



## **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

**30 Honour House Court - Council Chambers**

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

- Colin Smith, CAO**
- A. Crummey, Town Clerk**
- R. Higson, Director of Finance**
- G. Cole, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Relations**
- M. Ouellet, Director of Engineering & Public Works**
- S. Thomson, Director of Economic Development**
- Chief D. Pleau, Riverview Fire & Rescue**

**Regrets:**

- T. Finlay, Director of Human Resources**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Cecile Cassista

**Seconded by:** Jeremy Thorne

*That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of Tuesday, October 10, 2017 be approved.*

**Motion Carried**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

NIL

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**a. Regular Meeting of Council - September 11, 2017**

**Moved by:** Tammy Rampersaud

**Seconded by:** John Coughlan

*That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 11, 2017 be approved as amended.*

**Motion Carried**

Councillor Thorne noted an error in the minutes under item 11g. It was Councillor Coughlan who made the comment that the Law Enforcement Run would be held in Riverview for the first time.

**b. Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 25, 2017**

**Moved by:** Cecile Cassista

**Seconded by:** Jeremy Thorne

*That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 25, 2017 be approved.*

**Motion Carried**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

NIL

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Susan Edgett, Director, Legs for Literacy -**

Request for Partial Road Closure - Sunday, October 22, 2017

**Moved by:** Lana Hansen

**Seconded by:** Andrew LeBlanc

*That the Riverview Town Council authorize the "Legs for Literacy" marathon to proceed through the Town on Sunday, October 22, 2017 which will entail a partial road closure from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (to block off the west bound lane from the parking lot west of Gunningsville Bridge to west of the intersection entrance at the Superstore) providing all the necessary safety precautions are taken and that the RCMP and Ambulance NB as well as Codiac Transit, the Riverview Fire & Rescue and the Engineering & Works Department are made aware of the event.*

**Motion Carried**

**7. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATION**

**a. Presentation by Sean Rollo**

Update on plans to upgrade the All World Super Play Park & Request for financial support

Mr. Rollo provided a history of the All World Super Play Park and that a Committee has been formed to fund raise in order to make the necessary repairs and upgrade it. The Committee is actively fund raising on its own but is looking for \$75,000 for municipal funding.

Councillor Coughlan noted that he had worked on the original project in 1994 with the many other community volunteers.

S. Rollo confirmed with Councillor Coughlan that he hopes to have a "community build" but that would depend on the building codes as well as

other rules and regulations that are in place today which would have to be adhered to.

S. Rollo confirmed with Councillor Rampersaud that a set plan for design has not been established. However, the elements that are being incorporated into the project are the same which, in turn, results in the same projection figures for the budget. He commented that, ideally, the Committee would like to break ground in June of 2018. Depending on the level of fund raising success it would dictate if the project were to be done all at once or phased in.

S. Rollo confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the lifespan of the artificial turf being proposed is approximately 15 years. He also confirmed that the Committee has raised between \$33,000 - \$35,000 to date. S. Rollo commented that the Committee is in different stages of completing various funding applications through both levels of government.

S. Rollo confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that typically the "higher ask" is from the Town versus the Federal government.

Councillor Hansen noted that she was involved in the Riverview East School and its fund raising efforts. She suggested that the Committee reach out to Adam Rogerson, Principal of the Riverview East School to learn about their funding initiatives and funding sources.

S. Rollo confirmed with Mayor Seamans that \$2,000 was recently raised through the barbeque held at Sobeys.

Mayor Seamans encouraged people to get out and purchase tickets for the "Chase the Ace" fund raiser in support of the fund raising efforts for the play park and to share the info with your networks.

Mayor Seamans noted that funding requests will be brought forward during budget deliberations.

**b. Presentation by Natasha Ostaff, Greater Moncton SPCA**

Update on Proposed new building

Dave Rogers aired a short video on the SPCA and the poor condition of the current building. The SPCA has been serving the Greater Moncton Area

since 1955. He remarked that the shelter was built in the 70s and at that time there was no building code regulations for animal captivity. He indicated that the building is nearing the end of its useful life. They also face challenges such as spring run off wherein parts of the building generally sees an inch of water on the floor near the adoption area. He commented that the biggest challenge is keeping the animals from being sick. Mr. Rogers remarked that presentations have been made to Moncton and Dieppe Councils. The SPCA will be launching a fund raising campaign to raise the necessary funds.

In response to inquiries from Council, it was confirmed that the new building will be located in the Caledonia Industrial Park and the existing building will be torn down. The proceeds from the sale of the land will be applied to the construction of the new building.

Mayor Seamans remarked that the SPCA will be applying for a 2018 Annual Grant from the Town of Riverview.

**c. Presentation by Ross Smith**

Update on outdoor skatepark plan

Ross Smith advised that the official Skate Park was opened in the Kinsmen Centre in 2005 which was redesigned to a more permanent indoor structure in October 2007. Now, while greatly used and appreciated, it is one of the most dated indoor skate parks in the country. Normally they are restructured every five years. Since its creation, the Skate Park has hosted several world class skate teams! Even some of our very own members have gone on to become members of world class skate teams. R. Smith commented that the Skate Park has been featured on YTV, Breakfast Television and is also in every national skateboard magazine. It also receives the highest social media rating of the Town's departments.

R. Smith remarked that because a lot of parents want their kids to be outdoors during the warmer weather and kids like the fresh air the proposed designs reflect that element. For this reason, we are focusing on an outdoor Skate Park. An outdoor park will give the Skate Park the ability to cater to other groups. He noted that the current indoor design doesn't

allow scooters as ten years ago they were not even an option. The long term goal for the indoor skate park is restructuring and air conditioning. During the summer months it is often hotter in the indoor skate park than outside.

R. Smith indicated that three sample outdoor designs were created which were made available at this year's Root Down Festival in May and also throughout the summer at various events. He stated that it is important to seek the opinion of the youth and to engage the public. All of such input will be reviewed and go into the creation of one final Plaza style design. The Plaza style doesn't look like a skate park but more like an open space. There is one in existence in the Saint John area. R. Smith reported that he has scoped out a location and would like to fence in the park so that we could charge admission. He noted that the estimated goal for the project is \$250,000. This figure does not include land preparation and survey expense as would he like to utilize some of the Town's expertise. The proposed project is designed by a skateboarder and should be constructed specifically by skateboard companies that have expertise in this area as opposed to a general contractor. He also remarked that lighting is an issue in the current building.

Councillor LeBlanc can vouch for the experience being taught to our young people. It is indeed changing the face of our community. He appreciates the great vision that you have for the skate park.

Councillor Rampersaud expressed her appreciation for the relationship that you have built with the many kids and parents over the years and the history lesson. She was really impressed that you sought out feedback from the kids and your presence on social media is stellar!

R. Smith noted that when Mike Randall carried out the Town's branding exercise review, it should be noted that skateboarding was mentioned in four separate areas. In the skateboard world, we are well known but we are also unfortunately dated.

Deputy Mayor Bennett commented that Mr. Smith has done a huge amount of work for the kids in this community and certainly filled a big gap. Deputy Mayor Bennett commented that in Scandinavia he saw two

skate parks that were located beneath bridges as the space was not otherwise being used.

R. Smith confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that the proposed location is in the parking lot of the current Skate Park. He pointed out that the only time that there is over crowding is during the graduation exercise. This is an ideal location because the indoor park is in close proximity which would allow the outdoor skates to have access to washrooms and a canteen. The indoor park is structured so that the age groups have specific times allotted.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor Thorne, R. Smith indicated that it is difficult to estimate the income an outdoor park would generate because of the seasonal nature. He also noted that for the first time skate boarding is considered an Olympic sport. This will hopefully open up more funding and/or celebrity endorsements.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **a. Ratify Additional EMO Capital Funding**

**Moved by:** Tammy Rampersaud

**Seconded by:** Cecile Cassista

*That Riverview Town Council approve the reallocation of the funds in the current 2017 budget to ensure the proposed EMO Infrastructure Plan is completed in 2017 before the 2018 ice/snow storm season.*

**Motion Carried**

### **b. Ratify Tourism/Marketing Strategy - Regional Service Commission**

**Moved by:** John Coughlan

**Seconded by:** Wayne Bennett

*That the Riverview Town Council on behalf of the Town of Riverview support the Regional Destination Marketing Organization (RDMO) and approve a budget allocation for 2018 consistent with contributions of the other municipalities.*

**Motion Carried**

**9. BY-LAWS**

**a. BY-LAW 200-35**

By-Law Concerning the Chief Administrative Officer

First Reading, by title only

**Moved by:** Wayne Bennett

**Seconded by:** Tammy Rampersaud

*That leave be given to introduce first reading, by title only, of By-Law 200-35, A By-Law Concerning the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Riverview.*

**Motion Carried**

**Moved by:** Cecile Cassista

**Seconded by:** Tammy Rampersaud

*That first reading, by title only, be given to By-Law 200-35, A By-Law Concerning the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Riverview.*

**Motion Carried**

C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Thorne that a similar by-law existed a number of years ago. New legislation requires the Town to have such a by-law and that is what is being presented for Council's consideration.

