



**Regular Meeting of Council #1 via Zoom
January 10, 2023, 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

Gary Corbett, CAO

Christa Turnbull, Exe. Assistant

Steve Martin, Recreation

Marjorie Gibbons, Business

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23-01-001

Crawley/B. King

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

In Favor- 7

Goobie

Woodford

Buckle

Crawley

B. King

S. King

Winsor

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES-

a. Regular Meeting of Council December 13, 2022

Councillor King

We were going to award the contract at the last meeting. After we voted for it, we found out there was an error in scoring and more information was supposed to be forthcoming. We were supposed to check with the Procurement Agency, Municipal Affairs and Legal. Response was received, but I have not seen them, and I will not be voting in favor of the minutes today.

Mayor Goobie

Under Roberts Rules of Order, we are not to get into a debate over the minutes but determine if there was an error in the minutes itself.

Organizational Review Committee did seek advice from Municipal Affairs, Procurement and Legal. Committee held a meeting and three out of four councillors agreed to make a correction in the evaluation. Because there was one error made, that was dropped.

Under the RFP, there was only a requirement for 3 evaluators. Given the fact that there was a major error made, then the fourth one was automatically dropped. Evaluation of proposals was then based on three, and the motion made on December 13 stands.

There was an email sent out by Councillor Winsor today explaining. We complied with the advice that was given. There was nothing of any substance in the procurement act that clearly defines what process has to be followed in the event of an error and discretion was applied from the committee and council. The Procurement Agency, Municipal Affairs or Legal couldn't give us any further advice.

Winsor

We consulted with Municipal Affairs and Procurement as the Mayor said. This is an unprecedented scenario and there are some lessons learned in the way scoring was approached.

Tender documents state that three evaluators are required, and we utilized four and we discarded one score card as a spoiled ballot. There was a clear mathematical error and to uphold the integrity of the process it would not be appropriate to allow that individual to re-score their card, therefore, it was decided that the best course of action was to discard that card.

The results are the same and the intent of the other scorer to award to proponent A. It was all above board and very clear. The guidance from the people we consulted with, they expressed their personal, vague opinions. There is nothing in legislation that calls out this type of scenario or in case law. We have beaten this to death, there were many discussions. The intent of this is a cold eyes review, we need to get on with it, and frankly I'm sick of talking about it. The motion should stand as it was at the public meeting. We need to move forward; I hear the residents loud and clear on a number of matters. We just delivered a challenging budget with some reservations by all of us, we need to get on with this and see if we can deliver some results.

Woodford/Winsor

23-01-002

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the motion that was passed on December 13 (awarding of Strategic Plan and Operations Review) and adopted the minutes of December 13.

In Favor- 6

Goobie
Woodford
Buckle
Crawley
B. King
Winsor

Opposed- 1

S. King

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

- b. Special Meeting of Council December 20, 2022
No errors or omissions

3. BUSINESS ARISING

n/a

4. MAYOR'S UPDATE

n/a

5. CORRESPONDENCE

n/a

6. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The committee has not met since last public meeting, but we have meeting scheduled for later this month for planning and town plan review.

7. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Committee has not met in the new year. Last week of January, a flyer will be going out about the Crystal Carnival, which will take place from February 17-26. Lots of activities are coming up for everyone to enjoy.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

The committee have not met since last public meeting. After the snowfall today, just want to remind everyone to be safe. Public Works provides an excellent service, well done and thanks for the work you do. Reminder about a safety emergency exercise if there in the event of a power outage.

9. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

- a. Update by Deputy Mayor Woodford.
There were 4 applications reviewed, 2 will be sent to Planning & Development for review and recommendation.

Summer Student Job Projects deadline is this Thursday. Director has 2 of the 3 completed so far.

Registration of Businesses in Holyrood, we are moving in to Phase 2 of identifying businesses that are on CADO with a Holyrood address. We are looking at social media ads, and businesses will receive letters.

Councillor Winsor

There are increases in our budget for business owners. No one wants taxes to go up. But in speaking with businesses, feedback has been if they pay their share, it's making it harder for them. They have competitors who are not paying their share. If everyone paid their share correctly, we may not have to raise taxes. We have quite a number of small businesses who are dodging paying taxes to the town. It's not fair to the registered business owners who are paying their share.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Update by Councillor B. King
We haven't had a meeting in the New Year, but one scheduled for January 24.

