

MINUTES
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
REGULAR COUNCIL
June 18, 2007
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Town of Annapolis Royal Council was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2007 in Council Chambers at Town Hall. In attendance were Chair Mayor John Kinsella, Deputy Mayor Jane DeWolfe, Councillors Sherman Hudson, Phil Roberts, Doug Shaffner and Ron Boulding, CAO Amery Boyer, Director of Finance Melony Robinson, Recreation Director Grant Potter and Administrative Assistant Jackie Longmire as recording secretary.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

May 23, 2007

Motion # 1

It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Shaffner approval of the regular Council minutes dated May 23, 2007. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Under Correspondence add:

{b} Request from Chris Burrell re: Basketball Court

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

June 18, 2007

Motion # 2

It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Hudson approval of the agenda dated June 18, 2007, as amended. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

PRESENTATIONS None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Swimming Subsidy	Several different options for managing the subsidy were discussed. The Recreation Director suggested gathering feedback in an attempt to manage and market the funds properly. It was agreed that the funds would be available to Town residents, business owners and possibly staff members. The Recreation Director will prepare a staff report for the next Committee of the Whole meeting on July 4, 2007.		
{b} Annapolis Royal Pool	Councillor Roberts distributed copies of a report from the Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society. The Society committed to reaching a total of \$50,000.00 in pledges and in kind donations at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 6, 2007. Councillor Roberts said that the \$50,000.00 has been met with little or no effort. He said that the Society has contacted the Province and there appear to be no issues with the Town transferring the funds from the Province to FAPS. He asked that the Town consider a rental agreement for the land where the new pool will be built. He also asked that the Town consider redirecting the \$15,000.00 that was budgeted as a swimming subsidy, to the pool project. Deputy Mayor DeWolfe asked if this amount would be above the \$225,000.00 that Mayor Kinsella is asking the Town to contribute to the project. It was determined that any additional funding requests or transfers would be over and above the original \$225,000.00 that was committed.		

<p>Annapolis Royal Pool - continued</p>	<p>CAO Boyer has drafted an agreement between the Town and the Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society. Council had previously reviewed the agreement and the following motion was made for discussion purposes:</p> <p><i>Motion #3</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to approve, in principle, the agreement that the CAO drafted between the Town of Annapolis Royal and the Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society.</i></p> <p>Mayor Kinsella asked if it was the intention of the Society to continue to maintain the pool after it was constructed. Councillor Roberts said that all the details have not been worked out; maintenance and operation of the pool, after construction, would be decided. He said that if the Society considered operation and maintenance, it would require a \$15,000.00 per year operating grant from the Town.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor DeWolfe asked about insurance and liability. Councillor Roberts said that the agreement states that the Town could assume responsibility through its liability insurance. He said that it is impossible to get an insurance quote before the pool is actually built. CAO Boyer said that a pool is considered one of the highest liability risks. Councillor Hudson said that insurance on the previous pool was covered under a blanket program with the Town=s general insurance.</p> <p>Councillor Roberts asked if the Town might consider purchasing all supplies and materials for the project so that a portion of the HST could be refunded. Deputy Mayor DeWolfe said that, as a non-profit society, FAPS would be entitled to a 50% rebate of its HST expense. Deputy Mayor DeWolfe noted that the Society is taking</p>		
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	<p>on a very ambitious fund raising project and asked what happens if the Society doesn't raise the entire amount needed to fund the project. Councillor Roberts said that he has faith in the respected members of the Society and he does not know what will happen if the Society is not successful. Deputy Mayor DeWolfe said that she would not continue to oppose the project, but she needed answers to her questions.</p>		
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<p>Annapolis Royal Pool - continued</p>	<p>Councillor Shaffner said that he stands firmly committed to the original \$225,000.00, but nothing above that. He also said that he does not want to see the Town become involved in purchasing supplies and materials. Councillor Boulding agreed with Councillor Shaffner's comments.</p> <p>Mayor Kinsella suggested that the Town borrow the \$225,000.00 because the budget has been approved and forwarded to the Province. Bridge financing, loan payments and financing options were discussed. CAO Boyer asked for the terms of the agreement to be clarified. She asked if the Society was asking for \$225,000.00 in funding, plus insurance and operating expenses. Mayor Kinsella suggested that the motion on the table be amended and questions of operating would be addressed after the motion.</p> <p><i>Motion #5</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Roberts to approve, in principle, the agreement that the CAO drafted between the Town of Annapolis Royal and the Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society and to include the \$225,000.00 in funding that had been previously approved by Council.</i> <i>MOTION CARRIED</i></p> <p>Councillor Roberts said that the Society would be the builder and operator of the pool and again mentioned the \$15,000.00 in yearly operating grants. There was a discussion about cash flow issues and prudent decisions. The Recreation Director said that an expense of \$18,000.00 - \$22,000.00 should be expected for operating. He said that good decisions must be made and the Town</p>		
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Annapolis Royal Pool - continued	<p>In light of the decision to financially support the pool project in the amount of \$225,000.00, it was agreed that the Lower St. George Street Phase II be postponed. An amount of \$125,000.00 was budgeted for the project and postponement would allow for extra funds required for the pool.</p> <p><i>Motion #6</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Shaffner, that the Lower St. George Street - Phase II project be deferred until the 2008 - 2009 fiscal year. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p> <p>The Recreation Director said that it was important for the Society not to cut costs on the pool construction because it may cause maintenance problems in the future. He congratulated the Society on their efforts and reminded Mayor and Council that the entire project may become the responsibility of the Town if the Society is unable to raise the funds. He also offered to act as resource person for the Society.</p> <p>CAO Boyer noted that the Town would have to spend in excess of</p>		
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MOTION(S) OF RECONSIDERATION: none

MOTION(S) OF RESCISSION: none

OTHER NOTICE(S) OF MOTION: none
NEW BUSINESS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Water Reports	Reports have been reviewed and found to be satisfactory.	CAO	
{b} Saturday morning congestion complaints	Complaints have been received from a business owner on Lower St. George Street regarding congestion issues during the Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings. The issues have been discussed with Farmers' Market representatives and the Town Planner Roger Sturtevant and they do not agree with the details of the complaint. It is expected that every area that hosts a Farmers' Market would experience the same type of congestion problems. Mayor Kinsella said that the area of the market has been extended to alleviate congestion issues inside the market and other changes have been made in an attempt to solve the problems. It was noted that there would appear to be congestion at the entrance point near the old Post Office building. It was agreed that the CAO would contact Market representatives to request that the entrance point near the old Post Office building be kept clear.		

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Recommendations from Committee of the Whole	<p>7. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Boulding, approval of the application for changes to Heritage Property located at 83 Victoria Street and 320 St. George Street. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>8. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Roberts, approval of the application for changes to Heritage Property located at 494 St. George Street, with the bake oven project being subject to Fire Inspector approval upon completion. MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>9. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Shaffner, approval of the application for changes to Heritage Property located at 170 St. George Street, subject to answers regarding the type and location of the fence. MOTION CARRIED.</p>		
{b} Board of Police Commissioners	<p>The regular Board meeting was held on June 13, 2007. A retirement party for Dave Allen is planned for June 23, 2007; he completed his last day of work on June 16, 2007. The hiring process for the new Constable continues and a decision will be made over the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor DeWolfe said that the Board had another discussion about the re-painting of parking lines. It is the Board's recommendation that the Town re-paint all parking related lines in an attempt to solve safety concerns and to maximize the number of</p>	Deputy Mayor DeWolfe	

	<p>parking spaces. There should also be a <i>No parking</i> sign erected in front of The Source. It was agreed that the minimum standard size for parking spots would be used.</p> <p><i>Motion #10</i> <i>It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Hudson, approval of the request from the Annapolis Royal Board of Police Commissioners to have all parking related lines repainted on St. George Street. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p> <p>It was noted the Councillor Roberts is opposed to the repainting of parking space lines.</p>		
{c} Annapolis/Digby Economic Development Agency (ADEDA)	<p>Deputy Mayor DeWolfe and Mayor Kinsella attended a lunch meeting which involved Mike Comeau, Louise Watson and Neal Conrad and consisted of a presentation on the mandate of ADEDA. The next regular meeting will be held on June 28 at 4:00 pm. The meeting time was changed to accommodate those who wish to attend the Digby Ferry Rally. Mayor Kinsella said that there is an on line survey related to the issue and the link will be provided to those who wish to complete it.</p>		

{c} Mayor=s Report	<p>Mayor Kinsella attended several meetings during the month. He commented on the Environmental Week events and said that it was quite successful. He will be addressing the review panel for the Whites Point Quarry and asked Council to reconfirm that the Town is opposed to the project. Mayor Kinsella will consult with CARP and Warden Newton before he addresses the review panel.</p>	Mayor John Kinsella	
{d} King=s Theatre	<p>Councillor Roberts reminded Council of the benefits of membership and said that a newsletter will be coming out that outlines all the</p>	Councillor Phil Roberts	

	benefits.		
{e} Hanse Society	Councillor Boulding said that Upper Clement=s Park opens for the season today. He also commented on the positive article that appeared in The Chronicle Herald about the park.	Councillor Ron Boulding	
{f} Historic Gardens	Councillor Shaffner was not able to attend the last meeting but he said that the Board has a new Chair, Ian Davidson, who is open to progressive ideas.	Councillor Doug Shaffner	

CORRESPONDENCE

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Milford and Area Community Center - in support of the Annapolis Royal Pool.	For information only.		
{b} Request from Chris Burrell re: Basket Ball Courts	A letter and petition in support of a basket ball area being constructed on the old pool site was received. The request will be forwarded to the Recreation Department for consideration.		

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Councillor Roberts said that an eleven member group from Annapolis Royal visited Annapolis, Maryland as part of the twinning process. He described the visit as a wonderful experience and said that a high level of marketing was achieved.

NEXT MEETING July 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Boulding to adjourn the meeting.

<i>Action:</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Reviewed by Mayor John Kinsella		
Changes made by Administrative Assistant Jackie Longmire		
Approved for website by Mayor or CAO		
Forwarded to the Website		