



**ROTHESAY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Rothesay Town Hall Common Room  
**Monday, March 25, 2024**  
**4:30 p.m.**



**PRESENT:** MAYOR NANCY GRANT  
DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ALEXANDER  
COUNCILLOR HELEN BOYLE  
COUNCILLOR DAVE BROWN (*electronic participation*)  
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 OPERATIONS (DO) BRETT McLEAN  
DIRECTOR OF REC/PARKS (DRP) CHARLES JENSEN  
TREASURER DOUG MacDONALD  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT LIZ HAZLETT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Grant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**2. PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

**2.1 145 James Renforth Drive (PID 00235010)**

25 March 2024                      Memorandum from Town Manager Jarvie with attachments

Mayor Grant relayed that the Town was offered the first option to purchase 145 James Renforth Drive at a price of \$240,000. Before amalgamation, the village of Renforth was granted permission from the property owners to use the beach as a public recreation facility. This was extended to Rothesay and it is now used for a lifeguarded swimming area, and swimming lessons. Over the years the Town has had an interest in purchasing the property for further recreational possibilities.

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Alexander and seconded by Counc. McGuire Council authorize acceptance of an offer to sell the property identified as PID 00235010 at a price of \$240,000 cdn. with funding from capital reserves.

**ON THE QUESTION:**

Town Manager Jarvie advised staff visited the property, noting it is a small – roughly 80-year-old – summer home, on a heavily treed lot. He briefly described interior and exterior elements including the foundation, roof (bit of moss outside, lack of insulation inside), heating (electric baseboard – electrical panel upgrade in the 90s); and veranda. As an older seasonal home on the waterfront, there is expected deterioration, a potential for lead paint, and water may have risen at some point to reach the building. It also appears a stove may have been used but the owner claims there was no oil tank, and there is no evidence supporting the presence of a tank. No immediate issues were identified relating to hazardous materials. Extending municipal water to the property is unlikely as it would be costly, but staff were informed the well is functional but is currently disconnected, thus tests could not be performed at this time. He concluded by noting the Town's interest focuses more on the property for recreational use than the building itself.

Each Council member was asked their thoughts on the matter. Deputy Mayor Alexander was asked to assume the Chair while the Mayor provided her comments; the Mayor resumed the Chair afterwards. Council was unanimously in favour of the purchase, noting it would be a great asset to the Town, it is advantageous for current and future recreational purposes, and the Town is fortunate after years of interest to have been offered the first option to purchase from the owners. Appreciation was extended to the owners for their gracious community support in allowing public use of the beach.

**CARRIED.**

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**3. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled as follows:

**Regular meeting** Monday, April 8, 2024

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Counc. Mackay French and seconded by Counc. Boyle the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

*Original signed by Mayor*

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MAYOR

*Original signed by Clerk*

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CLERK