

Town of Holyrood
Regular Meeting of Council



April 16, 2013

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Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council

Hawco Building

April 16, 2013

Meeting # 5

5:30 pm

PRESENT:

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Gus Hawco
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney

ALSO PRESENT:

Gary Corbett, CAO
Carol-Ann Mahon, Secretary

ABSENT:

Councillor Harry Hamlyn

1.1 AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2013:

Agenda of the Meeting of April 16, 2013 was adopted as circulated.

1.2 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MARCH 26, 2013:

Minutes of the Meeting of March 26, 2013 was adopted as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

3. DELEGATIONS

4. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION:

4.1 19 Country Path- Residential

Penny/Hunt

MOTION #13-04-29

BE IT RESOLVED to approve this residential application, subject to the town's development regulations.

In Favor 6

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

4.2 5 Harbour View, Marina Shores - Residential Hawco/Joy

MOTION #13-04-30

BE IT RESOLVED to approve this residential application, subject to the town's development regulations. Permit will not be provided until the Department of Environment fully approves the subdivision.

In Favor 6

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

4.3 9 Conception Bay Highway- Rural Hunt/Hawco

MOTION #13-04-31

BE IT RESOLVED to approve this residential application subject to the town's development regulations and discretionary powers under regulation 10.

In Favor 6

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

4.4 Bluefin RV Trailer Park – Crown Land Penney/Hawco

MOTION #13-04-32

BE IT RESOLVED to approve this application for crown land.

In Favor 6

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

4.5 Town of Holyrood – Crown Land Hunt/King

MOTION #13-04-33

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Town of Holyrood to apply to Crown Lands for 5 hectares of land.

In Favor 6

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

4.6 Town of Paradise – Proposed Amendment Hawco/Hunt

MOTION #13-04-34

BE IT RESOLVED to approve proposed amendment from Town of Paradise.

In Favor 6

Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0
Abstained 0
Motion Carried

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 Summary Acted Upon:

From	Regarding	Recommended Action
Government Services	Water Analysis Report	Tabled
Water Resources Management	2012 Spring Drinking Water Report	Tabled
Assistant Deputy Minister	Changes to Tender Advertising Services	Tabled

5.2 Summary for Recommended Action:

See above

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Mayors points

This is historical moment, our first meeting in our new building. The building was purchased this past July and we have seen tremendous improvements through the renovations that have been ongoing since that time. Of course when we purchased the building and did an assessment of building considering the purchase, we factored that into consideration; so we know we were going to have to spend several months doing it the way we wanted to do it and it turned out to be absolutely beautiful. I've got to on behalf of council commend our CAO, Gary Corbett and our staff who spent countless hours on having a vision of how this building was going to be laid out to make it as efficient as possible. There were walls that had to go up and walls that had to come down and if anyone had to be here three or four months ago you couldn't envision to what you see here today. It's still ongoing and the council chamber is still a work in progress, but there's a lot of thought put into it because we want to make sure that we are going to produce that area of the building just the way we envisioned. Over the next several months, you will see improvements on the exterior of the building. We do have the approval to put new windows in the building so things are moving along as planned. We knew that when we purchased the building that we weren't going to get things up and running within a few weeks, we knew we were looking at several months but we didn't rush it and our CAO and staff, they put a lot of time and thought into it and it is self explanatory just by looking at it. The color schemes, the paint, and everything inside is just first class all the way. When we look at, and I don't mind saying it public, when we looked at different options that we were faced with

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a few years ago because that was after we had our strategic planning session one weekend that was a key issue that was on our plate. What are we going to do on a go forward basis to accommodate the needs of council and the citizens in the years to come in terms of operating of a building? We knew the former town hall was bursting at the seams. There was absolutely no privacy for anybody there, if Gary had to deal with people with development applications that they want to deal with on a confidential basis there was no confidentiality there. People were coming in paying bills and it was so wide open that we had to look at an alternative and I think we have made a very physically proven decision. We could have built a brand new building which would come in at well over 2 million dollars, we could have looked at extending the former town hall which would have cost probably $\frac{1}{2}$ million to $\frac{3}{4}$ million and not get near the space we have now. Of course when this opportunity presented itself and we went municipal affairs and made a proposal and they accepted it and we got a building here and it is public knowledge for \$340,000.00 and our share was \$34,000.00. We knew that we were in a financial position to put extra funds in it with very minimal financial burden on the tax payers. We are in a position to move this town forward with an operating building for the next several years and I am very proud of it and I'm sure all the councillors are proud of it. Again, I cannot compliment our CAO who spent nemours nights here trying to think of how it should be laid out and the final product what we see now is one that the public are certainly going to be proud of. Going back to that strategic planning session with our consultant, he said when you open a municipal building you want to give the tax payers a sense of ownership and sense of pride when they walk in there, and that's something unfortunately that we never seen in the old building because it was aged and it was just dated and I think that wasn't there. Walking into this building now I think the public are going to have sense of pride, a sense of ownership, and a sense of belonging. It's not the council's building, it's not the staff's building, it's the people's building, and I think that we are going to achieve that over time when the tax payers come in and see exactly what we produced. I'm quite proud of it. It's centrally located in the community which is good and it's in a recreational area. We got the soccer pitch behind us, the playground, and the softball field. It's in a beautiful location adjacent to the RCMP building, there is plenty of parking outside and we got ample space as well. There are unused portions of the building and we are confident that in the next little while we will have tenants. And through the rent we hope that will help sustain the cost of operating the building on an annual basis. Hopefully it will become close to being self sufficient and I don't think we could do any better than that. So, thanks again to our CAO and staff for doing an admirable job in having that vision of what kind of building they would like to produce for the residents of Holyrood. The plan is to have an official opening during the squid festival.

Councillor Hawco: I certainly echo your comments on a marvelous job. I know this building for many years from No financial interest as I make that clear but I was certainly connected to it indirectly and I knew the building. Great job Gary and staff!

Councillor King: I think it's a marvelous job, I think it's a great investment for the town, and a real asset we have here.

6.2 Clerks Points

1. Brand Launch

I was hoping to announce the date for the brand launch tonight but I am not able to as we have ongoing meetings. We are aiming for next Monday or Tuesday but we are waiting on something so will have to come back with a date. We invited a key player to be part of it but no commitment as of yet as we are looking for a Brand Ambassador to speak on the value of the Brand. Two Brands will be launched; one being The Town of Holyrood Brand and other will be the OHI – Oceans Holyrood Initiative Brand. Again, I will come back with a date for the launch.

Tomorrow we have a planning session with the Ocean Advisory Committee in St. John's and in that people will see the value of how the OHI Brand flows from the Town of Holyrood Brand and the goals as they work towards developing the mission statement. It was well received from the OHI side when we were in the State of Massachusetts for meetings. It's going to be good and will set us apart.

2. Recreation Master Plan

Next week we will be launching a full survey which we developed in conjunction with Track. It will be housed on Survey Monkey, a survey site and the link will be on the Town of Holyrood website and promoted to the other Towns.

6.7 Councillors Points

Councillor Penney

On the Marina, the capital improvement plan is moving along on schedule. The haul out basin is just about complete. The Buckles did an excellent job. The pier #2 within the three weeks that will be coming together. Its being build down on the shore and will be all delivered. Hopefully May 10th we will be launching the boats in.

I had meeting at Hydro a few nights ago and there is some uncertainty down there now and more uncertainty than what it was. In the beginning there were 38 positions down there and looks like it will be down to 12-13 positions or less. You will only see one generator now on line. On June 11th they had major trouble when three units went down simultaneously. Two came back on line right away and the other one didn't come back at all. It only took seven minutes to shut it down and usually takes three or four days and it done some damage. They have a big blade brought in from the mainland and that will take another six – eight weeks to fix. It started in the switch yard and all the employees done what they had to be done. There is still an investigation down there but it wasn't human error.

On the waste management, the staff got it arranged to put up signage again for reminding people the dates for the recycling. And I must say this morning there were a lot more recycling out especially from North Arm to the main part of Holyrood.

Councillor King

I would like to echo Gary's sentence with regards to this building, I think this is one of the greatest assets the town has right now. Not only recognize the staff for a job done here, I think we have to recognize the outside staff for the job that is done around town, because we had quite a lot of damage done that last storm. You can hardly tell now when you drive down North Side Road, it's clean again around the board walk and everywhere, so I think we got to recognize the staff for that as well.

Councillor Hawco

Just a couple of new things, I'm not going to regenerate what has been said. Just a little thing on our mission to the New England as Gary said, Barry and Derrick are working on a full report and a meeting. We will certainly give everybody the full details. Just a bit of an overview, as you are aware five of us went down there and it was an eye opening experience. We met a lot of people and we listened a lot and learned a lot. The reception was out of this world, everybody and every group that we met with were very eager to hear our story to listen and to talk to. One town had a big luncheon for us, a town of 36,000 people, do you know what their budget is 200 million dollars, but it's a different system. They look after education and look after all sorts of things, but anyway it was interesting just to see. Those groups are very interested in collaborating with us and you think from the outside that they have all the answers that they've arrived but that is not the case. In certain respects in ocean technology they are ahead of us, like Woods Hold for example obviously has an enormous facility there, it's a high level facility research and development and that sort of thing. They don't seem to have tapped into the spin off there for the way you would think they have, but the thing is it just confirmed for me that we are onto something here; there is enormous potential for us in this field and we are on the right track.

I would like to pay tribute to Jack Swimmer, one of our residents who passed away recently. On behalf of Council we would like to extend our condolences to his wife, Margaret and his family. (See Attached)

Mayor Gary Goobie – excused himself as he had to leave meeting early.

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Councillor Hunt

With regards to the sidewalks, we need to give serious consideration on layout and sidewalk plan.

Deputy Mayor Joy

I will mention if I could, I walked the rail way the other day from the Marine Institute over to the boardwalk and there is an awful lot of debris, not rock but debris that you may want to have a look at. We almost need an evening or some way of getting people down there to at least concentrate on that area. Maybe we can get a group dedicated to that area alone.

In Avondale tomorrow night there is going to be Ken Kelly, who is the CEO or Chair person of the waste management. Any questions anyone has, George is going to go and if anyone else 7:30 pm in Avondale. Ken Kelly will be there doing a presentation on waste management and a full discussion from all the communities.

My son Keith is the organizer of the Run the Rock Team where 12 of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) St. John's, will run from Port aux Basques to St. John's for the 18th year to raise funds and awareness for the Children's Wish Foundation. I would like to motion and ask council that the Town of Holyrood give support to the Run the Rock Team.

MOTION #13-04-35

Penny/Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED to support the Run the Rock Team in their efforts to raise funds and awareness for the Children's Wish Foundation.

In Favor 5

Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. REPORTS:

10. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MOTION #13-04-36

Penny/King

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount of \$ 123,579.76 cheque numbers # 027794 to # 027884 is approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor 5

Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

May7, 2013 at 5:30 pm

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

- 12.1 Direct Sellers Tax
- 12.2 Civic Numbering

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #13-04-37

BE IT RESOLVED this meeting do now adjourn.

In Favor 5

Hawco/Hunt

Deputy Mayor Jim Joy
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Brendan Hunt
Councillor George Penney
Councillor Gus Hawco

Opposed 0

Abstained 0

Motion Carried

Mayor

Clerk

Date

Prepared April 16, 2013 /cm