

MINUTES
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
REGULAR COUNCIL
May 23, 2007
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Town of Annapolis Royal Council was held on Wednesday, May 23, 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 and Administrative Assistant Jackie Longmire as recording secretary. Spectator Representative, Carolyn Sloan was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

April 25, 2007

Motion # 1

It was moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe approval of the regular Council minutes dated April 25, 2007. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Under Presentations add:

1. Arthur Kungle, Annapolis, Maryland

Under New Business add:

{d} Champlain/Ritchie New Watermain

Under Correspondence add:

{b} Valley Community Learning Association

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

May 23, 2007

Motion # 2

It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Boulding approval of the agenda dated May 23, 2007, as amended. Motion carried.

Mayor Kinsella asked if any of the Councillors had a conflict of interest with any item on the Agenda. Councillor Roberts declared a conflict with the Public Hearing. Councillor Roberts lives in close proximity to the property to be discussed; Councillor Roberts left the room before the Public Hearing began.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Development Agreement, 150 St. George Street - Town Planner Roger Sturtevant and property owner Suzan Hebditch were present for the hearing. Mr. Sturtevant explained that the new development agreement will allow the business to have four rooms for accommodations, the exterior of the building will not be affected and there is ample parking area. There will be a two week appeal period after Council makes the approval decision.

Motion #3

It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Shaffner, that subsequent to the report of the planner; on recommendation of PHAC, after holding a public hearing thereon; and following full consideration by Council of Section 27.7 of the MPS and all related policies, that the Hepditch parcel at 150 St. George Street be rezoned from Residential Light Density (R1) zone to Heritage Commercial (C3) Zone. Motion carried.

Motion #4

It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Shaffner, that subsequent to the report of the planner; on recommendation of PHAC, after holding a public hearing thereon; and following full consideration by Council of the MPS and all related policies, that the development agreement between the previous owner of the property at 150 St. George Street and the Town of Annapolis Royal be discharged, effective on completion of the Heritage Commercial (C3) rezoning process. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Arthur Kungle - Annapolis, Maryland - Mr. Kungle presented the Mayor and Council with a copy of an Annapolis, Maryland map dating back to 1719. He said that he has information to leave with the Library and Public Works. Mr. Kungle expressed his ideas for sharing information and a possible twinning of Counties. Council thanked Mr. Kungle for the gifts and the presentation.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Natal Day Committee - Request for funding	A letter has been forwarded to the committee explaining budget limitations.		

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} National Tree Planting Challenge	Council decided not to participate in the National Tree Planting Challenge at this time.		
{c} Skatepark	<p>Active Living Facilitator, Andr_ Bouchard said that assistance is required to secure a location for the proposed Skatepark. He reviewed the site location matrix with Council and explained the site selection process. Mr. Bouchard said that there are approximately ten locations to be assessed and he asked for a representative from Council to assist the Committee. The preferred site locations are within Town limits and the design of the park cannot be determined until the site has been selected.</p> <p>Mr. Bouchard addressed common concerns of a Skatepark facility. He said that graffiti and noise issues would be eliminated through good design. Town Planner, Roger Sturtevant commented on the matrix and said that</p>		

	<p>any location that has a rating of zero against certain criteria should not be considered.</p> <p>Mr. Bouchard asked what was the best way to measure public support. Mayor Kinsella said that meetings and surveys have proved successful in the past and that he had confidence in survey results.</p> <p>Councillor Roberts and Councillor Boulding both offered to assist the group with site selection.</p>		
{d} Capital and Operating Budget	<p>The Director of Finance presented the budget with changes as a result of the Budget Meeting held earlier in the day. She explained the changes as some items decreased in an attempt to accommodate the anticipated pool expense. Now that the pool has been removed from the 2007 - 2008 budget those items were increased to their original budgeted amount.</p> <p>Mayor Kinsella asked if it would be possible to add a swimming subsidy to the budget. An amount of \$15,000.00 was discussed and will be added. Details of the program will be announced as soon as they have been established. Curb and sidewalk improvements, as phase 2, on Lower St. George Street were also discussed. This phase will proceed as originally planned.</p> <p><i>Motion #5</i> <i>It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Shaffner that the 2007 - 2008 operating and capital budgets be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$2 045 708.79 with the tax rate set at \$3.05 commercial and \$1.65 residential. Motion carried.</i></p>		

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Recommendations from	<p><i>6. It was moved by Councillor Roberts,, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, approval of the request to write off Town owned property tax</i></p>		

Committee of the Whole	<p><i>bills with assessment numbers 4997409, 92398 and 4641442. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><i>7. It was moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Shaffner approval of the adoption of the Policy on Naming Roads. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><i>8. It was moved by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Shaffner approval of the applications for changes to Heritage Properties, as detailed in the Agenda. Motion carried.</i></p>		
{b} Board of Police Commissioners	The regular Board meeting was held on May 16, 2007. Interviews for the new Constable position will take place over the next few days.	Deputy Mayor DeWolfe	
{c} Annapolis/Digby Economic Development Agency (ADEDA)	A meeting is scheduled for tonight, CAO Boyer and Deputy Mayor DeWolfe will attend.		
{c} Mayor's Report	Mayor Kinsella attended several meetings and events during the month of May. He also said that the Mayors' and Wardens' meeting will now coincide with the ADEDA meetings, beginning in June.	Mayor John Kinsella	
{d} King's Theatre	Councillor Roberts said that a new House Manager has been hired. Three summer students will be hired through the provincial program at an approximate cost to the Theatre, of \$2.00 per hour per student. Councillor Roberts also mentioned that the heating pipes in the basement need to be insulated. He asked that Public Works do the insulating and that the Town contribute \$500.00 toward the expense. The amount was added to the 2007 - 2008 budget.	Councillor Phil Roberts	
{e} Hanse Society	Councillor Boulding reported that the Hanse Society is moving ahead well. They are in the process of preparing the park for the 2007 season and are expecting a good year. The AVRSB has reconsidered the decision not to support school trips to the Park and now recognize the educational component. Councillor Boulding said that the Park is exploring the possibility of installing a laser tag facility to generate additional revenue.	Councillor Ron Boulding	
{f} Historic Gardens	Councillor Shaffner attended the AGM on May 22, 2007. He said that	Councillor	

	encouraging reports were presented and the Gardens appears to be in a good financial position. A new roof will be installed on the restaurant building at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00.	Doug Shaffner	
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CORRESPONDENCE

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Information on May 14, 2007 Asset Management Workshop in Hamilton	CAO Boyer attended the workshop and outlined the information to Council. She said that the Annapolis Royal presentation was well received and was the only presentation to include heritage. The workshop stressed the importance of long term sustainability plans for municipal infrastructure.		
{b} Valley Community Learning Association	For information only.		
{c} Municipality of the County of Annapolis - Derelict Vehicle Program	For information only.		

NEXT MEETING June 18, 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		