



**Regular Meeting of Council #8
June 28, 2022, at 5:30 pm
Live streamed from www.holyrood.ca**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Gary Goobie	Marie Searle, Acting Clerk
Deputy Mayor Michele Woodford	Steve Martin, Recreation
Councillor Curtis Buckle (via phone)	
Councillor Bruce King	
Councillor Steve Winsor	

REGRETS

**Councillor Laura Crawley
Councillor Sadie King**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22-08-083

Winsor/King

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

In Favor- 5

Goobie

Woodford

Buckle

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES- May 31, 2022 as presented, no errors or omissions

3. BUSINESS ARISING- n/a

4. MAYOR'S UPDATE

The topic of poor cell phone and internet service here in Holyrood. Over the past month I don't know how many residents expressed their frustration over such poor service. And I've also been experiencing the same problems in my home as well. I've had patience with this ongoing issue for quite some time, thinking some improvements would be made by now, but no-go. And believe me, I'm as equally frustrated as well... and my patience is running very thin. Just to give you some examples: I

was speaking with a resident a few weeks ago about a Council issue and was cut off 3 times. And as the Deputy Mayor can attest, we got cut off many times while trying to have a discussion. And here I am out on the deck looking across the harbour at her house and we lose reception. It's nothing short of ridiculous! We're paying for a service that's supposed to be dependable, but now it's basically hit or miss. Not acceptable and not good enough. I don't mean to sound so dramatic, but there's something radically wrong with this picture.

What's more frustrating is that the problem is not insurmountable, it's a matter of the service provider investing in the infrastructure to improve the service. So, with that said, I am asking Council to request a face-to-face meeting with the appropriate company officials to get a firsthand explanation of what's happening here, and what we can do to fix it. The same song and dance is over, enough is enough. I assure everyone, I will not let this go until we get the results, we all rightfully deserve. During the last election, I assure you, this was the most predominant issue, as I heard it throughout the entire town. So, that's my rant for this evening.

Now, on a more positive note, the Two-Hour Tidy Campaign held a couple of weeks ago was another success, and the garbage collected went a long way in cleaning up our town. A big thank you is extended to all residents, sponsors, Public Works Dept and Councillors King & Buckle for making this project possible. Actually, I will leave it with Councillor Buckle as a member of the Recreation & Community events committee to elaborate on all the details and acknowledgements during his report.

As we're all aware, June is Pride Month, when the world's LGBTQ communities come together and celebrate the freedom to be themselves. Pride gatherings are rooted in the difficult history of minority groups who have struggled for decades to overcome prejudice and be accepted for who they are. The very first Pride March was primarily a protest over the lack of legal protection from discrimination, and the all-too-common threat of homophobic violence. As a society we have made improvements in accepting diversity, but we must strive to do much better. During Pride month, the Town of Holyrood raised the pride flag at the Fire Department in town center to demonstrate to the town, the region, and the world that our community stands in solidarity in the fight against all forms of discrimination, harassment, and violence. We embrace all that makes each of us unique, including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Pride is both a jubilant community celebration of visibility and a personal celebration of self-worth and dignity. This Pride Month, we recognize the valuable contributions of all LGBTQ+ individuals, and we reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with them in their ongoing

struggle against discrimination and injustice. We pledge our support to ensuring that all individuals regardless of their uniqueness will be treated with respect and value without prejudice

From time to time, I like to publicly recognize residents who have had a positive impact on the community or on people's lives. On behalf of Council, I'm delighted to congratulate Mrs. Holly Healey, a teacher at Holy Cross Elementary who will receive the 2022 Minister of Education's Award at a ceremony this fall. In a press release issued by the Executive Council on Education it states - and I quote: " this award for Compassion in Teaching recognizes inspirational and compassionate teachers at the primary, elementary or secondary level who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to supporting the social, emotional and mental health of their students, colleagues or school community as a whole" (unquote). And we also recognize and thank all teachers for their commitment and dedication to enriching student experiences.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Update by Deputy Mayor Woodford. Meeting held on June 22.

b. Permits

22-08-084

Woodford/Winsor

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the attached permit listing, 22 permits were issued from May 27-June 23 2022, permit #05-0061-22 to 05-0083-22 and include permits for General Repairs, Occupancy, Site Preparation, Swimming Pool, Accessory Building and New Residence.