C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Cassista that staff could respect the gender balance within the documents and the amendment would be to the proposed by-law.

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

NIL

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Grant Report - October 2017**

No grants for council's consideration. Approved at staff level.

**b. Reappointment - Greater Moncton Trans Aqua Board**

Dave Muir - 3 year term commencing October 27, 2017 - October 27, 2020

Mayor Seamans reappointed Dave Muir for a three-year term to the Greater Moncton Trans Aqua Board commencing October 27, 2017 to October 27, 2020.

**c. Reappointment - Codiac Regional Policing Authority**

Councillor John Coughlan - Three year term - May 2017 - May 2020

Mayor Seamans reappointed Councillor Coughlan for a three-year term spanning May 2017 - May 2020.

**d. Appointment - Art Procurement Jury**

Mayor Seamans appointed Alison Davidson, Kathy Slather and Michael Molnar to the Art Procurement Jury for a one-year term.

**12. COUNCIL STATEMENTS/INQUIRIES**

Councillor Coughlan remarked on the peeling paint on the Gunningsville Bridge and inquired whether a formal letter of complaint could be written.

M. Ouellet provided background on that item and confirmed with Mayor Seamans that he would send a letter to the Province regarding the peeling paint on the Gunningsville Bridge.

Councillor LeBlanc reported that there were three holes in the deck at the Fundy Chocolate River Station which should be repaired as soon as possible.

Councillor LeBlanc remarked that it had come to his attention that letters had been sent to some of the non-profit agencies who apply for an annual grant from the Town. He was given to understand that the letter suggested that due to the impact of fiscal constraints being faced by the Town that their request for financial support should not increase or even be reduced. Councillor LeBlanc indicated that he was not aware of such a letter being distributed and suggested that Council should have been informed as he was not in a position to respond when approached on the subject.

C. Smith noted that there was nothing in the letter to indicate that it was a Council directive. It was his decision to send out letters as previously there had been a “one time ask” from two different groups for an increased amount. Given the fact that Council is establishing its budget parameters these groups should be made aware of the financial constraints being faced by Council, and also being imposed on staff. He confirmed that letters had been forwarded to the Riverview Arts Centre, Riverview Boys & Girls Club, the Capitol Theatre and the Riverview Public Library.

C. Smith confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that a lighting request for east of the Gunningsville Bridge on the river front trail system would be a capital item. If Council wanted to contemplate lighting the walking trail in the evenings, it would be a capital expenditure which is currently not in the ten year plan. He also noted that one would have to provide electricity to the whole trail not just an isolated area. The cost to accomplish this would be significant. Mayor Seamans indicated that an addition to the budget of this nature would require an informed discussion by Council.

Deputy Mayor Bennett noted that he recently attended the UMNBC Conference held in Fredericton from September 29th - October 1st. He briefly touched on some take away items from the conference including funding opportunities which are available through various sources. He also touched on information he learned about Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Information which may be of interest to the Town. He commented on the desire to be a registered Age Friendly Community. He also expressed his appreciation to Councillor Rampersaud who did a great job as the Zone Director.

M. Ouellet confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that the Town receives an 8% rebate from NB Power for using LED street lighting.

Councillor Cassista confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that she has been working for some time with the Economic Development Department and the Seniors Roundtable completing the necessary steps in order to become a registered Age Friendly Community.

Deputy Mayor Bennett commented that the deadline to submit the application for an Age Friendly Community is March 31st.

G. Cole confirmed with Councillor Thorne that the Bryon Court play park is a unique site and faces some water retention challenges. There is no provision in the 2018 budget for playground equipment. However, he pointed out that there are significant assets in the immediate area such as the Lions Park.

G. Cole confirmed with Councillor Thorne that he had given some thought to accessible picnic tables. There are factors that have to be taken into consideration such as design and placement. He noted that the Town holds many events throughout the summer months which require the picnic tables to be transported to various locations and will have to be factored into his investigations.

Councillor Thorne and Deputy Mayor Bennett commented on the signage and traffic issues in the Claude D. Taylor School area. Mayor Seamans commented that the proper way to proceed would be for them to outline their issues a letter and forward to the Traffic Sign Committee.

Mayor Seamans noted that she had recently been the guest speaker at the Men's Probus monthly meeting. There were approximately 100 men in attendance mostly comprised of retired and business professionals. She remarked that it was a very positive session and the message was conveyed by one gentleman how positive our community and staff were!

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:** Jeremy Thorne

**Seconded by:** Tammy Rampersaud

*That the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.*

**Motion Carried**

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Ann Seamans, Mayor

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Annette Crummey, Town Clerk