

MINUTES

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
REGULAR COUNCIL

August 16, 2004

7:00 p.m.

The monthly session of the Council was held on Monday, August 16, 2004 in the Council chambers at Town Hall. In attendance were Chair Mayor J. Kinsella, Deputy Mayor T. Fry, Councillors J. DeWolfe, W. Morgan, M. Tompkins, and R. Microys, A. Boyer CAO¹, Melony Robinson Director of Finance, and Marlene Feener Administrative Assistant as recording secretary. Also present were Kerra StJohn, Connie Arnold, Cindy Wilson, and Anne Crossman.

CALL TO ORDER

7:00 P.M.

J. Kinsella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES

19/07/04

Motion # 1

It was moved by J. DeWolfe, seconded by M. Tompkins, approval of minutes of July 19, 2004. Motion Carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

19/07/04

Under Questions add:

- {a} Roof replacement 45 Church Street
- {b} Terms of Ducks Unlimited Lease

New Business add:

- {k} First Reading of amendment to the Dogs Bylaw

¹Chief Administrative Officer

Under Presentations add:

{c} François Posch /Acadian Panels Exhibit from Grand Pré

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16/08/04

Motion # 2

It was moved by T. Fry, seconded by M. Tompkins, approval of the agenda of August 16, 2004, with the above additions. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

PRESENTATIONS -

{a} Connie Arnold - C. Arnold stated that a few years ago she received approval from the Town to erect a sign advertising her business. She said that there was a delay due to the fact that she left the country a while back but that the sign is due to go up any day now.

C. Arnold stated that a business has placed a sandwich board sign on her property and that the sign takes away from people knowing that she has a business on her property.

C. Arnold said that when she bought her property in 1999, another property beside her was also sold to a lady who installed a wheelchair ramp. She said that she was asked for approval of the wheelchair ramp prior to the wheelchair ramp being installed. She said that if the sandwich board sign had gone through the same approval process that there probably would not be a problem.

C. Arnold stated that she is concerned with enforcement of the Land Use Bylaw in regards to signage.

C. Arnold suggested that 4 sided sign be located in a kiosk like the one in front of Town Hall which would provide a list of restaurants, shops, museums, and places to stay along with a map. She said that people have knocked on her door asking if her house was the O'Dell museum.

R. Microys said that sandwich board signs don't always have to abut the owner's property.

A. Boyer reported that the Town is in the process of reviewing sandwich board and other signs within the Town. A. Boyer said that there is a process that is currently taking place and that people have and are being given notice for sign removal.

W. Morgan stated that signs that are not approved do not deserve notice to be removed. M. Tompkins agreed with W. Morgan on this issue.

T. Fry asked that since the owner of the sign in question is present, that perhaps that person will remove the sign until approval is given. The owner of the property said that if all the other unapproved signs in Town were removed that she would consider removing her sign.

- {b} Anne Crossman re: Melanson Family Reunion (13) - Anne Crossman gave a brief presentation on the Melanson family reunion. She thanked all Town staff for all their help during the reunion. She stated that approximately 500 people registered for the reunion. She said that people came with a smile on Tuesday and left with a smile on Thursday. The majority were from over an hour away. She reported that the Town received a lot of press coverage during the Congrès mondial acadien.

Mayor Kinsella thanked Anne Crossman for the presentation.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Ship's Bells (9)	A. Boyer reported that she has asked the Department of National Defence to confirm ownership of the ship's bells. A. Boyer will contact Ronald Elliott, Stewart Jamieson, or James McLaren on this issue.	CAO	
{b} Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw (6)&(14)	<p>J. DeWolfe reported that she received a letter from Michael Baker, Minister of Justice stating that appointments to the provincial appointee positions are made by the Minister of Justice within the provisions of the <i>Police Act</i> of Nova Scotia.</p> <p><i>It was moved by J. DeWolfe, seconded by M. Tompkins, that the revision to the Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw be abandoned. Motion Carried</i></p> <p>J. DeWolfe will ask members of the Board of Police Commissioners at the next meeting if they would be in favour of a press release on this matter.</p>		
{c} Report on Town Pool (10)	<p>Information only.</p> <p>A. Boyer stated that the Municipality of the County of Annapolis had asked the Town to consider the possibility of a skateboarding facility.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the proposed location. No decision was made.</p>		

