



REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday, March 12, 2018

Immediately Following Public Hearing

30 Honour House Court - Council Chambers

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Wayne Bennett

Councillor Lana Hansen

Councillor John Coughlan

Councillor Jeremy Thorne

Councillor Cecile Cassista

Councillor Andrew LeBlanc

Councillor Tammy Rampersaud

Staff Present: C. Smith, CAO

A. Crummey, Director Corporate Services/Town Clerk

D. Richard, Deputy Town Clerk

R. Higson, Director of Finance

M. Ouellet, Director of Engineering & Public Works

S. Thomson, Director of Economic Development

T. Finlay, Director of Human Resources

G. Cole, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Relations

D. Pleau, Fire Chief

Regrets: Mayor Ann Seamans

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of March 12, 2018 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Council Meeting - February 12, 2018

Moved by: Councillor J. Coughlan

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 12, 2018 be approved.

Motion Carried

b. Public Presentation/Committee of the Whole - February 26, 2018

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor L. Hansen

That the minutes for the Public Presentation/Committee of the Whole meeting of February 26, 2018 be approved.

Motion Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the minutes had already been adjusted with respect to comments about the business incentives in Grand Falls.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

7. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATION

NIL

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a. Financial Incentives

Moved by: Councillor J. Coughlan

Seconded by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

That Riverview Town Council give staff direction to draft a Riverview financial incentive program to bring forward to Council at a later date for consideration.

S. Thomson confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the item would be discussed at the Director's meeting and hoped to have a report for an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting wherein the draft policy would be introduced.

Motion Carried

b. Grant Requests

8.b.1 Harvest House

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

That Riverview Town Council award a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to Harvest House in support of the Walk for Homelessness on March 17, 2018.

Motion Carried

8.b.2 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor L. Hansen

That Riverview Town Council award a grant in the amount of \$1,500 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in support of the Walk for the Cure on June 10, 2018.

Councillor Cassista commented that it is a tradition for the Council to support this event.

Motion Carried

8.b.3 Atlantic Nationals Breakfast

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor L. Hansen

That the Riverview Town Council award a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to Atlantic Nationals in support of the breakfast held in Riverview on July 5, 2018.

Councillor Cassista remarked that it has become a tradition of the Town to support this event which attracts a lot of attention and cars into Riverview. The participants visit our stores supporting local businesses. She noted that Council and Town staff serve at the breakfast and this year hopes to have another great turn out!

Motion Carried

8.b.4 River of Pride

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

That Riverview Town Council award a grant in the amount of \$1,250 to River of Pride in support of Pride Week held from August 18 - 25, 2018.

Motion Carried

9. BY-LAWS

a. **By-Law 200-30-2 - A By-Law Relating to the Repeal of By-Laws in the Town of Riverview**

Second reading, by section only, and third reading, by title only

The Town Clerk advised that the purpose of this by-law is to repeal By-Law 300-25 which relates to local improvements. With the release of the new Local Governance Act on January 1st, this by-law is no longer required. Each project will have its own separate by-law.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the by-law was posted on the Town of Riverview's web site for the required time and will be read for the second time by section number only and the third time by title only.

Moved by: Councillor J. Coughlan

Seconded by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

That leave be given to introduce second reading, by section only, and third reading, by title only, to By-Law 200-30-2, A By-Law Relating to the Repeal of By-Laws in the Town of Riverview.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor J. Coughlan

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

That second reading, by section only, be given to By-Law 200-30-2, A By-Law Relating to the Repeal of By-Laws in the Town of Riverview as follows:

Section 1, 2, 3 and Schedule "A"

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor J. Coughlan

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

That third reading, by title only, be given to By-Law 200-30-2, A By-Law Relating to the Repeal of By-Laws in the Town of Riverview.

Motion Carried

b. By-Law 300-25-11, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements - Balmoral Street

First reading, by title only

The purpose of the following five by-laws is to complete local improvement projects on Balmoral Street, Bloor Street, Byron Court, Ealey Crescent and Leonard Street Loop.

The by-laws will be read for the first time by title only and will be posted on the Town's web site for review. As governed by the Local Governance Act, these by-laws need a 2/3 vote of Council to pass – which equates to 4 of the 6 present.

The Town Clerk confirmed with Councillor Cassista a new by law is prepared for each local improvement street.

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That leave be given to introduce first reading, by title only, to By-Law 300-25-11, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Balmoral Street.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That first reading, by title only, be given to By-Law 300-25-11, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Balmoral Street.

Motion Carried

c. By-Law 300-25-12, A By Law Relating to Local Improvements - Bloor Street

First reading, by title only

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor L. Hansen

That leave be given to introduce first reading, by title only, to By-Law 300-25-12, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Bloor Street.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

That first reading, by title only, be given to By-Law 300-25-12, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Bloor Street.

Motion Carried

d. By-Law 300-25-13, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements - Byron Court

First reading, by title only

Moved by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That leave be given to introduce first reading, by title only, to By-Law 300-25-13, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Byron Court.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That first reading, by title only, be given to By-Law 300-25-13, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Byron Court.

Motion Carried

e. By-Law 300-25-14, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements - Ealey Crescent

First reading, by title only

Moved by: Councillor J. Coughlan

Seconded by: Councillor L. Hansen

That leave be given to introduce first reading, by title only, to By-Law 300-25-14, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Ealey Crescent.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor J. Coughlan

Seconded by: Councillor L. Hansen

That first reading, by title only, be given to By-Law 300-25-14, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement. - Ealey Crescent.

Motion Carried

f. By-Law 300-25-15, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements - Leonard Loop

First reading, by title only

Moved by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

That leave be given to introduce first reading, by title only, of By-Law 300-25-15, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Leonard Loop.

Motion Carried

Moved by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

That first reading, by title only, be given to By-Law 300-25-15, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvement - Leonard Loop.

Motion Carried

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Tender 18-01

Asphalt Patching (Utility & General) - Various Streets

Moved by: Councillor J. Thorne

Seconded by: Councillor J. Coughlan

That Riverview Town Council award Tender 18-01, Asphalt Concrete Patching (Utility & General) - Various Streets to MacDonald Paving & Construction Limited in the amount of \$328,600.00 (plus HST) and that all related documents be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

Councillor Cassista pointed out a discrepancy between the price in the motion and the price in the abstract and wanted clarification. It was confirmed that the motion should read \$328,600 and not \$326,600.

M. Ouellet confirmed with Councillor Thorne that this contract is under budget which comes out of the operating budget.

M. Ouellet confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that the Town's asphalt recycler was broken but has now been repaired. The intention is to put it to use as the weather permits. M. Ouellet confirmed that the asphalt recycler is limited in the area it can cover. The department plans to carry out the asphalt repairs on Buckingham Avenue. That would be the extent of the work it could handle in terms of size.

M. Ouellet confirmed with Councillor Coughlan that the Town still utilizes the Asphalt Crack Sealing process as the Town has had very good success with this treatment which is relatively inexpensive. The purpose is to seal the cracks to prevent them from forming pot holes.

Motion Carried

b. Award of Tender 18-04

Supply & Delivery of Crushed Rock

Moved by: Councillor L. Hansen

Seconded by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

That Riverview Town Council award Tender 18-04, Asphalt Supply & Delivery of Crushed Rock to Birch Hill Construction Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$67,097.50 (plus HST) and that all related documents be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

M. Ouellet confirmed with Councillor LeBlanc that the contract is under budget.

Motion Carried

c. Award of Tender 18-22

Supply of One (1) New 2018 4x4 Crew Cab Pick Up Truck (Special Service Vehicle)

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

That Riverview Town Council award Tender 18-22, Supply of One (1) New 2018 4x4 Crew Cab Pick Up Truck (Special Service Vehicle) with Trade-in allowance for a 2010 Ford Expedition, to Taylor Ford in the amount of \$35,682.75 (including HST and trade-in) and that all related documents be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.

Chief Pleau clarified that the price submitted in the tender is for the vehicle only. There will be other items to fit up the truck such as branding, lights, etc. which form part of the budget for this item; however, these items do not require tendering.

C. Smith noted that the expectation is to stay within budget.

Motion Carried

d. Award of Request for Quote - Project 18-70

Traffic Signal Poles & Mast Arms - Gunningsville Intersection
Reconfiguration

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor C. Cassista

That the Request for Quote - Project 18-70 - Traffic Signal Poles & Mast Arms - Gunningsville Intersection Reconfiguration be awarded to Traffic Structures Ltd. in the amount of \$46,552.00 (plus HST) and that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to sign all related documentation.

M. Ouellet confirmed with Councillor Rampersaud that all four posts will be replaced with four new poles, and the Town will take possession of the old ones which will become part of our inventory. The Town will be able to re-purpose them. The same is true of the lights.

Motion Carried

12. COUNCIL STATEMENTS/INQUIRIES

Councillor Cassista remarked that on Monday, March 5th, Councillor Rampersaud and her rode Bus #80 en route at 5:30 a.m. She noted that ridership was low at that time of day as compared to Bus #81. They took the opportunity to speak with the bus driver as well as the patrons who indicated their pleasure with the new bus. However, it was pointed out that the Town needs to look at opportunities to enable the bus patrons of this particular route to shop in Riverview. As it stands now, the bus simply does a loop to Moncton and back.

Councillor Rampersaud noted that Council may recall that last year the Town launched a new bus on Route 81; and with the recent launch on Route 80 it completed the new bus roll out. She indicated that the new buses were a combined investment of all three levels of government. Councillor Rampersaud agrees that ridership was low on Bus 80, but the patrons were very appreciative of the new bus and provided good feedback as to suggested improvements to the service. One suggestion coming forward was a desire for patrons of Route 80 to be able to shop in Riverview. Presently, this route simply loops back to Moncton and the riders cannot get anywhere else except to east Riverview. Councillor Rampersaud would like to see Council enter into a discussion on how we can provide the opportunity for our transit users to shop in Riverview.

C. Smith noted that Council had previously reviewed the issue of increased service and options for service. The solution would come down to another asset if the Town would like to increase service. This would be another level of investment that is not currently contemplated in the ten year capital plan.

C. Smith remarked that Council will have to provide further direction in that regard. He did point out that an opportunity is coming our way with the Federal Government as it focuses on transit. The current infrastructure agreement with New Brunswick could see up to \$4-6 million dollars per year be invested in public transit in the Moncton Region. As a result, there will be opportunities and the Town will be working with Codiac Transpo and the Transit Committee. This represents the capital side but there will most likely be opportunities for the Town to take advantage of fifty cent dollars to purchase an asset. He cautioned that the Town would then have to deal with the increased ridership costs as public transit is a heavily subsidized service. He remarked that once the Town has a better sense of what that potential is and what investments the Town could take advantage of, Council would have to review the other capital budget priorities and determine how much the Town is prepared to commit from an operating growth to Codiac Transpo to provide this service.

C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the Town does have the option in its current contract to slightly change the existing routes. However, what is being proposed to address the service needs is an increase in the service which is different than a route adjustment. For increased service, Codiac would provide the Town with a figure as to the rate per hour; and Council would have to decide how much it is willing to pay for the increased service. He pointed out that the two new buses were included in the ten year capital plan but any further investment is not contemplated.

Councillor Cassista remarked that the bus drivers had excellent ideas and provided great feedback and would even be willing to come to Council to make recommendations; however, there seemed to be some push back from Codiac staff in this regard.

C. Smith confirmed with Councillor Cassista that during the last review process, the bus drivers had been engaged in the process. He remarked that the drivers and riders were very supportive of what was proposed. However, the issue is that the Town does not have three buses.

Councillor Rampersaud concurred that the Town needs to, once again, have a look at the whole transit service picture. It is not just a simple route change as there is a disconnect from the rest of Town with respect to Bus 81.

She noted that because the Town only owns two buses, she welcomes the opportunity for further dialogue with Council on the transit issue.

C. Smith confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that the Town will take into consideration the information which has already been compiled including the Destination 2040 initiative which has a transit component as well as Codiac Transit's ten year plan. The item will be brought forward to Council once we have a better sense of the opportunities available and determine how Codiac Transpo sees the opportunity collectively. He also confirmed that the Town pays the maintenance costs as it occurs and that the Town had paid over \$100,000 in maintenance fees last year and had budgeted approximately \$60,000.

C. Smith cautioned that transit is a cost, and Council has to consider is this a larger investment priority compared to other capital priorities.

M. Ouellet confirmed with Deputy Mayor Bennett that with respect to the application of the lane markings, it is difficult to predict when the work would be commenced as the weather has to cooperate. He did point out that the Town coordinates the asphalt patching and the lane marking. The Town tends to be a little later carrying out this work than the other two communities which has worked in our favour. He estimated that the lane markings will be completed during the month of June.

Deputy Mayor Bennett noted that in his travels he noticed that other communities use silver strips along some of the roads which light up the road better and do not seem to wear as easily. He wondered whether the Town has considered this type of application.

M. Ouellet remarked that the Town did use permanent markings on Buckingham Avenue which was successful. The Town also used permanent markings on the last phase of Pine Glen and are planning to do everything at the Gunningsville Intersection with the highest quality markings. The specifications for this tender call for High intensity 3M reflective tape which will be visible even in water conditions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Motion Carried