



ROTHESAY

COUNCIL MEETING
By Webex Videoconference
Monday, February 14, 2022
7:00 p.m.



PRESENT: MAYOR NANCY GRANT
DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ALEXANDER
COUNCILLOR HELEN BOYLE
COUNCILLOR DAVE BROWN
COUNCILLOR PETER J. LEWIS
COUNCILLOR TIFFANY MACKAY FRENCH
COUNCILLOR BILL McGUIRE
COUNCILLOR DON SHEA

TOWN MANAGER JOHN JARVIE
TOWN CLERK MARY JANE BANKS
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT (DPDS) BRIAN WHITE
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (DO) BRETT McLEAN
DIRECTOR OF REC/PARKS (DRP) CHARLES JENSEN
TREASURER DOUG MacDONALD
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT LIZ HAZLETT

Rothesay Land Acknowledgement **Deputy Mayor Alexander**
Deputy Mayor Alexander read the Rothesay Land Acknowledgement.

Mayor Grant called the videoconference to order at 7:04 p.m. noting she and Town Clerk Banks are present in the Sayre Room at Rothesay Town Hall, observing physical distancing requirements and wearing masks. All other Council members and Town staff were connected remotely.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Counc. McGuire and seconded by Counc. Shea the agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

➤ Regular Meeting 10 January 2022

MOVED by Counc. Mackay French and seconded by Counc. Lewis the Open Session Council minutes of January 10, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

➤ **Business Arising from Minutes**
N/A

3. OPENING REMARKS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Grant thanked the Operations Department for their hard work providing winter maintenance, particularly the evening of January 19th following the storm. She also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for winter grooming of trails throughout Rothesay. She commented on the importance of outdoor recreation in winter. She asked DO McLean and DRP Jensen to pass along her appreciation to staff.

Mayor Grant reported events for Fundy Winterfest began on February 1st and will continue to March 13th. She mentioned there are a mix of in-person and virtual events (ex. the Winter Speaker Series).

3.1 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Alexander declared a conflict of interest with Item 7.8 Draft Planning Advisory Committee minutes (Highland Avenue/Hillcrest Drive proposal).

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4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 UNBSJ Integrated Health Initiative Dr. Petra Hauf, Vice-President

Mayor Grant welcomed Dr. Hauf. Dr. Hauf thanked Council, and introduced the Integrated Health Initiative (IHI) – a shared vision for the co-location strategy at Tucker Park with Saint John Regional Hospital, UNB Saint John campus, Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick, and NBCC Allied Health. She elaborated on the five pillars the Initiative is built on:

1. Health Education

New programs, include: Bachelor of Health (2020), Extracurricular Certificate in Health and Wellness, Masters in Health (2022)/Masters in Public Policy (2023), and Masters of Business Administration (2022 specialization of Management in Health). There is a focus on attracting global talent, bridging the job gap, and building resilience and adaptability in the workforce.

2. Collaborative Health Research

Extensive consultation with internal and external stakeholders was conducted and identified five areas for growth: Digital Transformation of Healthcare, Public Health and Health Policy, Management in Health, Aging in the Community, and Child Rights for Child Health. She informed Council of Dr. Ziba Vaghri's current work with the Global Child Platform, which collects global data through a United Nations collaboration – New Brunswick is the pilot province in Canada for this project. Social science research and community engagement will be prioritized with IHI, and the following projects were listed: Promise Partnership, Urban and Community Studies Institute, and Poverty Action Policy Lab.

3. Technical and Social Innovation

IHI has already successfully attracted out of province private-sector investment. UNB, the Lark Group, and Opportunities New Brunswick will build the Health and Technology District Saint John on the UNB Saint John campus (three phases expected to result in significant job creation and regional economic growth). IHI will create a vibrant ecosystem of innovators, entrepreneurs working alongside scientists, clinicians, health care providers from a variety of technologies and research fields. IHI will also build a continuum of UNB's Digital Health Incubator.

4. Knowledge Transfer and Commercialization; and

5. Health and Social Innovation Centre

Dr. Hauf relayed plans to construct a Health and Social Innovation Centre to replace the Ward Chipman Library. This will help accommodate the anticipated UNB enrollment growth of 500 additional students in Saint John over five years (25% increase). The building will have a lower carbon footprint, classrooms, teaching and informal learning spaces, a bookstore, and a research level.

Dr. Hauf explained IHI will have a significant economic impact, over the initial five years, through UNB enrollment, employment, and health research funding growth with an outstanding return on investment. She concluded by breaking down the \$106 million dollar strategic investment, noting funding sources include a \$30 million dollar commitment from the private sector, and requests for \$12 million dollars each from the provincial and federal governments.

Mayor Grant reported a letter was signed by all the regional mayors to support the project. She added it is important that the Province is involved. She indicated if educational initiatives such as this are offered, remuneration for health care professions in the province should be enticing. Mayor Grant invited questions from Council. Dr. Hauf acknowledged the project is overwhelming. She encouraged Council to contact her if they have any questions or want to arrange a tour to see how the UNB Saint John campus has evolved. Council. Shea inquired about a residence to house the additional students. Dr. Hauf advised the Barry and Flora Beckett residence was constructed in 2020, and another residence – to be built in its image – will provide another 100 beds.

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Counc. Shea asked about the role of UNB Fredericton. Dr. Hauf explained IHI is a priority for UNB on both campuses – for instance, a collaboration will occur with the Biomedical Engineering program in Fredericton.

Mayor Grant thanked Dr. Hauf for her presentation. Dr. Hauf thanked Council.

4.2 Envision Saint John

Paulette Hicks, CEO

Mayor Grant welcomed Ms. Hicks. Ms. Hicks thanked Council and noted she is here to follow up on her last presentation about Envision Saint John's Strategic Plan. Ms. Hicks announced Envision Saint John has concluded its first year of operations. Her presentation outlined Envision Saint John's definition of success (10 year outcomes), strategic priorities, and how partnering with the Port Saint John project, the aforementioned Integrated Health Initiative, and the Fundy Sea Shanty Festival (St. Martins) aligns with the agency's 10 year outcomes for more people (25,000), more property tax revenue (30-35%), and a stronger place brand. She relayed a commitment to provide transparency through a quarterly impact report for investors. She announced the launch of the Regional Growth Dashboard 1.0 which includes metrics for the past three years. She encouraged feedback to assist with the release of a second dashboard towards the end of the year – dashboards are located on the Envision Saint John website.

Counc. Mackay French praised the dashboard, and asked if the population growth of 541 is for the entire region. Ms. Hicks advised it is for the entire region but information is available for each municipality. She elaborated by sharing plans of including links on the second dashboard to view data for each municipality.

Counc. Brown inquired about DP World – a sponsor listed for the Fundy Sea Shanty Festival. Ms. Hicks explained DP World is an international company that coordinates cargo for the Port of Saint John.

Counc. Shea asked if any effort has been made to bring passenger trains back. She noted she is not aware of an active file that relates to passenger trains.

Counc. Mackay French noted cruise ships are expected to return this year. She asked what is expected for the return of this industry. Ms. Hicks reported this is a current focus of Envision Saint John; 2022 bookings for cruise ships are strong, but fewer than 2019. She cautioned the industry is fluid, but if provincial pandemic restrictions are favourable, a successful cruise season is anticipated.

Mayor Grant thanked Ms. Hicks for her presentation. Ms. Hicks thanked Council; she and Dr. Hauf left the videoconference.

5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

5.1 20 January 2022 Email from Jour de la Terre RE: Earth Day Canada Municipalities Mobilizing

Movement

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the email from Jour de la Terre RE: Earth Day Canada Municipalities Mobilizing Movement dated 20 January 2022 be referred to staff.

ON THE QUESTION:

Mayor Grant noted this is a great opportunity for the Climate Change Adaptation Committee.

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5.2 24 January 2022 Email from Gary Brown RE: Operation White Heart
MOVED by Counc. Lewis and seconded by Counc. Shea the email from Gary Brown RE: Operation White Heart dated 24 January 2022 be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

CARRIED.

5.3 24 January 2022 Resolution of Saint John Council to Strengthen Democracy by Supporting Local Journalism

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Mackay French Council endorse the resolution of Saint John Council to Strengthen Democracy by Supporting Local Journalism dated 24 January 2022 and forward the resolution to the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB).

CARRIED.

5.4 25 January 2022 Letter from Kennebecasis Park Limited RE: Wastewater Treatment Plant with attachments

MOVED by Counc. Mackay French and seconded by Counc. Boyle the letter from Kennebecasis Park Limited RE: Wastewater Treatment Plant with attachments dated 25 January 2022 be referred to staff.

CARRIED.

5.5 26 January 2022 Email request from Fibromyalgia Association of Canada

MOVED by Counc. Lewis and seconded by Counc. Mackay French to light Town Hall with purple lights in support of Fibromyalgia Awareness Day on May 12, 2022, and promote on social media.

CARRIED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - FOR INFORMATION

6.1 5 January 2022 Letter from Portage RE: 2020-2021 Annual Report

MOVED by Counc. Boyle and seconded by Counc. Mackay French the letter from Portage RE: 2020-2021 Annual Report dated 5 January 2022 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

6.2 17 January 2022 Letter from Renforth Boat Club RE: Response to June correspondence

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the letter from Renforth Boat Club RE: Response to June correspondence dated 17 January 2022 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

6.3 18 January 2022 Memorandum from Acting Deputy Minister Donaghy RE: Regional Collaboration Implementation – Transition Facilitators

MOVED by Counc. Boyle and seconded by Counc. Mackay French the memorandum from Acting Deputy Minister Donaghy RE: Regional Collaboration Implementation – Transition Facilitators dated 18 January 2022 be received/filed.

ON THE QUESTION:

Town Manager Jarvie informed Council Mr. Tallon will not be the transition facilitator – a new appointee is expected.

CARRIED.

6.4 26 January 2022 Email and presentation from NB Power RE: Point Lepreau Generating Licence Application Process and Public Hearings

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. McGuire the email and presentation from NB Power RE: Point Lepreau Generating Licence Application Process and Public Hearings dated 26 January 2022 be received/filed.

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ON THE QUESTION:

Mayor Grant noted there is no immediate action recommended; it is expected instructions will be provided as the process goes on.

CARRIED.

6.5 8 February 2022 Proclamation request – Melanoma Skin Cancer Awareness Month
MOVED by Counc. Mackay French and seconded by Counc. Boyle Melanoma Skin Cancer Awareness Month be promoted on the Town’s social media.

CARRIED.

7. REPORTS

7.0 February 2022 Report from Closed Session

N/A

7.1 20 December 2021 Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC) Meeting Minutes
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. McGuire the Fundy Regional Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated 20 December 2021 be received/filed.

ON THE QUESTION:

Mayor Grant gave a brief summary of the minutes, and mentioned a Closed Session meeting also occurred.

CARRIED.

7.2 17 November 2021 Kennebecasis Public Library (KPL) Board meeting minutes
MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. Mackay French the Kennebecasis Public Library (KPL) Board meeting minutes dated 17 November 2021 be received/filed.

ON THE QUESTION:

Mayor Grant asked if the library is open. Counc. Shea reported the library remains closed due to significant flood damage on both levels. He suspects further details will be provided at the Board meeting tomorrow.

CARRIED.

7.3 8 December 2021 Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department Inc. (KVFD) Board meeting minutes
31 October 2021 KVFD Statement of Expense with Budget Variance
8 December 2021 Memorandum from Fire Chief RE: Allocation of Unbudgeted Revenue
8 December 2021 KVFD Fire Chief’s Report
30 November 2021 KVFD Response Report
10 February 2022 KVFD Annual Report (available online at www.kvfire.ca/news)

MOVED by Counc. Lewis and seconded by Counc. Boyle the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department (KVFD) Board Meeting Minutes dated 8 December 2021, the KVFD Statement of Expense with Budget Variance dated 31 October 2021, the Memorandum from Fire Chief RE: Allocation of Unbudgeted Revenue dated 8 December 2021, the KVFD Fire Chief’s Report dated 8 December 2021, the KVFD Response Report dated 30 November 2021, and the KVFD Annual Report dated 10 February 2022 be received/filed.

ON THE QUESTION:

Counc. Lewis estimated the selection process for the new Fire Chief will conclude in 60 days. Counc. Boyle mentioned one surplus vehicle was sold on Kijiji, she asked what happened with the other one. Counc. Lewis reported the Toyota Tundra was retained in case the Fire Prevention Officer position requires it.

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Deputy Mayor Alexander mentioned police vehicles are stripped of police equipment and decals before being sold to the public. He asked if the fire department does the same, noting he saw a vehicle that could be mistaken for a KVFD vehicle. Counc. Lewis stated he is familiar with the vehicle, but believes it once belonged to the Saint John Fire Department, not KVFD. He will follow up about the disposal process for surplus vehicles.

CARRIED.

7.4 31 December 2021 Draft unaudited Rothesay General Fund Financial Statements
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the draft unaudited Rothesay General Fund Financial Statements dated 31 December 2021 be received/filed.

ON THE QUESTION:

Deputy Mayor Alexander reminded Council these are the year-end *unaudited* financial statements as the annual audit process has not concluded. He reported several items were under-budget, and a surplus of \$257,000 is anticipated. Mayor Grant asked the Treasurer to provide an explanation as this is well above a typical year-end surplus for the Town. Treasurer MacDonald advised the statements are subject to minor modifications as the audit process concludes, however the surplus is not expected to change drastically. He advised the large surplus can be attributed to: revenue received in 2021 from the federal government (COVID-19 relief funds), and the provincial government (roughly \$200,000 for PGAP adjustments); under-budget sand and salt expenditures of roughly \$100,000 owing to a mild winter – not likely the case for 2022; and unused funds of \$40,000 for flood expenses. He added some funds were transferred to reserves. He further noted staff acted more conservatively than usual, in terms of spending, while the uncertainty of the pandemic continued. For instance, a staff member retired and the position remained vacant. He advised the surplus will be carried forward as revenue in the 2023 budget. Treasurer MacDonald concluded by identifying an error in the General Fund Reserve, noting total assets calculate to \$6.6 million rather than \$6.1 million. He noted this relates to the recommendation to transfer \$500,000 to reserves later on the agenda. He clarified, internal records are balanced correctly but a line is missing on the balance sheet report provided.

CARRIED.

31 December 2021 Draft unaudited Rothesay Utility Fund Financial Statements
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the draft unaudited Rothesay Utility Fund Financial Statements dated 31 December 2021 be received/filed.

ON THE QUESTION:

Deputy Mayor Alexander reiterated these are the unaudited year-end statements for the Utility Fund. He noted the statements are similar to the previous month, and a small year-end surplus is expected. Treasurer MacDonald added the surplus, in the Utility Fund, is a typical year-end surplus for the Town.

CARRIED.

31 December 2021 Donation Summary
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the Donation Summary dated 31 December 2021 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

27 January 2022 Draft Finance Committee meeting minutes
MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Shea the draft Finance Committee meeting minutes dated 27 January 2022 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

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- Saint John Theatre Company

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Council. She Council approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Saint John Theatre Company.

CARRIED.

- “You Can Ride Two” Cycling for kids with disabilities

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Council. She Council approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to “You Can Ride Two” Cycling for kids with disabilities.

CARRIED.

- NB Museum

Deputy Mayor Alexander mentioned the correspondence is a generic letter which did not include a specific request.

- CINB-FM Communications Inc. Oldies96

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Council. She Council approve the donation request of \$1,000 to CINB-FM Communications Inc. Oldies96.

ON THE QUESTION:

Deputy Mayor Alexander informed Council the request was received following the January Finance Committee meeting. He stated he supports approval of a \$1,000 donation as requested. Council. McGuire noted he does not have an issue with approving the request. He asked if anything has changed, as Council did not approve a prior request from the organization because it is a business. Mayor Grant informed Council the organization is a non-profit community radio station, not a for-profit business.

CARRIED.

7.5 18 January 2022 Draft Age Friendly Advisory Committee meeting minutes

MOVED by Council. Boyle and seconded by Council. Mackay French the Draft Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated 18 January 2022 be received/filed.

ON THE QUESTION:

Council. Boyle reported Rothesay’s renewal application for its Age Friendly designation was approved. Mayor Grant elaborated, noting it was a long process to achieve recertification. She informed Council there are plans to have a public celebration to announce news of the re-designation as well as the reopening of the Rothesay Hive. In response to an inquiry, Mayor Grant noted renewal occurs every three years. Deputy Mayor Alexander asked why it was such an onerous process. Mayor Grant explained governance of the program changed, and it took three applications to explain to the new administrators that the Committee did, in fact, report to Council, and that Rothesay’s age friendly efforts extended beyond the Rothesay Hive.

CARRIED.

7.6 18 January 2022 Draft Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes

MOVED by Council. McGuire and seconded by Council. Boyle the Draft Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes dated 18 January 2022 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

7.7 19 January 2022 Draft Works and Utilities Committee meeting minutes

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Council. Mackay French the Draft Works and Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes dated 19 January 2022 be received/filed.

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ON THE QUESTION:

Deputy Mayor Alexander reported the Committee is refining a Private Lanes Policy with the intent to bring it to Council next month. He relayed a plan to review the 5 Year Sidewalk Expansion Plan based on new criteria discussed at the meeting. Mayor Grant noted the Private Lanes Policy is a complicated issue but the Committee has made a lot of progress. Counc. Lewis mentioned potholes in the Town, and asked if the asphalt recycler can be used in cold weather. DO McLean advised it is used year-round, with an asphalt hotbox and other heating equipment, to ensure the material is bonded strongly with the surrounding undamaged asphalt. He reported an interruption in pothole repairs as staff were redirected to snow removal tasks following the recent storm. Counc. Mackay French asked if the Town, or Province, is responsible for pothole repairs along Rothesay Road – from College Hill to Kennebecasis Park. Town Manager Jarvie advised the provincial government pays the Town for summer and winter maintenance along Rothesay Road. He advised the poor condition illustrates why the road is a priority for 2022 Designated Highway Funding. Mayor Grant proposed sending a letter to the MLA stressing why Rothesay feels the project is a priority for 2022.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Counc. Mackay French and seconded by Deputy Mayor Alexander a letter be sent to Minister Flemming requesting his assistance with 2022 Designated Highway Funding for Rothesay.

CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Alexander declared a conflict of interest and left the videoconference.

7.8 7 February 2022 Draft Planning Advisory Committee meeting minutes

MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. Mackay French the Draft Planning Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated 7 February 2022 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

Deputy Mayor Alexander returned to the videoconference.

- 95 Hampton Road PIDs 00242271, 30130348, 30020051, 30130355
See **Item 9.6**

7.9 January 2022 Monthly Building Permit Report

MOVED by Counc. Lewis and seconded by Counc. McGuire the January 2022 Monthly Building Permit Report be received/filed.

CARRIED.

7.10 10 February 2022 Capital Projects Summary

MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. McGuire the Capital Projects Summary dated 10 February 2022 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TABLED ITEMS

8.1 Wiljac Street Reconstruction and Extension – Design (Tabled March 2019)

No action at this time

8.2 Strong Court Sidewalk – Anglophone South School District (Tabled April 2021)

No action at this time

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8.3 Rothesay Arena Open House (Tabled September 2021)

No action at this time

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

9.1.1 UNBSJ Integrated Health Initiative

Presentation

MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. Mackay French the UNBSJ Integrated Health Initiative presentation be received/filed.

CARRIED.

9.1.2 Envision Saint John

20 January 2022

Email from Envision Saint John RE: Regional Growth Dashboard 1.0

MOVED by Counc. Mackay French and seconded by Counc. McGuire the presentation and email from Envision Saint John RE: Regional Growth Dashboard 1.0 dated 20 January 2022 be received/filed.

CARRIED.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

9.2 General Fund Reserve Motion

26 January 2022

Memorandum from Treasurer MacDonald

MOVED by Counc. McGuire and seconded by Counc. Shea the Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the year 2021, be transferred to the General Capital Reserve Fund (Gas Tax).

ON THE QUESTION:

Treasurer MacDonald advised annual transfers from reserves are used to finance capital expenditures. Upon review, the amount of funds transferred from the Gas Tax Reserve is more than required, therefore staff are recommending an amount be transferred back to the Gas Tax Reserve.

CARRIED.

9.3 Local Improvement Levy – Kennebecasis Park

21 January 2022

Memorandum from Town Clerk Banks

14 February 2022

Warrant of Assessment

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. Boyle:

Whereas projects were undertaken as local improvements in accordance with the pertinent By-laws, Rothesay Council hereby directs that a special warrant be issued for the sum set out in the local improvement assessment roll for 2022 and further directs the Clerk to cause such special assessments to be collected in accordance with By-law 3-00.

Local Improvement By-law #	Amount to be collected
By-law 4-00	\$58,880.73

CARRIED.

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9.4 Local Improvement Levy – Mulberry Lane

21 January 2022 Memorandum from Town Clerk Banks

14 February 2022 Warrant of Assessment

MOVED by Counc. McGuire and seconded by Counc. Boyle:

Whereas projects were undertaken as local improvements in accordance with the pertinent By-laws, Rothesay Council hereby directs that a special warrant be issued for the sum set out in the local improvement assessment roll for 2022 and further directs the Clerk to cause such special assessments to be collected in accordance with By-law 1-19.

Local Improvement By-law #	Amount to be collected
By-law 1-19-01	\$4,708.33

CARRIED.

9.5 Control of Negative Effects of Fireworks

10 February 2022 Memorandum from Town Manager Jarvie

11 January 2022 Memorandum from Fire Chief to Quispamsis Council

7 January 2022 Emails (2) from community member RE: Fireworks petition

MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. Boyle Council direct staff to draft amendments to the Nuisance Bylaw and the Fire Prevention By-law to improve clarity and strength and enforceability.

ON THE QUESTION:

Council referenced the Fire Chief’s memorandum, highlighting fireworks are a statistically insignificant cause of fires. The more prominent issues appear to be injury from improper use, environmental damage, stress on animals and individuals who are sensitive to noise, and violations of existing by-laws. Counc. Mackay French mentioned the author of the emails is not a Rothesay resident. She asked if diving into this matter is a good idea without hearing from Rothesay residents. Mayor Grant mentioned the emails were addressed to Council, and Rothesay shares a Fire Prevention and Protection By-law with Quispamsis. Town Manager Jarvie advised following the referral to staff at the last meeting, the local Fire Chief and Police Chief were consulted. The Police Chief proposed by-law amendments to increase the effectiveness of enforcement. Town Manager Jarvie explained the Police Department is responsible for enforcement as they receive calls when fireworks are set off at night. Council suggested action may be fruitless as the short and infrequent nature of the activity makes enforcement difficult, and it is unlikely individuals violating existing by-laws will be deterred by amendments.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Mayor Grant asked if Council would like to put forth the second recommendation – to prepare social media material to advise the public of the deleterious effects of fireworks. A motion was not put forth.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.6 95 Hampton Road – Public Hearing

8 February 2022 Memorandum from Town Clerk Banks

3 February 2022 Planning Advisory Committee Supplementary Staff Report

1 December 2021 Planning Advisory Committee Staff Report

MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. Mackay French Rothesay Council schedule a virtual Public Hearing for **Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**, to consider rezoning the lands located off Woodland Avenue and Hampton Road (PIDs 00242271, 30130348, 30020051, 30130355 – *to be consolidated*) from Single Family Residential – Standard Zone [R1B] to the Multi-Unit Residential Zone [R4] for a 36-unit apartment building, subject to the execution of a Development Agreement in accordance with the *Community Planning Act*, SNB 2017, c.19 and amendments thereto.

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ON THE QUESTION:

Council indicated preference for scheduling an in-person event, suggesting this format is favoured by the public, and developers, as some participants experienced technical difficulties during past virtual public hearings. Mayor Grant clarified, this was not the case for all virtual public hearings. Staff recommended a virtual event as there is still uncertainty around pandemic restrictions. If the forum needs to change, from in-person to virtual, once advertised – or if advertised with the possibility of a change – it could cause confusion for the public. Additionally, the maximum capacity for informal gatherings is limited to 20 people which leaves little room for attendees once Council members, staff, and the applicants are accounted for. Furthermore, scheduling specific time slots for attendees would be logistically challenging. Council discussed use of the Bill McGuire Centre (technological limitations), and whether it would be worthwhile to wait until there is more assurance that an in-person meeting can be held, acknowledging this could create delays for the developer.

Council. Lewis note he favours an in-person meeting, stating it is fair for residents and developers. He added individuals shop at grocery stores safely, so he does not see why an in-person meeting cannot be held. Council. Mackay French asked if an in-person meeting could be cancelled, and rescheduled, if restrictions change. Concern was expressed this could create confusion. Staff observed hesitation from Council and suggested the item could be tabled to see what the Province will do in terms of restrictions.

MOVED by Council. Brown and seconded by Council. McGuire Council table a public hearing for 95 Hampton Road (PIDs 00242271, 30130348, 30020051, 30130355 – *to be consolidated*) pending more information on the Province's plan to ease pandemic restrictions.

NAY votes recorded from Councils. Lewis and Shea.

CARRIED.

OPERATIONS

9.7 Victoria Garden Subdivision Infrastructure Acceptance

10 February 2022 Report prepared by DO McLean

MOVED by Council. Lewis and seconded by Council. Boyle Council formally accept ownership of the Victorian Gardens Subdivision built infrastructure which includes:

- Watermain;
- Sanitary sewer main and associated manhole structures;
- Storm sewer main and associated catchbasins and manhole structures;
- Roadway including granular base, asphalt surface and associated right-of-way;
- Concrete curb;
- Concrete sidewalk; and
- Signage.

CARRIED.

9.8 Engineering Design and Construction Management Services: 2022 Asphalt Resurfacing Program

11 February 2022 Report prepared by DO McLean

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Council. Boyle the proposal submitted by Brunswick Engineering & Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$174,201.44 including HST for the 2022 Asphalt Resurfacing Program be accepted and further that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate documentation in that regard.

CARRIED.

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10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled as follows:

Regular meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Counc. Brown the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

original signed by Mayor Grant

original signed by Town Clerk Banks

MAYOR

CLERK