



**Regular Meeting of Council #8
June 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

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PROCLAMATION FOR RECREATION MONTH

Mayor Costello proclaimed June as Recreation month

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Kevin Costello
Deputy Mayor Curtis Buckle
Councillor Kim Ghaney
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Roger Myette

STAFF:

Gary Corbett
Christa Turnbull
Steve Martin
Robert Bauer
Marjorie Gibbons

REGRETS:

Councillor Jim Joy

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

21-08-80

Buckle/King

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting is now called to order and the agenda adopted as presented.

In Favor-5

**Costello
Buckle
Ghaney
King
Myette**

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES- May 25, 2021 as presented. No errors or omissions.

3. BUSINESS ARISING- n/a

4. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Different looking agenda: We have moved to try, on a pilot basis, some modification to our publicly released agenda for public meetings. You will notice that the agenda for this evening only includes the main topics. This

modification is being trialed to try and provoke more detailed discussion at public meetings. We are trying to bring more of the discussions into the public realm to give residents a better idea some of the initiatives that council are currently undertaking. Councillors will be asked, going forward, to become more involved in writing motions so they can put personal touches on them. The minutes of public meetings will still contain the appropriate level of details to capture the information correctly. We are hopefully this will bring a new feel to public meetings, but I am sure it will not be the last modification we make to these meetings.

Brewery Statement: As mayor of the town, one of my duties is to speak on behalf of council. Council has asked me to deliver this statement today in relation to the BeachHead Brewery application.

As most people are aware, the town worked through an application with a group to build a microbrewery in our town. This application took a considerable amount of time and resources to gather the required information and it was probably the biggest application this current council has had before us this term. This application also involved the town potentially divesting a piece of town owned property known as the Festival Grounds. To add to the complexity of this entire process COVID protocols added additional layers that were never experienced before.

Since the approval in principle was issued, the applicants have withdrawn their application and have moved the establishment to another municipality. Since this time staff and council are continuing to receive feedback on how this application was handled. This feedback is being considered for how we approach future developments but some of the feedback that was received is very condescending and aim at specific staff members of our team. Allegations of bias and aggressive tactics are having a negative impact on the professional and personal lives of our staff, and this is not behaviors that council wants to promote nor accept.

We did indeed have staff and some Councilors that thought this development was a good thing for the town and they put their blood sweat and tears into trying to make this successful by answering the questions that were posed to them by council and residents. Council believes it is this hard work and effort that is being perceived and bias and aggressive but in actual fact it was their passion to see this town achieve great things. We want our staff to be passionate. We want our staff to be hard working. These are the traits that allow us to achieve great things.

Council are the ones that continued to ask staff to keep seeking answered and proposing solutions to some of the queries that were coming from residents. At any time, by a majority of council vote, this process could have been

stopped. We want to reiterate this was a council decision to continue, not staff.

We need to promote and provide a positive work environment for our employees. That is their right, and we need to have employees that feel valued, so they continue to strive to make Holyrood a great place to Live, Work, Play, Invest and Visit.

We now hope that this entire situation is behind us and we can all move in a positive directions collectively.

Tonight, I would like to acknowledge and thank Wayne Puddicombe and Jim Wall for their dedicated service to the Town of Holyrood. Council and staff wish you both many years of enjoyable retirement. Hopefully you both get to spend some extra time with family and friends and cherish each and every moment.

Release of Salaries

Tomorrow morning, we will be releasing the salaries of our management staff and public works staff on the Town's website. Council would like to make this information available to the public. Employee names will not be found on this list but rather the title of the position and the associated salary.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Minister Haggie- Ambulance concerns being addressed by extra resources provided by the province- tabled
- b. Municipal Assessment Agency- 2022 property assessments average residential value decreased by 8% and total taxable value decreased by 6.7%. Decrease in tax revenue for 2022 and will result in \$160,000 shortfall to town's budget.

6. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Permit Listing

21-08-81

Ghaney/King

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the attached permit listing. 19 permits were issued from May 18-June 4, 2021, and include permits New Builds, Garage, General Repairs, Fence, Occupancy, Pool, Paving and permit to extend water and sewer line. Permit #05-0357-21 to 06-0376-21

In Favor-5

**Costello
Buckle**

**Ghaney
King
Myette
Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried**

b. Highland Ridge Road Name Change

21-08-82

Ghaney/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to change the road name of the cul de sac located at 91-92 B Conception Bay Highway, previously known as Highland Ridge, to Beaumont Place.

