

MINUTES
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
REGULAR COUNCIL
October 15, 2007
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Council was held on Monday, October 15, 2007 in Council Chambers at Town Hall. In attendance were Chair Mayor John Kinsella, Deputy Mayor Jane DeWolfe, Councillors Sherman Hudson and Ron Boulding, CAO Amery Boyer, Municipal Intern Tammy Bernasky and Administrative Assistant Jackie Longmire as recording secretary.

Regrets: Councillor Phil Roberts, Councillor Doug Shaffner and Director of Finance Melony Robinson.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

September 17, 2007

Motion # 1

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe approval of the regular Council minutes dated September 17, 2007 and the minutes of the Special Council meeting on September 14, 2007, as presented. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Under Correspondence add:

- {a} Hatch
- {b} Service Nova Scotia

The In Camera item {a} To discuss negotiations with the Board of Trade was moved to New Business as item {c}.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

October 15, 2007

Motion # 2

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe approval of the agenda dated October 15, 2007, as amended. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Russell Mackintosh - Fire Association - Mr. Mackintosh asked Council to reconsider the decision to negotiate a new funding agreement with the County. He said that the decision of the Town is causing bad feelings in the Association. Mr. Mackintosh said that he has had conversations with the Annapolis Royal Fire Chief and he is unhappy with the decision.

Mayor Kinsella said that the Town made a proposal to Annapolis County regarding the funding relationship. He said that this was discussed with the Annapolis Royal Fire Chief and he does not understand why he is upset with the decision now. Mayor Kinsella asked how he could assist with the issue at this time. Mr. Mackintosh said that the Fire Chief is unhappy with the Association rather than with the Town. Mr. Mackintosh talked about the negotiations and how, in the past, x number of dollars was determined for the funding of the Department with no negotiations. Mayor Kinsella said that is why the Town is attempting to work with the County regarding funding, to look out for the best interests of the Department.

No negotiation meetings have been scheduled and the Fire Service Agreement ends on December 31, 2007. Mayor Kinsella suggested that the CAO handle the negotiations as with other agreements. Bridgetown and Middleton will be contacted and the CAOs of the three Towns should be involved in the negotiation process.

Mayor Kinsella said that the Town supports the Fire Chief and wants the best for the Annapolis Royal Fire Department. Mr. Mackintosh said that the process has been difficult and other departments are now considering charging the Annapolis Royal Department for shared services. Mayor Kinsella assured Mr. Mackintosh that the Town is attempting to get the best deal for the Department and a deal will be negotiated that is amicable for everyone.

- (2) Katrina McLaughlin - 6 Grange Street - Ms. McLaughlin did not attend the meeting; no information was provided.
- (3) Garden Award Presentations - The winners of the Garden Awards 2007 were invited to attend the meeting for the presentation of the awards. Carol Littleton received the modern garden award. Greg Pyle did not attend to receive the award for the Victorian garden at the Queen Anne Inn. He will be contacted and arrangements will be made for him to pick up the prize.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Deteriorated condition of the older waterfront boardwalk	CAO Boyer is waiting for an estimate of costs from Hatch. The Town had been advised to close the boardwalk and all information has been forwarded to the Town Solicitor George Lohnes for advice. It may be possible that the boardwalk can remain open with the appropriate signage.		
{b} Sign issues on Lower St. George Street	The issue was discussed and it was agreed that it would be deferred until the budget year of 2008-2009.		

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} Annapolis Valley Regional Library	2006 Annual Report - for information only		
{b} Annapolis, Maryland - Donation of surplus vehicle	Annapolis, Maryland has donated a surplus paramedic vehicle to the Annapolis Royal Fire Department. The truck will arrive on October 20, 2007 and the donation will be recognized with a ceremony at the Town Hall.		

