

MINUTES
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
REGULAR COUNCIL
May 21, 2008
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of Council was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 in Council Chambers at Town Hall. In attendance were Chair Mayor Jane DeWolfe, Councillors Sherman Hudson, Doug Shaffner, Phil Roberts and Ron Boulding, CAO Amery Boyer, Municipal Intern Tammy Bernasky and Jackie Longmire as recording secretary.

Regrets: Director of Finance Melony Robinson

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

April 21, 2008

Motion # 1

It was moved by Councillor Shaffner, seconded by Councillor Hudson, approval of the regular Council minutes dated April 21, 2008. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Under Presentations add:

{a} Paul Nedimovich – 40th Regiment of Foot Society

Under New Business add:

{f} Draft Tax Policy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

May 21, 2008

Motion # 2

It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Hudson, approval of the agenda dated May 21, 2008, as amended. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Paul Nedimovich – 40th Regiment of Foot Society – Mr. Nedimovich said that the regiment originated here in 1710 and he has been able to trace back fifty –five years of regiment history in Annapolis Royal, specifically Fort Anne. He said that the group is separate from others who re-enact different periods. He explained that there are eight members at this point but an additional 65 will be confirmed after an upcoming board meeting.

Mr. Nedimovich provided a report of further details, suggestions and ideas for the relationship of the Town and the Regiment. The cost of costumes and accessories was discussed and Councillor Roberts suggested that the group contact Ken Nye regarding uniforms. It was also suggested that the group raise its profile by participating in the 2008 Natal Day parade. CAO Boyer and Marketing and Events Co-ordinator Sally Burnie have previously met with Mr. Nedimovich; all options were discussed and it is clear that the Town has no funds at this time. CAO Boyer said that grant opportunities and other funding could be researched.

Mr. Nedimovich highlighted some of the benefits to the Town through a relationship with the regiment. It was agreed that the possibility of encampments and marketing opportunities is an interesting concept for the Town. The report will be further reviewed and discussed at the next meeting of Council in June.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Taxi By-law – Second and final reading	<i>Motion #3</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Hudson, second and final reading of the Taxi By-law.</i>	Administrative Assistant – prepare for signature	
{b} By-law to Repeal Certain By-laws – Second and final reading	<i>Motion #4</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Boulding, second and final reading of the By-law to Repeal Certain By-laws.</i> <i>Motion carried.</i>	Administrative Assistant – prepare for signature	

{c} Solid Waste-Material Management By-law – Second and final reading	Motion #5 <i>It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Boulding, second and final reading of the Solid Waste-Material Management By-law. Motion carried.</i>	Administrative Assistant – prepare for signature	
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NEW BUSINESS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Festival and Events 2008	CAO Boyer presented a tourism related booklet that was published by the Province of Nova Scotia. Annapolis Royal has received a free advertisement in the booklet as a result of the upcoming Ride the Lobster event. The cost of the ad to the Town would have been \$400.00.	No action required	
{b} Tidal Power Plant	A drawing of the interior renovation of the upper level at the Tidal Power Plant was reviewed. CAO Boyer described minor changes that will open up the upper level so that it can be used for conferences and meetings. The project is almost complete, at the expense of NSPI.	No action required	
{c} Request for decision – Increased user fees by the ADPC	<p>The list of changes had been previously distributed through e-mail for review by all members of Council. CAO Boyer said that Middleton has adopted the new fee structure and it is expected that Bridgetown will do the same. The increased rates will reduce the service fee that is paid by the Town by approximately \$6,000.00.</p> <p>It was noted that the fee increase will have no impact on development that has permits in place. Any new development, after the rates have been approved, would be subject to the increased fees.</p> <p>Motion #6 <i>It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Shaffner, to accept and approve the new fee structure for such items as building permits, planning document amendments and subdivisions through Annapolis District Planning Commission. Motion carried.</i></p>	CAO Boyer	

<p>{d} Request for decision – Conference call capability from Council Chambers</p>	<p>The Annapolis Heritage Society has asked if it is possible for the Town to install a phone system for conference calls in Council Chambers. Two members of the board of AHS fly to the area to attend monthly meetings and conference call capability would eliminate the need for that air travel. It was agreed that making the service available would not be a big expense to the Town. AHS will be billed for the service as it is used.</p>	<p>CAO Boyer to discuss the issue with the Director of Finance. Admin Assistant to explore options and cost</p>	
<p>{e} Appointment of a new Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>John Kinsella resigned as Mayor on April 21, 2008. Deputy Mayor DeWolfe assumed the Mayor position until the election in October, 2008. The position of Deputy Mayor has been vacant since that time.</p> <p>Councillor Hudson nominated Councillor Shaffner as Deputy Mayor; Councillor Shaffner declined. Councillor Hudson then nominated Councillor Roberts for the position.</p> <p><i>Motion #13</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Boulding, to appoint Councillor Roberts as the Deputy Mayor for the Town of Annapolis Royal. Motion carried.</i></p>		
<p>{f} Draft Tax Policy</p>	<p>Shawn Hudson, who has been with the Town on a four week work experience program through NSCC, has drafted a Tax Policy for further review and consideration. Through his research, Mr. Hudson has not been able to find another municipality that has a similar policy. It appears that Halifax Regional Municipality is working toward tax reform but no such policy has been drafted to date. Mr. Hudson explained the details of the draft policy and clarified questions on the graphs. It was noted that staff is not in a position to make a recommendation to Council on this issue at this point. It was agreed that this policy will be further reviewed by staff and Council. It will be placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole for further discussion.</p>		

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Recommendations from Committee of the Whole	<p>The motion to recommend to Council to accept and approve the Employee Wellness Policy was not seconded by a member of Council. The policy will not be approved in the 2008/2009 fiscal year.</p> <p>Motion #8 <i>It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Boulding, to accept and approve the request to locate the Lions Club Mobile Canteen on St. George Street during Natal Day Weekend. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Motion #9 <i>It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to forward the request for \$250.00 for the Fallen Peace Officers Memorial to budget for further consideration. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Motion #10 <i>It was moved by Councillor Shaffner, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to accept and approve the 2008-2009 website contract. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Motion #11 <i>It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Boulding, to approve the request to write off taxes on Town-owned properties with roll numbers 04997409 and 92398. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Motion #12 <i>It was moved by Councillor Shaffner, seconded by Councillor Hudson, to approve the application for changes to heritage property located at 310 St. George Street on the condition that the application be approved by ADPC. Motion carried. (signage)</i></p>		

	<i>Motion #13</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Shaffner, to approve the application for changes to heritage property located at 712 St. George Street. Motion carried. (painting and general maintenance)</i>		
{b} Board of Police Commissioners	Mayor DeWolfe said that no meeting was held in May. Chief Campbell is on an unpaid leave of absence for the month of May. Mayor DeWolfe also said that Sergeant Miller suffered a severe medical condition on May 19 and remains in critical condition, after surgery.	Mayor Jane DeWolfe	
{c} Mayor's Report	Mayor DeWolfe attended several events and meetings on behalf of the Town, during the last month. Mayor DeWolfe also said that she will not be attending the upcoming meeting regarding the Old Annapolis Road. There have been issues raised by the Tobiatric Society; it has established the area as a protected wilderness area.	Mayor John Kinsella	
{d} King's Theatre	Councillor Roberts said that Alice White is the new Chair of the King's Theatre Board. He remains on the board as the Deputy Chair with Carol Littleton as Secretary and Andrea Boulding as Treasurer. Interior renovations in the lobby are almost complete	Councillor Phil Roberts	
{e} REMO	A meeting was not held in the Month of May. There was nothing to report.	Deputy Mayor Jane DeWolfe	
{f} Hanse Society	Councillor Boulding reported that the Hanse Society is busy getting the park ready for the 2008 season. A haunted house has been added as a new attraction. Maintenance on the rides continues to be a challenge and some of the food venues will be operated by the Society. The park is expecting greater participation on the part of the schools and looks forward to a good year.	Councillor Ron Boulding	
{g} Historic Gardens	Councillor Shaffner said that he has written reports that contain more information. He noted issues such as the purchase of a new tractor and minor changes to the health plan for employees.	Councillor Doug Shaffner	

{h} FAPS	Councillor Roberts reported that the pool should be complete by mid-June with the outer buildings completed by the end of June.	Councillor Phil Roberts	
{g} Twinning Committee	Councillor Roberts said that a group from Annapolis, Maryland will be visiting from for ten days beginning on August 8, 2008. He said that entertainment and events are being planned around that visit. A group from Royan will be visiting Quebec for anniversary celebrations.		

CORRESPONDENCE

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} None			

NEXT MEETING June 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Boulding to adjourn the meeting.

Action:	Date	Signature
Reviewed by Mayor Jane DeWolfe		
Changes made by Administrative Assistant, Jackie Longmire		

Approved for website by Mayor or CAO		
Forwarded to the Website		