PRESENTATION

- {C} François / Acadian Panels - F. Posch gave a brief presentation on panel sized photographs that were on display at Grand Pré. He stated that the Town of Annapolis Royal may be interested in having the presentation located in the Town for a period of time during the celebration years. He said that the current theme is "Following in the Footsteps of Champlain" and that the presentation is in both French and English. He stated that the presentation includes themes such as the way of life, the economy, and the difficulty with language issues. He said that the display includes approximately 80 pictures. He reported that he would put a proposal together if the Town is interested.

F. Posch thanked Council for allowing him to do the presentation.

Mayor Kinsella thanked F. Posch for making the presentation to Council

MOTION(S) OF RECONSIDERATION: none

MOTION(S) OF RESCISSION: none

OTHER NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

NEW BUSINESS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Water Reports	Reports have been reviewed and found to be satisfactory.	CAO	
{b} An Act Respecting Policing in Nova Scotia (1)	J. DeWolfe reported that she does not know what changes have been made from the original document. A. Boyer will ask for the Department of Justice for highlighted changes made to the Act Respecting Policing in Nova Scotia. J. DeWolfe reported that she has received a response from the Town of Kentville and that they will be providing a submission on policing to the Town. Halifax Regional Municipality will not be providing a submission as they indicated that they are located too far away.		
{c} Town of Annapolis Royal Fire and Burglar Alarm Bylaw (2)	This is first reading of the Fire and Burglar Alarm Bylaw. A. Boyer reported that the new Bylaw will require a new Council policy		

	that it will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole to allow for implementation of Section 11 {ii} of the Bylaw.		
{d} Apple Blossom Festival email re: Fund Raiser (3)	<p>A. Boyer reported that Council last year attendance at the Apple Blossom fund raiser went very well making the Town very visible. Discussion was held. The Town will secure a table again this year and ask the Natal Day Queen, Council members, and members of Port Royal 400 Society if they would be like to attend.</p> <p>The Apple Blossom Festival is planning to have their opening ceremonies held in Annapolis Royal in 2005.</p>		
{c} Sgt. D. Miller re: Flower Show (4)	A letter of congratulations will be forwarded to Sgt. Miller.		
{d} Voter's List (16)	Council will review the list at the end of the meeting.		
{e} Nova Scotia Police Commission Annual 2001 (5)	A. Boyer reported that the document is in the office for viewing.		
{f} Nova Scotia Department of Justice Letter dated July 29, 2004 (6)	Discussed under Business Arising item {b}		
{h} Review and approval of Financial 2003/2004 Statements	<p><i>It was moved by T. Fry, seconded by R. Microys, that the financial statements for the year 2003/2004 be approved as presented by MacKenzie Morse and Brewster (Gavin Brewster). Motion Carried</i></p> <p>Mayor Kinsella stated that Amery Boyer and Melony Robinson are doing a tremendous job.</p> <p>Melony Robinson stated that Earl Bennett has been a great help to her on municipal finance.</p> <p><i>It was moved by M. Tompkins, seconded by J. DeWolfe, that the Town of Annapolis Royal approve moving the Town's surplus in the amount of \$10,577 to the Operating Budget. Motion Carried</i></p>		
{I} Sport and Recreation Letter dated May 31, 2004 re: Perimeter	Staff will proceed with drafting next steps for the Perimeter Trail project..		

Trail Project (7)			
{i} Signage - Draft Layouts as per J. Elliott re: Business Directories for April 1, 2005 (8)	<p>A. Boyer reported that directories for the Town could be done in two different ways in the opinion of the Planner: the directories could incorporate existing sandwich board signs, or businesses could design their own new signs on a generic slat or panel. Discussion was held.</p> <p>A meeting will be held with the Planner first, and then with businesses on business directories on signage within the Town.</p>		
{j} Trees for St. George Street (11)	Staff will proceed with planting as recommended by Pat Pelham and will also take advantage of David Lee's offer.		
{k} Dogs Bylaw (17)	This is the first reading of the amendment to the Dogs Bylaw.		

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
(a) Recommendations from Committee of the Whole	<p><i>It was moved by J. DeWolfe, seconded by W. Morgan, that approval be given to J. Caldwell's application for changes to heritage property at 160 St. George Street (roof). Motion Carried</i></p> <p><i>It was moved by J. DeWolfe, seconded by M. Tompkins, approval of Adrian Nette's applications for changes to heritage property at 46 Drury Lane, pending approval of the encroachment on Town property. Motion Carried</i></p> <p>A. Boyer reported that she has sent a request for information on encroachments for Drury Lane on to Roger Sturtevant Director of Planning and George Lohnes, Town solicitor.</p>		
(b) Board of Police Commissioners	J. DeWolfe reported that a special meeting was held on a sensitive issue.		

(c) Port Royal 400 th	W. Morgan reported that the Port Royal 400 th Society has received a \$52,000 grant from ACOA ² .	Councillor Wayne Morgan	
(d) Focus 2005	T. Fry reported that the Focus 2005 met at lunchtime today. She said that a newsletter will be forwarded to the Town as soon as it becomes available. The County has hired a term staff person, Karen Taulk, to work with Focus 2005.	Deputy Mayor Trish Fry	
(e) Mayor's Report	<p>Mayor Kinsella gave an oral presentation which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · attended the Melanson and Breau family reunion · RDI TV did an interview with the Mayor on the Town · Carl Breau has a cooking show in Louisiana and did a filmed cooking show with the Mayor at the Legion in Annapolis Royal. · attended the Savoie and Allain Family Reunion · attended the Natal Day Parade · Fireworks will be held during Labour Day weekend · Anne Crossman, Patrice Duggan, and Mayor were interviewed by CBC French television. · that everyone was pleased with the reception they received when in Town during the family reunions. <p>Amery Boyer reported that staff very much appreciated the barbecue held by members of Council for the staff Friday, August 13, 2004.</p> <p>Mayor Kinsella will be re-offering for Mayor in the upcoming election.</p>	Mayor John Kinsella	
(f) Natal Day	A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2004.		
(g) Other			

CORRESPONDENCE

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
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²Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

{a} Melanson Family Reunion Society Letter dated August 16, 2004 (15)	Discussed above under Presentations, item {b}.		
{b} Other	T. Fry reported that a friend of Debra Savoie had contacted her with a complaint re contractors in the area.		

QUESTIONS

- {a} 46 Church Street Roof - A. Boyer reported that B. Baker at 46 Church Street would like to make emergency repairs to her roof. She would like to replace it with metal roofing if possible.

The following options were discussed:

- she can replace like with like
- she can consider a higher grade asphalt shingle that will be more cost effective in the long term
- metal does not work with a heritage property; perhaps at some point in the future someone will come out with a metal product that is heritage friendly.

- {b} Agreement with Ducks Unlimited - The taxes for property leased by Ducks Unlimited should be written off since the property is owned by the Town.

OTHER BUSINESS

- {a} In camera to discuss a legal issue (12).

It was moved by M. Tompkins, seconded by J. DeWolfe, that the meeting move to an in camera session to discuss a legal issue. Motion Carried

It was moved by W. Morgan, seconded by J. DeWolfe, that the meeting move back into regular session. Motion Carried

Item {d} Voter's List (16) was discussed at this time

It was moved by J. DeWolfe, seconded by T. Fry, approval of the Town of Annapolis Royal's voters list as amended for the October 16, 2004 Municipal election. 3 ayes. With only 3 Councillor present at the time of this motion, a telephone poll will be conducted.

ADDED ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

September 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by W. Morgan that the meeting adjourn.

<i>Action:</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Reviewed by Mayor John Kinsella		
Changes made by Administrative Assistant Marlene Feener		
Approved for website by Mayor or CAO		
Forwarded to Western Valley Development Authority		
Forwarded for Website		