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PUBLIC HEARING – Water By-law 1-18 Rothesay Town Hall Common Room Monday, January 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.



PRESENT: MAYOR NANCY GRANT

DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ALEXANDER

COUNCILLOR GRANT BRENAN
COUNCILLOR PETER J. LEWIS
COUNCILLOR BILL McGUIRE
COUNCILLOR DON SHEA
COUNCILLOR MIRIAM WELLS

TOWN MANAGER JOHN JARVIE TOWN CLERK MARY JANE BANKS

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (DO) BRETT McLEAN

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT (DPDS) BRIAN WHITE

DIRECTOR OF REC/PARKS (DRP) CHARLES JENSEN

TREASURER DOUG MacDONALD

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT LIZ POMEROY

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR TIFFANY MACKAY FRENCH

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Introduction Mayor Grant

Documentation

13 December 2018 Rothesay website advertisement 9 January 2019 Report prepared by DO McLean

4 December 2018 Concordance table prepared by L. Pomeroy

DRAFT By-law 1-18

Appearances: B. McLean, Director of Operations - Rothesay

Comments/Appearances: None received

Mayor Grant called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. and gave instructions to those in attendance. She noted the hearing had been duly advertised and Brett McLean, Director of Operations (DO), would be giving a presentation on the proposed draft Water By-law 1-18. She reported draft Water By-law 2-15 was discussed by Council in 2015 and a public hearing was held. After thorough review by the Works and Utilities Committee it was recommended another public hearing be scheduled to discuss revisions to the By-law that comprise draft Water By-law 1-18. She noted Council gave first reading to Water By-law 1-18 at its regular meeting of December 10, 2018. If approved, Water By-law 7-04 will be repealed and replaced with By-law 1-18. Mayor Grant noted no decision will be made until the regular Council meeting following the public hearing.

DO McLean reviewed the concordance table in detail. He noted the majority of revisions are minor in nature and the main substantive changes include: Section 4.15 mandating that "any owner of a commercial property, institutional property or residential apartment complex situated on land abutting a street, right-of-way, or public place in which there is a watermain shall connect to the main in a manner approved by the Town and use such watermain as its sole source of water."; extended payment schedules for water meter rentals (five years instead of three years) and water system access fees (40

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equal quarterly instalments, or roughly 10 years).

Counc. McGuire commented that the extended payment schedules are fair to commercial, institutional, and multi-unit residential property owners. Counc. Brenan requested clarification with respect to connection fees. DO McLean advised connection fees are due at the time of construction. He confirmed there are no proposed changes to the connection fees. Counc. Shea suggested Section 2(b) should read "Committee means the Works and Utilities Committee of Rothesay, as appointed by the Mayor and Council, rather than ...by the Mayor. Town Clerk Banks confirmed the typographical error occurs in the Concordance table but not draft By-law 1-18. Deputy Mayor Alexander commended the Works and Utilities Committee for working diligently for several years to help produce draft Water By-law 1-18. He noted the revisions will ensure the provision of safe water to Rothesay residents. Mayor Grant agreed and expressed her appreciation for the Works and Utilities Committee.

Mayor Grant called three times for those wishing to speak against the proposal.

There being none, Mayor Grant called three times for those wishing to speak in favour of the proposal.

There being none, Mayor Grant thanked all in attendance.

MOVED by Counc. Wells and seconded by Counc. Shea the public hearing be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

MAYOR Charet

CLERK