In Favor- 5

Goobie

Woodford

Buckle

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

c. Rock Construction

22-08-085

Woodford/Winsor

WHEREAS on September 11, 2020, Rock Construction Company Limited ("Rock Construction") made an application to the Town of Holyrood (the "Town") for the development of a quarry site in the

general area of the east side of Island Pond Ridge Trail, 300 meters north of the TCH (the “Application”);

AND WHEREAS on November 17, 2020, at a regular meeting of Council, a motion to approve the Application was unanimously defeated. The motion was noted in the minutes by number 20-13-111 (the “Motion”);

AND WHEREAS Rock Construction appealed the denial of the Application to the Eastern Regional Appeal Board;

AND WHEREAS the Town has investigated the processing of the Application and agrees that it was not completed in accordance with the Town’s *Development Regulations*;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The prior vote on the Motion be set aside, vacated and have no force and effect.

2. The Application shall be publicly advertised in accordance with the *Development Regulations*.

Prior to consideration by Council of the Application, the Application shall be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for recommendations to Council.

In Favor- 4

Goobie
Woodford
Buckle
B. King
Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

d. 22-08-086

Woodford/B. King
Location: 4 Sunset Drive
Proposal: Residential
Zoning: RMD

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

In Favor- 4

Goobie
Woodford

Buckle
B. King
Winsor
Opposed- 0
Abstained-0

e. 22-08-087

Woodford/Winsor
Location: 15 Oceanic Drive
Proposal: Residential
Zoning: RMD

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

In Favor- 4
Goobie
Woodford
Buckle
B. King
Winsor

Opposed- 0
Abstained-0

f. Beach Dogs Roadside Vending

22-08-088

Woodford/B. King

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

In Favor- 4
Goobie
Woodford
Buckle
B. King
Winsor

Opposed- 0
Abstained-0

7. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Update

Recreation committee met on June 7, 2022.
47 interviews complete as part of the summer hiring process. 22 students were hired for various positions with Holy Cross Park, Camp A'hoj, Heritage Museum and the Marina.

Two-Hour Tidy- we had over 100 participants that helped clean up our town. Over 120 bags of garbage picked up. Big thank you to our residents who came out to support our town. Two prizes of \$300- winners were Shikara Travis and Rosalie Healey.

Squid Fest brochure went out in the mail last week.

This Friday is Memorial Day and there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Star of the Sea. There will be moose burgers served at The Legion afterward.

Holyrood Celebrates Canada Day- events from 12-3 pm at the festival grounds. Beach Dogs, Frontline Action, snow cone, live music, etc.

Planning for Rib Fest is coming along. Looking forward to working with Children's Wish Foundation.

Camp A'Hoy is almost sold out for this year, some weeks are full.

182 kids registered for the CBC United Soccer Program.

Councillor Buckle left the meeting at 6:06 pm.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

a. Update

Committee met on June 9, 2022.

A number of files were discussed but I will skip past that to provide an update on water and sewer.

We are on a system of wells in Holyrood. We were always mindful of usage when we were on wells. We take water for granted. The water tank replenishes at night, total height of 30 feet. It recently went down as low as 13-14 feet. When it gets to 12 feet, it's alarming. People will experience pressure lost. A part of the system malfunctioned, combined with the fact we have a dry spring, the well is not replenishing as fast as we like. Water levels are down in ponds around. We don't want to have water bans, but we have to think about dryer times ahead in July and August. Remind residents to be cognizant of water usage. Staff doing great job monitoring water usage and social media post. Thinking about future, and future proofing the community in various shovel ready projects. A regular garden hose, free flowing, puts out about 17 gallons per minute. Well 5-6 put out 100 gallons per minute. 5 or 6 garden hoses going full tilt is same as out 2 wells output. We can deplete supply pretty rapidly.

On the sewer side, we had lift station malfunctioned, staff put out a bulletin to explain how system works. A mop head completely destroyed the pump. Lots of things shouldn't go in the sewer system. Shout out to staff for the great work. Director Robert Stacey is doing an exception job.

b. Oxidation Ditch Aeration System Replacement

22-08-089

Winsor/B. King

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood award a contract to complete the oxidation ditch aeration system replacement Project No.: 17-MYCW-21-00144 to Rodco Mechanical (2014) Ltd for a total of \$141,218.85. There were 3 bids submitted in response to the tender call by Innovative Engineering and Rodco was the lowest bidder with the necessary requirements as indicated in the tender.

This was the second tender call for this project as the scope of work was refined from the previous tender documents. The change included removal of a large portion of the miscellaneous steel and use of an alternate aerator option. The deliverables in the scope of work remained the same, to remove the existing rotor and replace with two new sludge activation aerators, the only difference is essentially the equipment we specified.

The total cost of the project including engineering and a previously acquired pump is \$185,120.32 leaving a shortfall of \$8,120.10. This shortfall will be absorbed through the Town's budgetary process. The initial tendering process had a shortfall of \$34,968.65, so the Town is seeing significant savings with this re-tender.

In Favor- 4

Goobie

Woodford

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

c. Gas Tax

22-08-090

Winsor/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood submit a gas tax application to purchase a submersible pump to be used at the beach lift station. This pump will replace the pump which recently had to be removed due to damage. Infrastructure and Public Works department requested quotes from three suppliers (Rodco Mechanical, Electric

Motor & Pump, and Xylem). Xylem was the only bidder at a cost of \$19,348.40 for the pump including installation. This pump is an important piece of infrastructure which is required to ensure we can provide reliable sewer services to residents using the sewer system within the Town.

In Favor- 4

Goobie

Woodford

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

d. Dump Truck with Snow Clearing Equipment

22-08-091

Winsor/B. King

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood approve the purchase of a 2024 International HV607 Dump Truck complete with Larochelle Snow Clearing Equipment for \$282,405 HST included.

Reliable, safe, equipment is a very important and necessary in order to provide appropriate services for our residents. This 2024 International HV607 dump truck equipped with Larochelle snow clearing equipment solidifies Council's commitment to improve services by making new, more modern reliable equipment available for the Public Works staff to operate.

In Favor- 4

Goobie

Woodford

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

9. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

a. Update

Committee met on June 23.

Reports were given by the CAO on the Energy NL conference and the H20 conference in Halifax. Lots of good contacts made and opportunities for collaboration have already begun. We are getting ready to present a report to Council of the Whole for both conferences.

Wayfinding Project- we are trying to come up with a recommendation on how to move forward. Funding agreement will be collaborative with all of CBC, and we will need to identify the town's contribution.

Trails Masterplan- there were 4 different trails identified through consultation process. We are breaking those down and will come back to Committee of the Whole, it all comes down to funding and where the money is coming from. There is still a portion that has to be paid for by the town. Money will have to be budgeted.

Boardwalk- need funding to complete the next phase. Recommendation will be brought back to Council for discussion at next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Reviewed 2022 budget. We are on target for our fiscal year.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Update

Committee met on June 24, 2022

Emergency Response Exercise - due to factors like ambulance services, holidays, etc. it was prudent we move the exercise to next spring. Will work and try to organize with groups such as Ground Search and Rescue, RCMP, etc.

Fire Service Fees campaign to those living in outlying areas. We will start a campaign- this fee is not just for structural fires but also for medical emergencies, vehicle accidents. For every truck that responds to a fire when someone don't pay their fee, they will be charged a rate of \$350 per hour, per truck.

Ambulance Coverage Shortfall- will continue to engage Eastern Health and MHA to ensure residents have 24/7 coverage.

Enhanced Video Surveillance Equipment- With vandalism and other crime on the rise, we discussed the need to have better security on town property. We will engage our public works director and public works staff to identify areas of their main concern and the type of system that would be most effective including the cost. Once a total cost has been completed it will be presented for review in the 2023 budget.

Hurricane Season- The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 until November 30 with The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasting a likely range of 14-21 named storms. Our fire dept will be posting information on their website of how to prepare for these types of weather events. We all agree that these types of weather events are becoming more severe, and we need to be prepared.

Info Session with the RCMP on entering the Round About- Councillor Buckle will discuss this issue with the RCMP to gauge their opinion on how best to move forward on this very concerning safety issue.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Update

A meeting has not taken place since last public meeting due to conflicting schedules. Hope to plan one soon, work is continuing to be done.

