



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

MINUTES

PRESENT

**Mayor Gary Goobie
Deputy Mayor Michele Woodford
Councillor Curtis Buckle
Councillor Laura Crawley
Councillor Bruce King
Councillor Sadie King
Councillor Steve Winsor**

STAFF:

**Marie Searle, Acting Clerk
Steve Martin, Recreation
Robert Stacey, Inf. & Public Works**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22-05-041

B. King/Crawley

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

In Favor- 6

**Goobie
Woodford
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor**

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES- March 15, 2022- no errors or omissions.

3. BUSINESS ARISING- n/a

4. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Bay du Nord Resolution

"The magnitude of the oil and gas industry for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador cannot be overstated. Over the past two decades, this sector has accounted for 25 percent of provincial GDP. The citizens of the Town of Holyrood have played a key role in that

success. We have worked on the construction of all four major projects – Hibernia, Terra Nova, Sea Rose, and Hebron. And we continue to do important work for these facilities whether it be offshore or supporting them onshore from facilities like our very own Holyrood Marine Base. This work must continue on the Bay du Nord project.”

“Bay du Nord will have a direct positive impact on the Town of Holyrood similar to previous other projects. It will also put this province on the map for its industry leading innovations not just in production, but also environmental mitigations and employee safety. Bay du Nord will set a new international standard for future offshore development projects which places Newfoundland and Labrador, and Canada, as global leaders during the energy evolution.”

The Town of Holyrood confirms its support for the Bay Du Nord project by passing the following resolution:

Whereas Council supports the opportunities this project will provide through employment, both directly and indirectly, and the associated consumer spending increase to businesses here in our town;

Whereas Council fosters the town’s continued economic development as a result of this project through growth of current businesses and creating a welcoming space for new businesses to start and develop in the Town of Holyrood;

Whereas Council understands the importance of increased economic growth for the province, with Newfoundland and Labrador being the largest beneficiary of this project, at an estimated \$82 billion in GDP and over 8,900 jobs;

Whereas Council recognizes the need globally for low carbon energy to meet increasing demand, making this project even more necessary with its emission intensity of fewer than 8.0 kilograms per barrel, half of the international average of 16.1 kilograms per barrel.

Therefore, so it be resolved that approval be given for the Town of Holyrood to offer its full support to the Bay du Nord Project and all the benefits it will bring this town and the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This massive oil project will go a long way in helping our province navigate back to financial stability and will also create thousands of direct and indirect jobs for many years to come.

Many residents here in Holyrood (alone) are directly involved in the oil industry; but unfortunately, they have also felt the pinch by the downturn over the years, placing tremendous financial strain on them and their families.

We understand the Federal Environment Minister will be rendering his decision soon on the fate of this project, so it's crucial we pull out all the stops to assist the provincial government in their lobbying efforts.

As time is drawing near, we also encourage MNL to reach out to all municipalities to offer their support as well.

By supporting our province and skilled trade workers, we will be doing our small part as a town to help convince the federal government to issue approval and move this much-needed project forward.

It will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the unemployment rate and will benefit every region across the province.

Our resolution will be sent to the Prime Minister & federal cabinet, including our regional minister, Seamus O'Regan, our MP's, MHA, the Premier & provincial cabinet.

The simple reality is that the future direction of our province is hanging in the balance with this pending decision, and we implore the federal environment minister to do the right thing and approve this project.

I want to thank my council colleagues for unanimously supporting this resolution.

5. CORRESPONDENCE- n/a8u7u

6. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Update

b. Permits

22-05-042

Woodford/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the attached permit listing, 3 permits were issued from March 12-31, 2022, permit # 03-011-22 to #03-013-22 and include permits for new resident, occupancy and general repairs.

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Woodford

Crawley

B. King

S. King

Winsor
Opposed- 0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

c. 22-05-043

Woodford/Buckle

Proposal: Residential
Location: 219 Salmonier Line
Zoning: RMD

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

In Favor- 6

Goobie
Woodford
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor

Opposed- 0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

d. 22-05-044

Woodford/B. King

Proposal: Residential
Location: 137-139 Salmonier Line
Zoning: PDA (rear property)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood refuse the above application as it does not meet the Holyrood Development Regulations and zoning requirements.

In Favor- 6

Goobie
Woodford
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor

Opposed- 0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

e. 22-05-045

Woodford/B. King

Proposal: Variance/Residential

Location: 129 Country Path

Zoning: RMD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve a variance for 129 Country Path, with a frontage of 90 feet. Section 11 of the Development Regulations allows the Town to consider a 10% variance to the standards set out in the regulations, and requires the Town provide public notice when considering a variance application. No comments were received on the notice by the deadline date of December 7, 2021.

In Favor- 6

**Goobie
Woodford
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor**

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

22-05-046

Woodford/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood approve a residential application at 129 Country Path, subject to the Town of Holyrood Development Regulations and subject to conditions of the variance approval.

In Favor- 6

**Goobie
Woodford
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor**

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

7. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

a. Update by Councillor Buckle

The beach part announcement on Friday morning and there will be a limited number of early bird ticket sales. Tickets are \$20.

Hoping to do another event in the fall.

The soccer field is finished. There was money for equipment for the facility, (approx. \$75,871), and a motion will be presented later in this meeting. Registration for soccer will be April 18-22. Group looking for a ladies league as well in the area.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Update by Councillor S. King and Winsor Committee meeting was held on March 17. A lot of issues were discussed, and a lot of recommendations were made but we are not ready to discuss yet.

Work was started on Pressure Reducing Valve on North side road and progressing well. Water was shut off and connection made to the main.

If the weather holds, we are hoping to complete remaining water line in the next couple weeks.

We have started ditching on NSR and Back Road and will soon start on Tank Road.

There is a mink problem at the Marina and two boats have been completely destroyed. Robert will contact Wildlife. Not sure if it got to do with the increase in the number of ducks that have been around this year.

9. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

- a. Update by Mayor Goobie. Committee meeting was held on March 24. We had the pleasure of meeting with representatives of MI, including Mr. Rob Shea (VP Marine Institute), Paul Brett (Assistant VP) Research & Strategic Partnerships, Laurie Skinner (Assistant VP) Administration & Finance and Kelley Santos (Director at the Marine Base, now rebranded as The Launch).

We had a very informative and productive meeting, with a great exchange of dialogue and discussion. They informed us that building construction is proceeding well and is on target to open in the fall of this year. We expect to see researchers and ocean technology companies locally and globally using this facility on a regular basis. Additionally, there will be thousands of students participating in Offshore Safety & Survival programs at that site yearly. So, needless to say, this building will be fully utilized year-round.

We were very pleased to hear the delegation don't want to operate this facility in isolation, but rather as a "community building". They want their home to be our home. There will be space available to accommodate community groups and students for various events and activities.

We also discussed ways and means of broadening our partnership and collaboration between MI and the town. As a result, we will be renewing and expanding the "Memorandum of Understanding" we signed with them several years ago, to enhance that relationship.

From a town's perspective, our goal is to attract business development from the private sector that will be required to meet their needs. Some of those include: accommodations, catering services and skilled trades, just to name a few. This aligns perfectly with our long-term plan of diversifying our local economy. Business development means creating sustainable employment opportunities, broadening our tax base to help stabilize taxes and attract new families to our community.

Our partnership with MI is a win-win for everyone, and the opportunities will be boundless.

The opening of this new building will be the start of great things to come.

Start-Up Companies: 2 startup companies have come forward looking to take space in the BeachHead at the Municipal building. One company involves an international student who is starting a new company which will deal with underwater remote vehicles used in research and development. The other is a group of 4 graduate students involved in the development of alternate energy sources. Both companies will be working closely with Marine Institute and other partners to develop their business ideas and put them in practice in real-life, real-time opportunities.

As a component of the Oceans Holyrood Initiative these are exactly the kind of business development companies we hoped to assist, and we look forward to working with these young companies to help them establish and become successful.

Business Flyer is a mail out information piece which will be sent out to all residents to inform individuals, the Town is very proactive in helping local business to grow and develop. The message to everyone is if you have an existing business, if you have a business and have not yet registered with the town, or if you have a business idea you haven't yet put in action: the Town is willing to work with you to get

you to where you want to take your business or your idea. We offer information, we offer partner opportunities, we can link you to funding opportunities: we are a source of support- come talk to us.

Boardwalk- The timber has finally arrived, and the bridge has been completed. The old boardwalk has been removed in the areas where there will be concrete walkway and these areas are being prepared for concrete. Once this is complete the underground electrical can be completed for the lighting which are a component of Phase II of the total project. The asphalt sections of the boardwalk are waiting for the opening of the plants which occurs in May.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Update by Councillor B. King and Buckle
Committee met on March 7. Our next meeting is this Friday. Mink are very aggressive. If they're cornered, they will attack you. They're like a skunk when cornered, they will emit a smell.

On March 30, we put forward an application to government for a new rescue vehicle. Fire Chief has been trying to find a rescue vehicle and there is nothing out there, secondhand. We are going to lobby our MHA and Minister. Many people don't realize but the Holyrood Fire Department responds to emergencies on the TCH from Witless Bay Line and Butter Pot Park.

Route 60 through Holyrood is in awful shape. People are complaining about it on social media. I ask that people/residents take the extra few seconds and send an email to the MHA or the Minister.

Mayor advised that he drafted letter on behalf of the town and MHA will table as a petition.

Thank you to RCMP for enforcing Highway Traffic Act. They have been in areas with high-speed traffic.

Hope to see some work done on Route 60 this year. We need to send another letter. It's a heavily travelled road and we need to ensure that ditching and asphalt is done.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Update by Councillor Crawley. Committee met on March 24. We adopted our terms of reference. We talked about the new website and a meeting set up on April 12 so Robot can introduce to Council.

We are still reviewing the plan and taking it piece by piece. We hope to put sections into policies. We requested a copy of the town's respectful workplace policy. We noticed that the communication plan didn't involve committee to committee, and we will come up with a policy for that as well. Ask that if anyone got questions, to approach the committee first before going to all of Council.

12. OPERATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

- a. Update by Councillor Winsor
Our working schedule hasn't allowed us to meet, and we are hoping to work through that. I spoke to the CAO about the review, and he understands and supports the fact that this is an independent, healthy, verification exercise. Next council meeting we have we will have an update.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION

- a. Update by Councillor Crawley. Committee met on March 31.
We are going through Policy and Procedure document piece by piece. We had a quick discussion on youth representative, and we have to work out some technical issues. We are aiming for a mock youth committee. Will discuss further. We discussed municipal donation policy and will bring to Council for motion. Procurement Policy will be in draft shortly for review. Reviewed financials and squid fest financials. Some of our Public work's vehicles are becoming unsafe and we are working through auctioning off of some older vehicles and purchasing new one. Will come back to Council.

- b. Accounts

22-05-047

Crawley/B. King

BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts tabled in the amount of \$192,418.23 (cheque# D2406-D2422 and 043101-043175) be approved for payment.

In Favor- 6

**Goobie
Woodford
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor**

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

- c. Bankbook Balance: \$4,876.30

d. Soccer Field Equipment

Crawley/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood accept the recommendation of Innovative Engineering for the purchase of soccer equipment for the Soccer Field Upgrades, Project No. 17-CCR-20-00007. The recommendation prepared by Innovative would result in the acceptance of the bids submitted by Coastline Specialties Ltd. in the amount of \$ 60,691.25 (HST Incl.) for players shelters and bleachers & the bid submitted by Sportscraft – Source for Sports in the amount of \$ 15,180.00 (HST Incl.), for the combination nets. Innovative reviewed four submitted bids and determined that these mentioned bids to be in order and recommend contracts be awarded immediately to avoid price changes in the industry.

The letter recommending this award of contract is also submitted to Municipal Affairs as per the conditions of the funding for this project. The monies identified are within the budget of the project

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Woodford

Crawley

B. King

S. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

14. NEW BUSINESS

Woodford

Great meeting with Marine Institute, such a collaborate feeling with the new team and the new space. They presented it as a community space and not just a technical space and they are very excited to be working with the town and committed to meeting with us on a regular basis.

B. King

Remind residents of the wall of honor.

Museum- the caboose will be on the agenda for the public safety committee. We think it should stay in the town. The Museum has a lot of ideas on what they can do with it. We can explore and determine which makes the most sense. Will bring back to Council after discussion with committee.

Volunteers are working on golden eagle display and wanted to say thanks to town staff for renovations that is taking place over there. Staff working on display outside the museum to pay honor to Ukraine. Still looking for manikins to put uniforms on. Please contact the Museum if you have one to donate or loan.

On June 5 every year, it's environment week. We may want to look at planting trees, maybe get the kids involved.

Crawley

If you drive through Holyrood, there is a lot of construction happening. Be mindful and be extra careful and cognizant of the activity happening in the town.

Buckle

Great to see the building at the Marine Institute and will bring lots of things to the town in the future. I was Mayor of the town years ago when the first step was made to bring Marine Institute here, and they bought the old fish plant. Will be a great economic driver to the town. We will assist businesses in our town, anyone that wants to come. Hopeful that a supermarket will come to the town in the future.

National Volunteer week April 24-30. Would like to say thank you to all our volunteers in our community.

Special thank you to Gerard Slaney for his 20 plus years of service to our Fire Department.

King

Is there going to be a community room at the Marine Institute? I'm really excited to hear that.

Holy Cross has given us permission to use the school for Easter Camp April 18-22. We have over 40 registered at this point. Registration is still opened.

Winsor

Congratulation to Gerard Slaney for his service with the Town and wish him all the best.

I attended the HMPC AGM at the Star. I was asked to bring greetings on behalf of the Town. I complimented them on their work and reminded them they have a healthy financial situation and encouraged them to spend it on infrastructure and capital improvement projects. They were

talking about putting in an emergency readiness plan, they had a lot of windstorm events. Maybe that is something the Fire Chief can collaborate on.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm

16. ADJOURNMENT

22-05-048

Woodford/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn.

In Favor- 6

Goobie

Woodford

Crawley

B. King

S. King

Winsor

Opposed- 0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT