

TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
REGULAR COUNCIL
December 19, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Roberts, Councillors Fearon, Shaffner, Mueller-Sparenberg, Deputy Mayor Power, DOF Robinson, CAO Boyer, Administrative Assistant Monica Mills as recording secretary, Kent Thompson, Michael Thompson, Louise Oliver.

Regrets:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by Mayor Roberts.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES: November 21, 2011

Motion 1:

It was moved by Councillor Fearon, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the minutes dated November 21, 2011 be approved. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

- personnel matter/potential litigation (in camera item 1)
- Status of PHAC¹ By-law review (Business Arising, item 5)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

Motion 2:

It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the agenda dated December 19, 2011 be approved with additions. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

¹ Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee

BUSINESS ARISING

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
1. Speed limits	<p>Council reviewed its previous motion from November 21, 2011. Councillor Fearon and Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg both stated that lowering the speed limit in the school zone was unnecessary, as the Province will be putting legislation in place lowering the limits next year. Councillor Shaffner stated that he had voted in favour of the previous motion not realizing that it was a motion to reduce the speed limit, he thought it was a motion to recommend the reduction to the Traffic Authority. Deputy Mayor Power added that it was important when making decisions that impact the Town and area that more public input is sought.</p> <p>Motion 3: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Fearon that the resolution of November 21, 2011 regarding the reduction of speed limits be rescinded. Motion carried.</p>		
2. Champlain to a one-way street	<p>Motion approved via telephone poll December 14, 2011 to be ratified: It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power that Champlain Drive be made a one-way street effective January 1, 2012.</p> <p>Council discussed the motion. Mayor Roberts stated that logistically speaking the signs will be erected this week. Deputy Mayor Power stated that she will speak with the Police Department about being lenient until January 1, 2012. CAO Boyer stated that she had contacted the provincial traffic authority for input but was still waiting for a response. Councillor Shaffner stated that the one-way signs should be moved closer to the intersection to avoid confusion.</p> <p>Motion 4: It was moved by Councillor Shaffner, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the telephone resolution of December 14, 2011 be ratified. Motion ratified.</p>		

3. Draft resolution to reduce the size of Council	<p>Council discussed the draft resolution. Deputy Mayor Power stated that the resolution should indicate an effective date as the date of the municipal elections 2012.</p> <p>Motion 5: Draft Council Resolution: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Fearon that Whereas Council is satisfied that sufficient notice was given to the public of the vote on December 15, 2011, that the public had every opportunity to vote, and that there was sufficient consultation with the public,</p> <p>And whereas 56 voted in favour of reducing the size of Council and three voted against any reduction,</p> <p>Therefore be it resolved that a letter be sent to the NSURB² requesting a reduction in the size of Council from a Mayor and five Councillors to a Mayor and four Councillors effective the date of the municipal elections 2012.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>		
4. Traffic Authority Options	Discussion was suspended until the in-camera session.		
5. PHAC By-law review	Deputy Mayor Power stated that in the minutes there was a reference to the by-law and she would like an update on the status. Councillor Fearon stated that the by-law was reviewed at PHAC and there was discussion regarding the reference to staggered terms. She added that the committee decided that since there is no reference to terms of renewal that the by-law would be left as is.		

NEW BUSINESS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
1. Quote for Town Crest	Council discussed the quote. It was noted that if the pins are ordered in December than the Town would receive 10% more product.		

² Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

Lapel Pins	Motion 6: It was moved by Councillor Fearon, seconded by Councillor Hudson that 3000 pins be ordered immediately for the price quoted. Motion carried. Four in favour and one nay vote from Councillor Shaffner.		
2. Christmas lights	Council discussed the suggestion from Councillor Shaffner. It was decided that the topic would be tabled until further information was received.	CAO	
3. Correspondence from Destination South West Nova Scotia regarding municipal funding	Council reviewed the correspondence from Destination South West Nova Scotia. Motion 7: It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power that \$1000.00 in municipal funding be given to Destination South West Nova Scotia. Motion carried.		
4. Blower project – new energy efficient motors for the sewage treatment plant	The life expectancy information has been provided for the existing and the new motors. DOF Robinson stated that Superintendent of Public Works, Kevin McLean, recommended that the blower motors be replaced when the current ones cease to function properly. Council agreed.		
5. Tender for new or refurbished windows at Town Hall	Council discussed the tender for new or refurbished windows at Town Hall. CAO Boyer stated that the deadline for the tenders is January 13, 2012. Three tenders have been received to date.		
6. Second draft of Business Continuity Plan	Council reviewed the Business Continuity Plan.		

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Item	Decision/Action	Responsibility	Target Date
1. Recommendations from Committee of the Whole	Motion 8: It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the Dogs By-law be approved for second reading. Motion carried.		

	<p>Motion 9: It was moved by Councillor Shaffner, seconded by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg that the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee By-law be published. Motion carried.</p>		
	<p>Motion 10: It was moved by Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the Public Health By-law be repealed (second reading). Motion carried</p>		
	<p>Motion 11: It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Fearon that roll # 092398 in the amount of \$10.21, roll # 4997409 in the amount of \$49.68 and roll # 02463806 in the amount of \$21.87 be written off due to system errors. Motion carried</p>		

	<p>Motion 12: It was moved by Councillor Fearon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Power that the resolution as printed concerning pension plans be approved. Motion carried. Four in favour, one nay from Councillor Fearon.</p> <p>Recommendation 5: That the following resolution be approved by Council: Whereas the Canadian economy is in its deepest downturn since the 1930s putting the retirement security of many workers at risk; and Whereas cities are key providers of social services and support programs for older workers and retirees; and Whereas the financial meltdown and a wave of employer bankruptcies have resulted in under-funded pension plans and the actual and potential loss of promised pension benefits; and Whereas only one in four private sector workers belong to an employer pension plan, the remaining three out of four workers must rely on their own personal savings to try to provide for their retirement; and Whereas our public pension system, Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) plus the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) is safe but falls well short of replacing the 50% to 70% of pre-retirement income needed to maintain decent living standards; Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Annapolis Royal support expansion of our public pension system</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by 15% so no senior lives in poverty; 		
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	<p>2. By phasing in a doubling of the proportion of average earnings replaced by Canada Pension Plan (CPP) from 25% to 50%, financed by a modest increase in premiums;</p> <p>3. By protecting Canadian pensions through a federal system of pension insurance.</p> <p>Be it further resolved that this Town support the call on the federal government to hold a national summit on the issue of pensions and support the expansion of the Canada Pension Plan (CPP).</p>		
2. Recommendations from PHAC ³	<p>Council discussed the request for a letter of support for the proposed renovations at Holme's garage. It was noted that a letter of support had been sent in 2009. Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg stated that he would bring the project to the next ADEDA meeting to see if they can assist.</p>		
3. Board of Police Commissioners	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the Town reimburse those who paid their parking tickets issued on December 4, 2011 at the AWEC High school be reimbursed with a retail voucher to local businesses and a letter of apology from the Town be sent as well.</p> <p>Council discussed the recommendation from the Board. It was decided that a voucher to local businesses was not feasible. Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg stated that it was incorrect to tell people where they should spend their money. Deputy Mayor Power stated that it would not be a letter of apology from the Town, rather an information letter as all who received tickets were in fact parked illegally. Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg agreed, adding that better communication between the organizers, the Police Department and the Town was necessary to avoid such incidents. Deputy Mayor Power stated that a business owner had approached the Board stating that he would pay for the parking tickets and that she would approach him again.</p>		

³ Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee

	<p>Recommendation: That effective the current pay period, Constable Thompson's hours be considered the same as the other Police Department officers as to payment for overtime and standby. This recommendation was moved in camera.</p>		
4. Environment Committee	No meeting was held.		

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(a) Board of Police Commissioners	<p>Deputy Mayor Power stated that many of the highlights from the meeting were previously discussed. She added that the Board elections were ratified, with Brian Keevill becoming the Vice-Chair and Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg becoming the Secretary. She stated that the Chief's report and statistics would be reviewed in camera.</p>	Councillor Power & Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg	
(b) Mayor's Report	<p>Mayor Roberts reported on the following events: November 30, 2011: A meeting on the closure of ARRA⁴ which resulted in his writing a letter in opposition of the closing of the school. December 4, 2011: His last appearance at the Digby Christmas Daddies Telethon December 10, 2011: The Teddy Bear Tea Party at Town Hall. The Mayor expressed thanks to Nick Graham for assistance in moving tables and chairs from the Good Beginnings Daycare Facility.</p>	Mayor Roberts	
(c) ADEDA ⁵	<p>Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg stated that at the last meeting the reps had brainstormed and worked on developing future projects. Some of these include business retention, immigration and emigration, and tourism. CAO Boyer added that there appears to be an issue with the business-planning model that was imposed by the Province.</p>	Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg	

⁴ Annapolis Royal Regional Academy

⁵ Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency

(d) Planning Services	<p>Council reviewed the following reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire-inspection Report (Tab 11) 2. Development / Building Report (Tab 12) <p>Deputy Mayor Power stated that this year's figures are an improvement over previous years. She added that it was nice that positive developments were happening in Town.</p>		
(e) King's Theatre	<p>Councillor Fearon stated that she did not have much to report. There have been some good shows with good attendance, and fundraising initiatives for the new digital projector were still underway and going well.</p>	Councillor Kathie Fearon	
(f) REMO ⁶	<p>No meeting.</p>	Councillor Sherman Hudson and Mayor Roberts	
(g) Historic Gardens	<p>Deputy Mayor Power reported that there are some residential rental spaces available at the gardens. She stated that the Gardens had developed a tentative list of events for 2012. Events that were successful would be repeated. She added that two performance appraisals have been completed. Deputy Mayor Power reported that budget deliberations would begin in the new year.</p> <p>Mayor Roberts reported that the Winter Market has been a success and it will continue every Saturday including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve until May.</p>	Deputy Mayor Pat Power	
(h) Twinning Committee	<p>Mayor Roberts reported that the Twinning Committee will meet in January in preparation for a visit from Royan, France in later in 2012.</p>	Mayor Phil Roberts	
{i} Upper Clements Society	<p>Councillor Shaffner reported that it was a very successful year last year and clearing for the zip line has started for the adventure park. He added that the equipment is being fabricated in Montreal and will be shipped in the spring. The tentative opening is June 2012.</p>	Deputy Mayor Doug Shaffner	

⁶ Regional Emergency Measures Office

{j} Environment Committee	No meeting.	Mayor Phil Roberts	
{k} Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee	Councillor Fearon reported that the main topic from the meeting was the scheduling of the joint heritage meeting with the County. She added that the committee was also looking into the designation of ARRA as a heritage property.	Councillors Kathie Fearon and Sherman Hudson	
{l} CAO's Report	Council reviewed the CAO's report.	CAO Boyer	

CORRESPONDENCE.

OTHER BUSINESS

Calendar: Committee of the Whole: January 4, 2012
Environment Committee: January 5, 2012
PHAC: January 9, 2012
Board of Police Commissioners': January 11, 2012
Council Meeting: January 16, 2012

Motion 13:

It was moved by Councillor Shaffner, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the meeting move in camera at 10:33am. Motion carried.

IN CAMERA

-personnel matter (DOF) Tab 11
-personnel matter

NEXT MEETING

January 16, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 14:

It was moved by Councillor Shaffner, seconded by Councillor Hudson at 11:05am. Motion carried.

<i>Action:</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Reviewed by Mayor Roberts	2012-01-04	M. Cohen
Changes made by CAO	Jan 9, 2012	[Signature]
Approved for website by CAO	Jan 4, 2012	[Signature]
Sent to webmaster	Jan 9, 2012	[Signature]