



ROTHESAY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Rothesay Town Hall Common Room
Monday, April 29, 2024
6:00 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 OPERATIONS (DO) BRETT McLEAN
DIRECTOR OF REC/PARKS (DRP) CHARLES JENSEN (*left at 6:10 p.m.*)
TREASURER DOUG MacDONALD

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Grant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed Andrew Beckett, Interim CEO for Envision Saint John.

2. ENVISION Saint John - Agreement

PRESENTATION:	Andrew Beckett, Interim CEO
26 April 2024	Memorandum from Town Manager Jarvie
28 March 2024	Draft Members Agreement

Mr. Beckett thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and answer any questions. He advised the changes are a result of local government reform and two new areas have been added to the region which changed the composition. He noted the Master Services Agreement (MSA) between Envision Saint John and the Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC) outlines the current and future funding arrangements. Numerous iterations of the amended Members Agreement were discussed and the final version, as presented, has been approved by all other Members. Mr. Beckett advised the new Board will have 11 directors from the private sector who will be nominated based on skills. Municipal CAOs will no longer serve on the Board but will meet on a quarterly basis with the Envision CEO. He noted the following: key governance documents will still require approval by Members, as outlined in the agreement; there will be an annual report to Members; quarterly financial statements will be published and there will be an annual public presentation (Thursday, May 30 at 7:30 a.m. at the Hilton to present 2023 results).

There was a brief discussion with respect to the following: funding for 2025 is imbedded in the MSA and future funding will be through the FRSC; budgets are approved by the Members and then by the FRSC to provide a more detailed review of operations and the Service Commission views it in the "bigger picture"; it is unlikely a Director would serve for 14 years (section 3.1(a)(iv)); the agreement includes a reference to appointment of Directors by Members; and the current appointments are skill-based with some geographic consideration (CAOs are currently Directors).

In conclusion, it was noted there is a Code of Conduct for the Board, along with privacy considerations and the proposed agreement, under Mr. Beckett's guidance, is much clearer than previous iterations. Council was advised the Board meetings are not public but there will be full reporting to the public.

Mayor Grant thanked Mr. Beckett for his presentation.

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MOVED by Counc. Shea and seconded by Deputy Mayor Alexander Council adopt the Amended and Restated Members’ Agreement Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency.
CARRIED.

3. Dobbin Street Development Agreement

26 April 2024

Memorandum from Town Manager Jarvie

MOVED by Counc. Mackay French and seconded by Counc. Lewis Council approve a change to the development agreement for Dobbin Street to remove PID 30354948 and reduce the allowed total number of residential units to 100.

ON THE QUESTION:

Town Manager Jarvie advised the developer sold the property identified as PID 30354948 but is still the builder for the remainder of the development. The land for public purposes is already owned by the Town and the other obligations built into the agreement are still the responsibility of the developer to complete. The existing agreement in place is still applicable to PID 30354948. He advised the developer is trying to get closure on the registration process and obtain financing and the 29-unit building is likely to be sold to the same purchaser.

CARRIED.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled as follows:

Regular meeting

Monday, May 13, 2024

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Original signed by

MAYOR

Original signed by

CLERK