



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, September 9, 2019

7:00 p.m.

30 Honour House Court - Council Chambers

Members Present:

- Mayor Ann Seamans**
- Councillor Wayne Bennett**
- Councillor Lana Hansen**
- Councillor Jeremy Thorne**
- Councillor Cecile Cassista**
- Councillor Andrew LeBlanc**
- Councillor Tammy Rampersaud**

Staff Present:

- C. Smith, CAO**
- A. Crummey, Director of Corporate Services/Town Clerk**
- D. Richard, Deputy Town Clerk**
- T. Finlay, Director of Human Resources**
- G. Cole, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Relations**
- D. Pleau, Fire Chief**
- G. Crossman, Manager of Public Works**

Regrets:

- Deputy Mayor John Coughlan**
- Robert Higson, Director of Finance**
- Michel Ouellet, Director of Engineering & Works**
- Shane Thomson, Director of Economic Development**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seamans called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor J. Thorne

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of September 9, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Council Meeting - August 12, 2019

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor W. Bennett

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 12, 2019 be approved.

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. History of Chocolate River Station

C. Smith conducted a PowerPoint presentation outlining the history of the Chocolate River Station. This information was previously discussed, and he provided a recap beginning with the initial concept of the Fundy Gateway project. Moving forward came the creation and appointment of an Ad-Hoc Facility Review Committee. He touched on the Town's experience as a landlord and also explained how the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan set the direction for the Town. He explained that the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan provided direction "to sell surplus properties and lands not

supporting core services". As result of this directive, he pointed out that the sale of the RCMP station on Pine Glen Road in 2018 was carried out.

C. Smith provided information on the facility's financial performance (in direct costs not factored in) and concluded with the proposed new Cordova concept.

C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the Town received for the Fundy Gateway project approximately \$1 million dollars from ACOA and \$500,000 from the Province. The Town paid the balance. The overall project was valued at close to \$3.0 million and that also included the value of the land that the Town already owned.

C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Cassista that none of the tenants received carte blanche free rent but rather some incentives were made available such as free rent for a couple months or free rent for a short period of time to a make up for problems encountered by a tenant.

Mayor Seamans remarked that at the very beginning an agreement was made with an organization that no rent would be charged due to a direct connection with the Town.

Councillor Thorne suggested that since the Live Streaming was down that the presentation be made available on line.

Council expressed their appreciation for the recap and noted that it was important to make the facts available.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Prostate Awareness Month - September

Taken as information. Mayor noted that a flag raising was held on Friday, September 6th at Town Hall.

7. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATION

NIL

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NIL

9. BY-LAWS

NIL

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Tender 19-75B

Supply and Installation of U Body Dump/Spreader Box and Plow Equipment

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor L. Hansen

That the tender for Supply and Installation of U Body Dump/Spreader Box and Plow Equipment, Tender 19-75B be awarded to Larochelle Equipment (which also includes additional piece of equipment) for an adjusted price of \$142,819.64 (plus HST) and that the Mayor & Town Clerk be authorized to sign all related documentation.

Motion Carried

b. Appointment - Council Compensation Committee

Mayor Seamans noted that a Council Compensation Committee is appointed every four years. The Committee will bring forth a recommendation in relation to salary and compensation for the Mayor &

Council which will be introduced this year and discussed at budget time.
Mayor Seamans appointed the following committee members:

Linda MacLeod; Eric Lewis; Bill McBeath and George Murray

c. Capital Borrowing - 2019

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clerk and/or Treasurer and/or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of **Riverview** debenture in the amount of \$4,100,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and be it resolved that the Municipality of **Riverview** agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture.*

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clerk and/or Treasurer and/or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of **Riverview** debenture in the amount of \$1,707,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, this being in connection with refinancing maturing existing Debenture BB25, and be it resolved that the Municipality of **Riverview** agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture.*

Motion Carried

d. Alternative Procurement Approval

Cat 440 Backhoe

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

That the Town of Riverview purchase, under the Alternative Procurement method, a Cat 440 backhoe from Toromont Cat in the amount of \$141,800.00 plus HST and that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to sign all related documentation with respect to this purchase.

Motion Carried

12. COUNCIL STATEMENTS/INQUIRIES

G. Crossman confirmed with Councillor Bennett that to date 70% of the patching budget has been used up.

Councillor Bennett inquired as to the process that should be followed by a resident when local developers in town causes damage to private property. C. Smith suggested that the home owner should go directly to their own insurers which, in turn, would work with the insurers of the contractors.

Councillor Thorne recalled at the February 25th Committee of the Whole meeting he raised the possibility of flashing lights in school zones. C. Smith confirmed that G. Crossman would take the suggestion to the Traffic Committee and obtain a recommendation. In turn, that information would be made available during budget discussions. Councillor Thorne suggested that perhaps one school area could be selected as a pilot project.

G. Cole confirmed with Councillor Thorne that the upgrade to Byron Court Park is currently half way through the construction of the project. G. Cole remarked that the project is being constructed by Town staff and in relation to the Red Water Park upgrade there will be a natural element incorporated into the park.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the live streaming was not working but was uncertain as to the reason. She commented that she would investigate and rectify the matter for future meetings.

Councillor Cassista raised the matter of signage placed on NB power poles. C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Cassista that this was not an oversight in the by-law, but rather he recalls that the Town has no authority to police the poles as they are not the Town's property and it was a non-issue for NB Power so the Town did not continue to pursue the matter.

Councillor Cassista noted she had no difficulty with the signs posted on the poles but would like to see them removed in a timely manner instead of becoming an eye sore.

C. Smith commented staff would need a specific directive from Council that directs staff to investigate further. He pointed out that Council should keep in mind that this would translate into resources to have Town forces remove such signage.

Councillor Rampersaud inquired whether it would be possible to display coloured yellow lights for the month of September to raise awareness for children's cancer. G. Cole noted that the Town is currently looking into an improved lighting system at the "Riverview" sign as there are similar requests throughout the year. Staff is currently doing its research.

Councillor Hansen remarked that she was part of the organizing committee for the Ladies Hoop Classic Basketball Tournament. Unfortunately the Riverview Arts Centre is hosting an event and not able to accommodate both events at the same time. The Hoop Classic is a four day tournament and is unable to share the venue with another tenant or move the date.

Councillor Thorne commented on the issue of signage on the utility poles. He concurred that they are an eye sore but also agrees that Town staff should not be dedicated to their removal. He suggested that Town staff could speak to NB Power representatives to issue PSA. C. Smith recalled that to NB Power it was a non-issue as the poles are still operational.

C. Smith took the opportunity to thank Fire Chief Pleau and his department. He also applauded the cooperation shown by all town departments both before, during and after Hurricane Dorian.

Fire Chief Pleau remarked that he was not aware of any significant event that occurred during the storm. He did, however, appreciate the support provided by the departments as advance preparations were carried out in anticipation of the storm.

G. Cole remarked that the skate park was closed only due to lack of participants as a result of the pending storm. He was aware that there were a couple trees upended at the Chocolate River Station and staff was hoping to try and replant them. He commented that the marathon that was planned for Sunday went ahead as planned on the trail.

G. Crossman remarked there were storm preparations made on Friday - such as clearing catch basins and also afterward consisting of the removal of trees and debris.

Mayor Seamans remarked that all town crews did an exceptional job. They were working hard to keep our community and its citizens safe.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor W. Bennett

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Motion Carried