The motion of Council to name a new road within its Town boundaries, Beaumont Place is indeed appropriate and a symbol of honor to those from our community who fought in World War 1.

Council consulted with the heritage committee and we would like to thank them for their help on this and for compiling the following information on this.

Beaumont-Hamel as we know it in France was close to the front line and the center of many enemy deadly attacks. We are familiar with its name as it is most known to us as the place where the Battle of the Somme began on July 1st, 1916, where the Newfoundland Regiment was practically wiped out. The village of Beaumont Hamel was almost destroyed during continuing battles from 1916 – 1918.

Seven soldiers from the Central Conception Bay area were killed in this Battle of July 1st, 1916, one of whom was Private Augustus Penney, age 21, of North Arm, Holyrood.

The names of other battles where more of our men or women fell, will be used in future, we hope, in street names as the Town expands.

Deputy Mayor to work with Heritage committee to come up with a bank of names that can be used for future streets/lanes in Holyrood and come back to Council within the next couple weeks.

In Favor-5

**Costello
Buckle
Ghaney
King**

Myette
Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

Mayor Costello declared a conflict of interest and was placed in the waiting room for the next motion as he has a family member who works at the location. Deputy Mayor Buckle assumed the chair.

c. The Hat Lounge- Outdoor Patio

21-08-83

Ghaney/King

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the outdoor patio at The Hat Lounge, which was approved on a temporary basis in 2020, as a permanent structure. Approvals from Service NL and NLC are required.

In Favor-4

Buckle
Ghaney
King
Myette

Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

Mayor Costello returned to the meeting

d. 17 Salmonier Line- Variance

21-08-84

Ghaney/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a variance for 17 Salmonier Line to reduce the rear yard requirement to accommodate a residential home. The variance would allow a reduction in the rear yard from 12 meters to 10.8 meters. This falls within the 10% allowance under the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations.

A variance notice was distributed to area residents on May 25, 2021. No concerns were received by the deadline date.

In Favor-5

Costello
Buckle
Ghaney
King
Myette

Opposed-0
Abstained-0

Motion Carried

e. Beachdogs Vending

21-08-85

Ghaney/Myette

BE IT RESOLVED renew a permit for roadside vending for Beachdogs Vending, located at the Beach Boardwalk for 1 year.

In Favor-5

Costello

Buckle

Ghaney

King

Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

7. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Update

Tim Horton's Two-Hour Tidy

This year's event seen a substantial increase in participation with a total of 33 teams and 152 people. Residents took to their property, neighborhoods and open green spaces throughout the town to ensure a tidier town. Convenient drop-zones throughout the community provided residents easy access to drop-off their bags throughout the town. The winners for the event are as follows:

\$300 Winner: Stephanie Myers

\$300 Winner: Melody Walsh

Tim Horton's \$10 Gift Cards:

- Casey Ghaney
- Dominic Penney
- Allison Kennedy
- Tyler Morgan
- Michelle Byrne-Maloney
- Zeeland Callahan
- Keyona Walsh
- Claire Flemming
- Jamie Keough
- Jeffery Power

Canada Day

Even though we will see the province open to larger gatherings on July 1, the gathering numbers we tend to see on Canada Day far surpass this 250-person limit. That said, Recreation is planning a Canada Day Week starting Friday, June 25 and ending Thursday, July 1.

SquidFest 32

While we cannot have our usual SquidFest this year, Recreation is working on a COVID-safe schedule of events to take place from July 14-18. More details will be presented at an upcoming Recreation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 22.

The schedule of events will be ready for launch on Canada Day

Camp A'hoy Summer Program

Recreation is happy to announce the return of our Camp A'hoy Summer Program. This year's program will be different than previous years. Please see the following points which will give an overview of how our Camp will operate this summer.

Camp will operate for 8 weeks starting July 5

We will run a cohort model. Campers will be placed into 3 groups of 12 and will stick with their groups for the entirety of the week. Guidelines do allow our camp to come together outside while maintaining social distancing. Each Cohort will have a minimum of 2 Counsellors. Day Camp can only participate in outings that are in walking distance. We will utilize the School Playground, Beach Boardwalk and Festival Grounds often.

Registration Day: Thursday, June 17 at 7:00pm at the Town Office.

Camp will be limited to Holy Cross Students only. If there is space available after our initial registration, we will open it up to children from outside the area.

Information has been posted for residents to access by visiting www.holyrood.ca/campahoy

Timbits Minor Soccer Program

Registration numbers is approximate 155 children.

Head Soccer Coach Alana Lee will begin work Monday to start preparations for this summer.

Salmonier Line Park Plan

Mills & Wright will be hosting a virtual public engagement session on Thursday, June 10 at 7:00pm to discuss the project and listen to suggestions from the public.

Holy Cross Park

The Recreation Committee is also happy to announce the opening of Holy Cross Park this summer. Here are a few minor details of how we will be operating the Park this summer. Full details will be on our website

Community Garden

The Holyrood Community Garden has increased its membership to accommodate the number of people wanting to use the facility. There are now 56 active members and 28 planter boxes.

Phase 1 of the Holyrood Plot Plan will start in the coming weeks with the planting of 31 trees in the area. A variety of trees will be planted.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Country Path Water Main Upgrades: The main line is installed; the contractor is waiting on the results from the chlorination of the water main before the service lines are connected. Contractor is planning to have service lines connected, road gravel and paving completed by June 30, 2021.
- b. Soccer Field Upgrades: Contractor moving through the heavy civil portion of the contract with plans to have this portion of the project completed by the end of June.
- c. PCA- 500,000-gallon water tank- Municipal Affairs have approved the PCA for Innovative Engineering. Innovative are now working through the civil design process and the RFP for the new tank.
- d. Engineering has started on the Emergency Water chlorination System and Pressure Reducing Valves for the Water network. Scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2021
- e. Engineering has started on the Sewer system upgrades, new pumps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Lift Stations. Scheduled to be complete in fall of 2021.
- f. Pump test was recently completed. This week, the well camera inspections are being completed at the Centennial ball field wells. This process will provide the Town with information on the wells with respect to their capacities and life expectancies, critical information required for future water system planning.

- g. Hazeldale water main upgrades to the inner section of the system will be completed this week by the Public Works Dept.
- h. 2021 ditching contract has been started in Healey's Cove by the contractor with multiple areas of the Town to be ditched.
- i. 2021 Culvert replacement will commence during the summer.
- j. Kennedy's Lane culvert replacement will commence after the closure of Holy Cross Elementary School for the summer.
- k. Maloney's Lane / North Side Road Culvert replacement will commence after the closure of Holy Cross Elementary School for the summer.
- l. Trailway update from the Manager of Park Operations, Parks Division:

I have staff from Butter Pot going out to take additional pictures and measurements for us of the area. If he has encroached within the boundary of the T'Railway Provincial Park then we will be requesting that remedial action be completed and that all future permit requests from the proponent will be suspended/denied until such remedial action has been completed.

We will assess based on the pictures and measurements once we have received them.

If the work has been completed outside the 25-foot boundary (25 feet either side of centerline) of the T'Railway Provincial Park then we will not have jurisdiction and will have to rely on the Town to provide commentary.

- m. Please be advised the Water conservation order is in effect year-round in Holyrood, but we put an emphasis on it during the summer months. Will be posted on our website and social media channels on June 16, 2021.

9. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

Update

Committee met on June 2. 8 business applications discussed.

We are continuing to work with 2 developers to secure a supermarket for the Town. There are a number of discussions between the investors and potential supermarket suppliers.

These large developments take time as there are numerous factors to be considered. The Town remains hopeful and positive that we will be successful in acquiring a supermarket and we continue to work with those who have reached out for our support. At this time, it would be a breach of confidentiality to identify the investors and /or the developers. Once the process unfolds and those involved are prepared to go public, we will inform residents.

We are also working with a development group who want to build several professional buildings office space in the Town.

Business Development and Marketing Committee is excited by the interest in the Town by investors and developers and we are taking the time to work with these people to make sure the Business, the Town and its residents all can benefit from the increased economic activity.

The Industrial Park is coming together, and the road work is continuing. One large section has been paved and other sections are being prepared for asphalt. Once the roads are complete, the various businesses will begin to build.

The Oceans Holyrood file continues to link Holyrood to partners in the ocean sector and we continue to work with Marine Institute to keep Holyrood open as an option for research and development, training, and education. There is lots going on in the sector and Holyrood is a part of that you can go to oceansholyrood.ca and see some of the innovative things that are happening.

Trail master plan- there were over 300 people who done the survey. Draft document will be ready for review mid-July. Thanks to everyone who took part. Report will be given to Council and we will decide how to get this information to our residents.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Update

Fire Department did inspection on Town Depot on April 22. A number of deficiencies were identified. Some deficiencies are in the process of being completed, worked on, and scheduled to be completed.

Fire Department expansion- money allotted for the Fire Department to have an expansion. Waiting on groundwork by Buckle's Construction, cement should be in place this week, and Mufords will begin construction in the next few weeks.

Will provide some stats related to fire department responses at the next meeting

b. Holyrood Fire Department Fire Training Grounds

21-08-86

Myette/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood submit an application to Crown Lands to acquire 1.57 acres of property located off Liam Hickey Drive for the purposes of a training ground for the Holyrood Fire Department.

This property will allow the Fire Department to complete training activities to improve the skill set of the firefighters and provide safe reliable firefighting services to the town. These training grounds will enable our fire people to train within the Town providing maximum benefit to the overall fire department.

The cost to the Town for this application is \$172.00. Once the application is approved and the land costed by Crown Lands a further motion will be required should the Town want to continue to purchase stage.

In Favor-5

Costello

Buckle

Ghaney

King

Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

11. CORPORATE SERVICES

a. Bankbook Balance \$65,823.06

b. General Account

21-08-87

King/Ghaney

BE IT RESOLVED that accounts as tabled in the amount \$239,525.19 (D01851 to D01897- and cheque number 042132 to 042159) be approved for payment from the General Account.

In Favor-5

Costello

Buckle

Ghaney

King

Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0
Motion Carried

c. Donation

21-08-88

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED to donate \$100 to Run the Rock

In Favor-5

Costello

Buckle

Ghaney

King

Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

12. NEW BUSINESS

Ghaney

Would like to recognize the work that happens in our town with regards to recreation. Our staff put a ton of effort into making sure there are recreation opportunities for all ages in our town. Thanks to town staff for making recreation a priority for the town, it comes with a lot of work and a lot of creativity. Happy Recreation Month.

Buckle

Thanks to all who took part in the two-hour tidy.

Congratulations to recreation team who do a lot of work for contribution towards recreation.

A washroom facility will also accompany the soccer field work that is taking place.

Children coming out of school for break soon, congratulate them on their success and ask all of them to be careful and stay safe and enjoy your holidays.

Father's Day is Sunday and I would like to wish all fathers a great day. I miss my father every second of every day. It is not that he was an extraordinary man but because he did what fathers are supposed to do, be there. It does not matter who my father was it matters who I remember him as and that helps

me to be there for my own children., I invite you to make a point to let your father know how much he is loved and create a memory you can hold on to

King

Thank all those who came out for the two-hour tidy. Lots of garbage picked up. Encourage people to keep things clean in our town, still a lot of unkempt properties in our town. We need to send letters to these property owners. Looking forward to some flowers around our town for the summer.

Myette

Wish all fathers a great Father's Day, and hope you are spoiled with love.

Thanks to Robert Bauer, for attending our committee meeting. Thanks for Evan Woodford who is doing a great job while Bob is away.

Costello

We picked up 8 bags of garbage on my street and was amazed with the amount of garbage in the area. It gives you a different perspective on how much garbage is there. Don't just wait for the two-hour tidy, do it on a regular basis and keep our town clean.

Happy Father's Day to all the father's out there, especially my dad. Hope you get to spend it with your families.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

July 6, 2021, at 5:30 pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

21-08-89

King/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 6:56 pm

In Favor-5

Costello

Buckle

Ghaney

King

Myette

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT