



**Regular Meeting of Council #1
January 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

**Marjorie Gibbons, CAO
Christa Turnbull, Executive Assistant
Kyle Hawco, Recreation
Leslie Kenny- Interim Fire Chief**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

01-01-24

B. King/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting is now called to order and the agenda is adopted as presented, with the correction of the next meeting on February 6 not February 5.

In Favor- 6

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of Council December 12, 2023 adopted as presented.
No errors or omissions

3. BUSINESS ARISING- n/a

4. MAYOR'S UPDATE- n/a

5. CORRESPONDENCE- n/a

6. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Update by Deputy Mayor Woodford. Committee did not meet since the last meeting in December. There is nothing to report, except we are working with town planner to arrange date/time to review the town plan.

b. Permits
Woodford/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED to table and approve the attached permit listing. 3 permits were issued from December 8, 2023 -January 5, 2024 and Includes permits for Residential and General Repairs

In Favor- 6

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

7. RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. Update by Councillor S. King. Committee did not meet, as we were waiting on our new director. Christmas lights are turned off at Holy Cross Park. Commend Robert and Public Works staff, they did a great job. Will begin winter programming once the new director starts.

- b. Director of Recreation & Community Services

01-02-24

S. King/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holyrood will accept the recommendation of the hiring committee and hire Kyle Hawco as the Director of Recreation & Community Services. This position is a 6-month replacement position with the possibility of permanent employment pending the outcome of a leave of absence requested by the previous director.

A job search was conducted which showed great interest in the position with 21 applicants. After a screening process, four individuals were interviewed, and Kyle was the candidate who scored highest on the evaluation matrix combining the resume and interview process. The hiring committee formulated a recommendation and Council is confident that Kyle is the appropriate candidate. Based on the recommendation

In Favor- 6

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

8. INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Update by Councillor Winsor. Committee have not meet in the new year. Three things we would like to highlight.

Dump Truck- with the winter storm and snow clearing, the new dump truck with salt and sand spreader will be delivered next week. Once inspection is completed, we will take ownership of it. This will be an asset to our fleet.

Reminder of who is responsible for what roads in the town. Three major sections of roads in our town that the province is responsible for- Liam Hickey Drive, Route 60- CBS to Roundabout, Roundabout to Harbour Main.

You have to contact the appropriate departments for sections of the road if you have a matter of concern regarding maintenance or safety.

- Liam Hickey Drive and the Conception Bay Highway to Seal Cove- Foxtrap is responsible. 709-834-2587 foxtrapsuper@gov.nl.ca
- The Roundabout to Harbour Main- Avondale is responsible for that section. 709-229-2370 avondalesuper@gov.nl.ca

Hazeldale was missed on our round of paving opportunities. We have been advised Hazeldale has been approved for paving and will be done after the asphalt plants open.

9. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

- a. Update by Deputy Mayor Woodford. Committee didn't meet in the new year. Our plans for 2024. We will look at changing the name of the committee to Economic Development to be in line with operations review. We will probably do that and look to focus more on supporting our small businesses and attracting new businesses. We met with the Marine Institute on December 13 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. The biggest piece of info was communication between the town and the Marine Institute. Notes for that document was sent to MI and we are hoping to hear back from them on the revision of the MOU.

We want to encourage new businesses to get an application and register with the town. Lots of advertising on Facebook but not registered in the town. Our plan for 2024 is to identify businesses that are operating and get them registered. Please reach out to our Economic Development Officer/CAO for an application.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Update by Councillor B. King. Wish everyone a happy new year. Congratulations to Mr. Hawco on being our recreation coordinator. We haven't had a committee meeting but will start on January 30. I do have a few points to bring forward.

December 5 we received a letter stating that our new fire truck will cost us \$276, 102. The truck is scheduled to be delivered in September this year. No word on community collaboration grant yet.

Winter safety- every year there are people who end up drowning going through the ice on ATV's or snowmobiles, The ice is not safe yet. If you're not familiar yet, stay off the ice.

Home safety- now that winter is coming. Ensure generator works, ensure you have fuel. Ensure your neighbors are looked after. Ensure that if there is a fire hydrant in front of your house, it is cleared of snow.

The month of January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness month. Cancer accounts for more than 86% of duty related deaths among Canadian Firefighters.

In Favor- 6
Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

b. Fire Chief

01-03-24

B. King/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Holyrood will accept the recommendation of the hiring committee and hire Leslie Kenny as the Interim Fire Chief for the Holyrood Volunteer Fire Department. This position is a 6-month replacement position with the possibility of permanent employment pending the outcome of a leave of absence requested by the previous Fire Chief.

The internal search for an interim fire chief has been completed. The process of evaluating resumes, completing interviews and follow up of references has been completed. The hiring committee submitted their recommendation based on the results of their processes and Council have confidence based on the recommendations of the Committee to move forward with Leslie as interim chief.

In Favor- 6
Opposed-0
Abstained-0
Motion Carried

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- a.** Update by Councillor Crawley. We have not met in the new year. Each year, the Holyrood Fire Department puts out a communication on ice

safety, and hopefully we can do that again. The garbage changes did go out. We can apologize as much as we want, but we are at the mercy of the Eastern Services management board and when they told us, we put it out as quick as we can. There was a lot of lash back. Due to the calls, complaints, they are offering a grace period where you can use your black garbage bags. We all fall in the same boat, I buy in bulk, and I have a lot of black garbage bags. There is reasoning behind the clear bags- to encourage people to recycle, and it's the safety of the people picking up the garbage. People are still on us about cell coverage. We are still trying to get Bell in a meeting.

12. CORPORATE SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Update by Councillor Crawley. We did not meet but we stayed in contact and looked at the accounts.

b. Accounts

01-04-24

Crawley/S. King

BE IT RESOLVED those accounts tabled in the amount of \$131,162.70 cheque numbers 45445- 45469 and D3803- D3829 be approved for payment from the general account.

In Favor- 6

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

c. Bankbook Balance: \$764.63

13. NEW BUSINESS

Woodford- Congratulations to Kyle Hawco and Leslie Kenny on the interim positions. Look forward to working with you both.

B. King- Congratulations to Kyle and Leslie. With regards to garbage- I seen some of the stuff on social media. It blows my mind that people lose their mind from changing garbage day from Wednesday to Friday, and it was a life altering experience for some, and the other was going to a clear garbage bag. In this province, compared to the rest of the world, we are the Flintstones when it comes to recycling. In Halifax, if you have stuff in your garbage that's not suppose to be there, you will get a ticket. If you go to Germany, they recycle 91% of their waste. Sweeden recycle so much stuff they ran out of garbage. They get garbage in from other countries so they can recycle it. Other areas are way ahead of us in recycling. We need to do a better job at what goes into the landfill.

Crawley- in keeping with the trend, ditto and ditto. Excellent points. Many fire hydrants and senior's garbage boxes that can be cleared out, please take advantage of bulking up. Happy New Year.

S. King- congratulations to Leslie and Kyle. Wish everyone a happy new year.

Winsor- congratulations to Leslie and Kyle. We did it without hiring a consultant to hire the successful applicants. It's not just Europe that's ahead of us in recycling, other places in the province are.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

01-05-24

Woodford/Crawley

BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting now adjourn at 6:45 pm.

In Favor- 6

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion Carried

Mayor

CAO

Minutes taken by CT