12. OPERATIONAL REVIEW

a. Update

Committee met to discuss the funding opportunity when linked to the strategic plan, under capacity improvement and enhancement. We would like to move forward with the operational review, we will link them together, but Operational and Organizational Review will precede the Strategic Plan.

b. Request for Proposals

22-08-092

Winsor/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to prepare a Strategic Plan 2023-2027 for the Town. This piece of work will include an operational and organizational review as well as a strategic plan and is aimed at assisting the Town with decision making to ensure we provide affordable, safe, and reliable services and programs to residents.

In Favor- 4

Goobie

Woodford

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

To rescind the \$25,000 grant to HMPC in the 2023 Budget

Because we are missing 3 Councillors and waiting on more information from staff, I would like to see this motion moved to July 26 meeting.

14. CORPORATE SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Update

Committee met on June 16. Our focus at this meeting was the budget. Want all committees to review budgets. Any new items for the 2023 budget should be flushed out with cost item.

b. Audit 2021

22-08-093

B. King/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2021 audit as presented.

In Favor- 4

Goobie

Woodford

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

c. Audit

22-08-094

B. King/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2021 Annual Expenditure Audit as presented.

In Favor- 4

Goobie

Woodford

B. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

d. Accounts

22-08-095

B. King/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts tabled in the amount of \$308,136.93 (cheque# D2508 to D2556 and 043289 to 043420) be approved for payment.

e. Loan- Dump Truck and Snow Clearing Equipment

22-08-096

B. King/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood approve to borrow \$282,405.50 from the Royal Bank of Canada with a 5-year term / 10-year amortization, at a 5.88% interest rate and a monthly payment of \$ 3,118.00 to purchase the HV607 Dump truck and snow clearing equipment.

This loan is well within the borrowing power of the Town and will not cause any financial hardship on approval. It enables the town to upgrade its equipment and improve its service deliver capacity. The purchase of this piece of infrastructure and the required borrowing were identified in the 2022 annual budget.

In Favor- 4

Goobie
Woodford
B. King
Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

f. Loan- Boardwalk Project

22-08-097

King/ Winsor

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood approve to borrow \$43,800.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada with a 3-year term/ 3-year amortization, at an interest rate of 5.56% and a monthly payment of \$ 1,324 to complete the Town's share of the boardwalk project.

The boardwalk project has been completed through a funding agreement with ACOA and the province, and this portion of payment is the shared cost of the town. This cost and the necessary borrowing were identified in the 2022 annual budget of the Town.

In Favor- 4

Goobie
Woodford
B. King
Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

g. Bankbook Balance: \$52,721.63

15. NEW BUSINESS

Woodford- Happy Canada Day, stay safe over the long weekend. Shoutout to my dad, Michael Woodford who turns 91 on July 3. Happy Birthday.

B. King- we don't have any place in Holyrood that we can call our own, for birthday parties, seniors get together, or a place to socialize. It's time for us to stop talking about a community center and start looking in the direction of building one. There's a vast majority of seniors and families with kids. By the time we are finished on Council, we should have a community center.

Mayor response- This is an active file with Recreation and Community Events. We recognize the need for it. There are some options that may become available in the short term, and we will see how that plays out, we are on a fact-finding mission. There could be something that will provide that accommodation until we are able to get a new building

B.King- lack of office space, parking, apparatus space, new vehicles space, no insulation in ceiling, electrical bill is high, poor drainage in apparatus bay, roof leaks. We have a fire service second to none, highly trained. Town is growing in leaps and bounds. The fire department building is not growing. We need to look at this in the near future.

Winsor

I would like to tell people I'm a Newfoundlander in the morning and a Canadian in the afternoon. It is important to remember the tragedy in 1916 in Beaumont Hamel. I encourage everyone to visit if they get the opportunity. Reflect in the morning and party in the afternoon.

Acknowledge pride month. How lucky to live in a place where people are free from persecution, regardless of sexual orientation, color of skin, your abilities, etc. well done on your speech, Mayor. Thank you for doing that.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

July 26, 2022

17. ADJOURNMENT

22-08-098

Winsor/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 7:20 pm.

In Favor- 4

Goobie

Woodford
B. King
Winsor
Opposed- 0
Abstained-0

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT