federal government. Hope to see work start this spring. There were comments in the public about why this project was taking so long. The town could easily go to the bank for a loan to complete this work, but we avail of cost sharing

provincial and federal funding, so we don't have to put the financial burden on the taxpayers. It takes time for this funding to come through, and right now it's with Municipal Affairs for approval, and hopefully we see work start the spring, and earlier if the weather is good.

Country Path watermain tender released November 16. Return December 4. Work to start in the spring.

Beach board walk- tenders came in higher than estimated due to rising cost in materials. Tenders are being reviewed with Mills & Wright, and conversations happening with funding partner (ACOA) to determine if they can bridge a gap with cost overruns.

Approval has been given to complete the Trail Master Plan study. Terms of reference are prepared and ready for action. We are waiting to award the consultant work to a successful firm. That was another project mentioned in the public, and some negativity surrounding it. We are working on this; we are in the process of getting a consultant. There will be public sessions and we invite residents to submit feedback to this project. We are doing this with funding, at no cost to the taxpayers. This is great for the Town of Holyrood.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

a. Update

We held our regular Committee meeting on November 9. Minutes of meeting are attached to agenda. We continue to discuss 2021 budget and how to address key areas of infrastructure in the new year.

One area of discussion has been on priority projects, we will be applying for under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

At the last public meeting we approved a motion to submit a Gas Tax application to complete a Sewer Study. This will provide us with much needed information on our sewer system including the Treatment Plant, Outfalls, Lift Stations, Layout & Flow Effluent, etc.

The committee's recommendation to council is that we make improvements and upgrades to our sewer system identified through the study- priority one for the ICIP application.

b. ICIP

20-13-112

Joy/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood submit applications to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to access funding in the amount of \$1,479,354.25 to complete the following project to improve services to residents.

Sewer System Upgrade

Project consists of sewer collection system upgrades and replacement of the STP disinfection system in the town of Holyrood. The scope of this project is to address problem areas (as identified and recommended from a sewer study), in the sewer system, replacement/upgrading of existing sewer mains, and replacement of the STP disinfection system. The town is in the process of starting a sewer study which is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2021. This project aims to improve the Town's sewage collection and treatment systems. The project will aid in reducing health risks of residents in the Town by eliminating potential contact with raw sewage and undisinfecting sewage effluent.

Joy- A main focus of the Infrastructure & Public Works Committee is to identify and improve on areas of services to our residents. I am very pleased on behalf of committee, to move this motion forward this evening.

Deputy Mayor- this is a great motion. Once again, we are applying for money for this and this is the way of doing business.

In Favor-7

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Councillor Ghaney
Councillor Joy
Councillor King
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Councillor Costello declared conflict of interest and left the chambers.

c. 20-13-113

Joy/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood submit a Gas Tax application in the amount of \$51,975.00 plus HST (\$59,771.25) to grade and pave turning bulb (18m x30m) and roadway (305m x 6.7 m) at O'Rourke's Road.

Gas tax application 115-2015-5374 already has an approved project amount of \$30,156.00 for upgrades to O'Rourke's Road which has not been utilized and therefore the request to Gas Tax authority is to extend the project objectives and the applicable extra cost of this existing project to include an additional \$29,615.25 to complete the new scope of work.

This project will address drainage issues at the site and when completed this project will support the increased residential growth along O'Rourke's Road as well as improve the transportation network within the Town of Holyrood for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

In Favor-6

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

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Joy- Previously the paving of this road was approved by council and applied for under ICIP funding and later under Ga1s Tax. As noted, this motion is to cover difference in increased cost. We have done a lot of upgrade to paving, paving gravel roads, over the past years. We're getting near to having all our gravel roads paved, which I'm sure our residents appreciate.

Councillor Costello returned to the chambers.

9. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bankbook Balance: \$1,758.16

b. General Account

King/Ghaney

20-13-114

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount \$284,582.66 (cheque # 041324 to 041447 and D01577 to D01600) be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor-7

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Councillor Joy
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Councillor Myette

Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

c. Transfer

20-13-115

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to transfer \$75,000 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

I attended the pumpkin walk. It was a beautiful job done. Hats off to public works for upgrading the upper bridge to complete the loop. It will be beautiful there Christmas time. I see many people using it and it's a great asset to the town.

8th year of Toy Mountain- great initiative for the town.

Great to see the inclusive swing and it will be well used, great thing to add to our recreation assets.

Phase 1 for boardwalk will be good for those requiring wheelchair accessibility.

Ghaney

Holyrood is really a wonderful place to live. I'm happy to see the trail master plan moving forward. It's long been a priority of mine as I see both the need and the potential of this in the community. I've talked about it many times over the years. I've hiked many trails in the province. The benefits of hiking to the body and mind are phenomenal.

While we have our beautiful George Cove Mountain trail and Murray's Peak trail, there are not accessible and is challenging for others. We have our newly cleanup loop trail for those who want to take a short walk in a natural environment. The boardwalk and trailway exist for walkers but they have to be careful of motorized vehicles while using the space. Some have expressed the inability to enjoy these as they are nervous about ATVs and find the noise and dust unpleasant and unhealthy. So completing this masterplan will enable an organized approach in developing trails that most residents can avail of to pursue active and healthy lives. We are getting funding, so no additional cost to taxpayers but they will reap the benefits. I see trail development as a necessary part of our development, to allow for outdoor recreational space year-round and as a tourist destination.

Thanks to Marjorie and team for making this come to fruition. Thank you to public works staff and Steve.

Trailway Clean up – we have 10 people signed up. There are still kits available for those who want to help.

Joy

Really nice to see paving and concrete work just about completed at the roundabout. Certainly, will improve safety aspects in the area with new signage, sidewalks, cross walks, line painting, etc. I'm sure pedestrians and drivers alike will appreciate this new work.

Nice comments from the Vice Principal of Holy Cross School regarding improvements to the swim park. Great that the school is using the park in their outings with the positive feedback received.

Costello

n/a

King

Trail master plan is exciting.

Myette

Nice to see roundabout close to being finished.

Thanks to the Legion for asking people to refrain from attending the Legion events during Remembrance Day. First time in years I haven't attend Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Goobie

Had a great meeting with the MP's last week. We told the Holyrood story. We had great discussion. I left with a positive feeling. They were in awe in what is happening in this small community.

CAO

Sending out ATV draft key findings report. Next step is the stakeholder consultation. We will try to move this to the next phase very soon.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

20-13-116

Ghaney/Buckle

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

In Favor-7

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Deputy Mayor Buckle
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Councillor Ghaney
Councillor Joy
Councillor King
Councillor Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT