



**Regular Meeting of Council #9  
July 24, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF**

**Gary Corbett, CAO  
Christa Turnbull, Executive Assistant  
Steve Martin, Rec. & Community Events**

**Safety Message**

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

**18-09-088**

**Buckle/Myette**

Adoption of Agenda of July 24, 2018 as presented

**In Favor-7**

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

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

**Motion Carried**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Adoption of Minutes of June 26, 2018 as presented.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4. RECOMMENDATION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

*Councillor King declared conflict of interest and left the chambers.*

**a. 18-09-089**

**Costello/Ghaney**

**Location: 8 Salmonier Line**

**Zoning: Mixed Development**

**Proposal: Residential**

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

**In Favor-6**

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

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

**Motion Carried**

**b. 18-09-090**

**Costello/Myette**

**Location: 6 Salmonier Line**

**Zoning: Mixed Development**

**Proposal: Residential**

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

**In Favor-6**

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

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

**Motion Carried**

*Councillor King returned to chambers.*

**c. 18-09-091**

**Costello/Ghaney**

**Location: 258-260 Conception Bay Highway**

**Zoning: RMD**

**Proposal: Ambulance Storage Garage and Accommodations**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the above application, in principle, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations. The above application was advertised in accordance with Regulation 10 and 90 of the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations. One comment was received by the deadline date.

**In Favor-7**

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

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

**d. 18-09-092**

**Costello/Joy**

**Location: 650 meters west of CBH- Proposed Botanical Garden and recreation area.**

**Zoning: Open Space Recreation**

**Proposal: Crown Land Referral for botanical garden**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the above Crown Land Referral (340 meters x 180 meters) subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

**In Favor-7**

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Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor King  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor Myette

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

**e. 18-09-093**

**Costello/Myette**

**Location: 386 Conception Bay Highway**

**Zoning: Town Centre**

**Proposal: Cannabis Dispensary**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the above application, in principle, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations. The above application was advertised in accordance with Regulation 10 and 90 of the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations. One comment was received by the deadline date.

**In Favor-7**

Mayor Goobie  
Deputy Mayor Buckle  
Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor King

Councillor Joy  
Councillor Myette

**Opposed-0**  
**Abstained-0**

## **5. RECOMMENDATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS**

### **a. Status Report**

A few weeks back we held our committee meeting outside in a trip around town in discussing road priority paving work. As noted at previous meetings we have gas tax money available for further pavement work.

Projects were categorized and prioritized. We plan to do additional gravel roads and replace/recap larger sections of pavement on several roads. Costs estimates are being done and these will be brought to council when they are complete. Our plan is to move these through approval stage in a timely manner, so pavement work can move ahead.

Projects - We continue to discuss the larger projects with SNC Lavalin and Municipal Affairs. Drawings and specs. being finalized and are about to be tendered.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Squid Fest 30 has come to a close. There were many high-quality events, and record attendance, with many events being sold out. It was great weather for the most part, and we had approx. 2100 people attend the beach party, which is almost the population of the town.

Steve- Would like to thank all who helped in any way to make this successful. Council, CAO & Staff, Volunteers, Community Groups, Business sponsors and all who participated in the events. Next year will be bigger with Holyrood 50.

Mayor- Thank you Steve- you have every reason to feel proud with more than 20 first rate events that went off like clockwork. There was great social media communication. Hats off to Steve for all the hours you put into this and to our staff (inside/public works), volunteers, and sponsors. The community is proud of our festival. You have taken it to a new level and deserve full credit. There was truly something for everyone.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING**

### **a. Status Report**

## **8. RECOMMENDATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **a. Bankbook Balance- n/a**

**b. Accounts**

**18-09-093**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that accounts as tabled in the amount of \$216,064.19 (cheque number 38193-38356) be approved for payment from the General Account.

**In Favor-7**

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Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor King  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor Myette

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

**c. Donation Request**

**18-09-093**

- i. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve a \$100 donation to the U14 Boys NL Selects

**In Favor-7**

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Councillor Costello  
Councillor Ghaney  
Councillor King  
Councillor Joy  
Councillor Myette

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Deputy Mayor Buckle**

Great to see lots of work being done around town- North Side Road, Lift Station, Treatment plant, etc. Also, good to see the CAO back after hip replacement.

**Councillor Ghaney**

Our volunteer group are very dedicated. I've heard many great things about the Squid Festival. Fireworks were great. I would also like to be in discussions as it relates to our budget in regards to the proposed electricity hike.

**Councillor King**

Congratulations to Steve Martin and team. Security was excellent during this weekend's Squid Festival. Many said it was the best festival to date. I would like to have more discussion on tiny homes in the Town.

**Councillor Joy**

Squid Fest 30 - I believe it was very evident that Squid Fest 30 was a complete success. The schedule of events is being complimented by all age groups. Super job done through the organizing committee under direction of Steve Martin, Recreation Director. Many thanks to all involved.

There were so many people in Holyrood on the weekend. I dropped my son of Saturday evening at the marina. It was amazing the number of people there. It was totally full. You could hardly find a place to park.

Similar with Holy Cross Park. Totally full. It shows the value of these fabulous facilities in bringing people to our town.

So much activity generated through this festival.

I would like to say as well, this being the 30<sup>th</sup> year that the success of this now well-established festival is due to the strong effort and hard work of many over 30 years. All involved - the volunteers, councils, staff and certainly the sponsors should be very proud of this truly successful community event.

Salmonier Line - Nice to see work progressing in the area on the dog park and community gardens up here on Salmonier line. Lots of activity in our town right now.

**Councillor Myette**

Thanks to Steve and team. I think it was the most successful Squid Festival thus far. Glad to see the oxidation wheel being dealt with at the Sewage Treatment Plant. Marina is pretty much completed, and we hope to have a grand opening in the future. There are some broken boards on the boardwalk that we need to get fixed up.

**Councillor Costello**

Hats off to Steve and his team for another successful squid festival. The marina was filled up this weekend and it certainly compliments the festival. One of our Planning & Development goals is discussion and implementation of tiny home development. We will discuss at a future committee meeting.

## **Mayor Goobie**

Pleased to note that I've had my third follow up and have a clean bill of health.

I have a prepared statement regarding electrical rate increases (see below)

Holyrood Mayor Gary Goobie is urging his Council to undergo a review and assessment of all the town's electricity consumption in preparation for the anticipated significant rate increases when Muskrat Falls comes on stream within the next two years.

Goobie says they need to take a proactive approach by starting the process of planning a strategy of how to become as energy efficient as possible to help offset the increase in electricity rates. Based on 2017 figures, our town spent \$ 220,492 on electricity consumption. Add another 20, 30 or 40% on to that, and we're looking at a significant cost.

Goobie says this process will not happen overnight and will take some time; but we have to think in that direction. It will be no different than how we value the cost of producing treated town water. It has to be used efficiently and effectively.

We have a lot of infrastructure in our town that consumes electricity such as buildings, municipal wells, pumps, lift stations & street lights etc., and we have to aim on being as energy efficient as possible.

Goobie says, not only does it apply to municipalities, but for homeowners as well.

In my opinion, I believe we all have to adjust our way of thinking when it comes to energy usage.

We're hearing that electricity rates could double. We're also hearing that the government will be implementing some kind of rate mitigation.

Unfortunately, details of what's really going to happen remain scanty. One thing is certain though, we're going to be paying higher rates than we are now.

Goobie says it's likely to have an impact on the town's budget; but to what extent is still unknown.

St. John's Mayor, Kevin Breen recently indicated that the city's yearly electrical bill could jump from 10 million dollars to 16 million by 2022.

Mayor Goobie says we're all in this together, and we have to work

together to help ease the financial pain that will be inflicted on everyone. As a town, the more we can save, the better chance we can keep our taxes in check at current levels.

Goobie added this increase is going to have a profound impact on seniors living on fixed incomes, single parents, low income earners, families raising children and those paying a mortgage. Bottom line - it's going to impact everyone.

As a Council, we need to be cognizant and mindful of such impact on our residents. We want to ensure we don't exasperate the situation even further through higher taxation. We may save a little, we may save a lot - but we won't know until we explore this process.

**Notice of Motion**

Councillor Myette gave notice that at a future meeting, he will bring forward a motion to seek answers on an electricity mitigation plan from the provincial government.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

August 21, 2018

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**18-09-094**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this meeting do now adjourn at 6:30 pm.

**In Favor-7**

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

**Opposed-0**

**Abstained-0**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**

*Minutes prepared by CT*