{c} Visitor Information Centre	<p>Ruth Thorbourne of NSPI has contacted the Town regarding the operation of the Visitor Information Centre at the Tidal Power Plant. The general indication is that the Board of Trade will no longer be able to continue the operation in future years. All options were discussed and the Tourism Council will be approached about the possibility of that group operating the VIC.</p> <p>The VIC closed for the season in early October and operated on reduced hours for the later part of the season. Councillor Boulding said that he expressed concerns to the Board of Trade and was informed that a sign was posted at the VIC directing tourists to the Town Hall for information. Councillor Boulding went to the VIC and found no such sign.</p> <p>CAO Boyer will contact Beth Fairn, the Town liaison with the Board of Trade, to discuss the issues. Councillor Boulding and Mayor Kinsella offered to assist in the discussions. It is the consensus among Council to continue with a Visitor Information Centre in Annapolis Royal.</p>		
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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Recommendations from Committee of the Whole	<i>3. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Boulding approval of the additional spending on an emergency bypass and to accommodate the sewage flow from the Annapolis West Educational Centre. Motion carried.</i>		

<p>{a} Recommendations from Committee of the Whole - continued</p>	<p>4. It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe adoption of the Policy on Staff Training. Motion carried.</p> <p>5. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Boulding approval of the request for payment of the invoice from Ron Martin's Plumbing and Heating for the seesnake camera inspection at the Harrison Property. Motion carried.</p> <p>6. It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Boulding approval of the request to enter the Sustainable Community Awards Competition. Motion carried.</p> <p>7. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Hudson approval of the application for changes to heritage property located at 288 St. George Street. (wooden signage) Motion carried.</p> <p>8. It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Hudson approval of the purchase of the property located at 6 Grange Street from the Province for \$1.00. Motion carried</p> <p>9. It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe acceptance of the purchase and sale agreement between the Town of Annapolis Royal and Stephen MacDonald and Katrina McLaughlin in the amount of \$28,000.00 plus applicable HST pending the removal of the environmental warranties from the agreement. Motion carried.</p> <p>10. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Hudson approval of the request for the keys to the property located at 6 Grange Street be given to the prospective buyers with the understanding that any improvement expenses will not be reimbursed in the event that the purchase and sale agreement is not completed. Motion carried.</p>		
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	<p>11. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Hudson approval of the 2.1% cost of living salary increase for the Chief of the Annapolis Royal Police Department with retroactive pay dating back to April, 2007. Motion carried.</p> <p>A nay vote was recorded on the above motion from Councillor Boulding.</p>		
{b} Board of Police Commissioners	The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 10. The Department is still in the process of hiring another officer. The officer who was scheduled to begin on November 1, 2007 is unable due to the cancellation of required training. The process will continue and Council will be updated as necessary.	Deputy Mayor DeWolfe	
{c} Mayor's Report	Mayor Kinsella attended several events and meetings including the unveiling of the new public transit bus in Digby. Mayor Kinsella also made a presentation on Town policies and other issues to the opposition caucus. Mayor Kinsella talked about the Royal Ball in Annapolis, Maryland and the rescue vehicle that the Maryland Fire Department has donated to the Annapolis Royal Fire Department. The vehicle has an estimated value of \$22,000.00 and is a very generous donation.	Mayor John Kinsella	
{d} King's Theatre	Councillor Roberts was not in attendance to give an update.	Councillor Phil Roberts	
{e} REMO	The next meeting is scheduled for January, 2008.	Deputy Mayor Jane DeWolfe	
{f} Hanse Society	Councillor Boulding reported that Upper Clements Park and the Wildlife Park have experienced significant increases in revenue and attendance this year. Mayor Kinsella asked if the Society will be able to sustain the Park in the long run. Councillor Boulding replied "yes" and added that the Society is considering the addition of new attractions.	Councillor Ron Boulding	
{g} Historic Gardens	Councillor Shaffner was not in attendance to offer a report but Mayor Kinsella and Deputy Mayor DeWolfe said that they have heard that both attendance and revenue were up in 2007.	Councillor Doug Shaffner	

{h} FAPS	Councillor Roberts will offer an update at the next meeting.	Councillor Phil Roberts	
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CORRESPONDENCE

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Hatch	Tender contracts have been awarded to Brown Bros. for Union Street and Phase 2 of the King's Theatre project.		
{b} Service Nova Scotia	The Annual Report of Service Nova Scotia was received and will be placed in the read in file for further review.		

NEXT MEETING November 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe to adjourn the meeting.

<i>Action:</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Reviewed by Mayor John Kinsella		
Changes made by Administrative Assistant		

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Jackie Longmire		
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