Items to discuss:

- Emergency Preparedness Plan, Will determine a date when we can review the plan and make sure it is up to date.
- Ambulance Strike possibility. We will make sure the residents of Holyrood are looked after and their safety is our number one priority.
- One of the biggest impacts to municipalities in the coming year is climate change, and how outrageously expensive that will be. We need to have a conversation about regionalization, and work together on things like fire and emergency services. We won't be able to afford going it alone. There are 275 municipalities in NL and 78% have less than 1000 residents (as of 2022). We have to start looking at Holyrood in 5- or 10 years' time. I encourage everyone to check out the article "What does the future of Municipal Government look like in NL", it was on CBC news and posted on November 12, 2022.

- Operational Review- I hope when this review is completed, and that we can find savings, regardless of where it is, I would suggest we start something similar to a climate fund, in the event that something happens, and we have money invested to repairing infrastructure, etc.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Update by Councillor Crawley.
No meeting since the new year.

We are looking forward to moving forward with our internal communication policy, but this is based on external communications and there has been a lot of it being dragged through social media. People are reaching out to our personal emails, personal messaging platforms. When it comes to official town business, please reach out using our Holyrood accounts. I'm not getting into a shouting match or argument on Facebook, but I will respond to a few things that I've seen here. One is based on our tax increase. The town does not have loads of money and don't know what we're doing with it. We needed a tax increase because things like gas increased, parts increased, water and sewer infrastructure increased, tenders increased, heat and light increased. This is one of the bases for our tax increase.

There have been some complaints about garbage pickup, the public needs to reach out to the town office and ensure that Eastern Waste Management has been contacted.

The other thing people have reached out to me about is the fact that pictures are being taken all over the Town of Holyrood and posted on social media. There are no privacy concerns with faces or license plates. However, there is a personal responsibility for showing people's private properties. I have calls in to Transport Canada and Aviation Canada and I'm waiting for their responses to see where it falls, and what the town's role is.

12. OPERATIONAL REVIEW

- a. Update by Councillor Winsor
The next step is to award the contract and kick off the work. Once the successful proponent is notified, we will be seeking to immediately chair a meeting with the committee and discuss the basis of the work and our expectations, and the schedule. The first quarter will be a lot of discussions and interviews with different individuals. All Council and Staff will be consulted. There is no file report getting lobbed over the fence without our deep involvement. There will be many interviews, discussions, meetings, presentations, and everyone will

have an opportunity to have their say. As part of the consultation process there is a public consultation and I encourage people to keep an eye on that and we will be communicating through official means on how to get engaged and involved.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Update by Councillor Crawley.

We had a 3-year agreement signed with CUPE at the 11th hour just before Christmas. Now we get into our management agreement in the New Year. Our committee goes hand in hand with the Business Development and Marketing in having businesses registered in the town. We are looking at our structure and rates for our businesses in the town and trying to consolidate and make a streamlined process. In terms of our taxes and the increase, part of it was to hopefully go towards our asset management and acquisitions so we can take care of the outdated water and sewer in the town. All of these things are going to be upcoming this month.

b. Accounts

23-01-003

Crawley/B. King

BE IT RESOLVED those accounts tabled in the amount of \$68,051.10 (cheque # 44091 to 44098 and D2991 to D3018) be approved for payment from the general account.

In Favor- 7

Goobie
Woodford
Buckle
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

c. Bankbook Balance: \$1,247.65

d. Transfer

23-01-004

Crawley/Woodford

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood transfer \$75,000 from the Premium Investment Account to the General account.

In Favor- 7

Goobie
Woodford
Buckle
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor

Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

14. NEW BUSINESS

Woodford- n/a

B. King- n/a

Crawley- Be safe when shoveling and playing

Buckle- n/a

S. King- wish all our staff and residents a happy and safe New Year.

Winsor- n/a

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 7, 2023 at 5:30 pm

16. ADJOURNMENT

23-01-005

Woodford/Buckle

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 6:16 pm.

In Favor- 7

Goobie
Woodford
Buckle
Crawley
B. King
S. King
Winsor

Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO