

MINUTES
TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
REGULAR COUNCIL
September 17, 2007
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Council was held on Monday, September 17, 2007 in Council Chambers at Town Hall. In attendance were Chair Mayor John Kinsella, Deputy Mayor Jane DeWolfe, Councillors Sherman Hudson, Phil Roberts, Ron Boulding and Doug Shaffner, CAO Amery Boyer, Director of Finance Melony Robinson, Municipal Intern Tammy Bernasky and Administrative Assistant Jackie Longmire as recording secretary.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

August 20, 2007

Motion # 1

It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Hudson approval of the regular Council minutes dated August 20, 2007, as presented. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Under Presentations add:

- (1) Mike Gushue -ADEDA - 9:00 a.m.
- (2) Joy Elliott - 9:30 a.m.

Under Business Arising add:

- {e} Request from FAPS
- {f} Climate Change Impact

Under Recommendations from Committees, Boards and Commissions add:

- {h} REMO

Under In-Camera add:

- (1) Negotiations - Agreements

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

September 17, 2007

Motion # 2

***It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Hudson approval of the agenda dated September 17, 2007, as amended.
Motion carried.***

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Mike Gushue - ADEDA - Economic Development Officer Joy O'Neill presented an update on behalf of ADEDA. She highlighted specific items that ADEDA is working on. Those items include strategic direction, creating jobs, new investment, increasing tourism, increasing immigrants and adding value. She explained each item in detail and said that the organization has made good progress in many areas.

It is the intention of ADEDA to collect business related data, create a report on the findings and conduct a comparison of Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Middleton and Digby. She said that this may generate information that could assist each Town with business retention and expansion.

Mr. Gushue added that he is following up on leads for the Shaw and Britex buildings and has discovered that not only are the buildings great assets, but the former employees of both locations are as well. Mr. Gushue said that all options are being explored.

- (2) Joy Elliott - Several projects in Town were discussed. Ms. Elliott talked about the possibility of a sidewalk being created along the Fort Anne side of St. George Street, in the angle parking area. She said that there are several options for completing the side walk as part of the Perimeter Trail and costs in 2004 were estimated at \$25,000.00. There are safety issues in the area and eliminating the angle parking, creating the sidewalk and establishing parallel parking may solve some of the problems. It was agreed that the Traffic Authority would be asked to offer advice on this issue.

Revitalization of the old boardwalk was also discussed. Ms. Elliott has assessed the condition of the boardwalk with Superintendent of

Public Works Kevin McLean. It was built in 1983 and the wood has exceeded its life expectancy. She said that the older boardwalk poses real liability issues for the Town and it should be replaced as soon as possible. Hatch Engineer Kevin Skebo has recommended that the Town consider closing it to the public until repair or replacement work is completed. There was also a discussion about raising the grade of the boardwalk in the event of storm surges that may flood the area. It was agreed that there have been floods in the past and it was not necessary to make those alterations.

Mayor Kinsella asked that pavers, concrete and pressure treated lumber all be considered as options for replacement of the King's theatre plaza. Ms. Elliott provided a report on the items discussed; a package of ideas and options will be distributed at a later date.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} Deteriorated condition of the older waterfront boardwalk	Brown Bros. Excavating and Joy Elliott have been assigned to the project. The preliminary engineering cost is estimated at \$10,000.00, which is not budgeted.		
{b} Condition of Town Hall basement	All areas except the Foodbank have been cleared of laminate flooring. Larry Fairn will be bleaching and cleaning the area. Ceramic tile will be installed as soon as the cleaning process is complete.		
{c} Flashing amber lights at the intersection of Prince Albert Road and St. George Street	A request to have the flashing amber traffic lights at the intersection changed to flashing red was reviewed and approved by the Traffic Authority Laurie Emms.		
{d} Application to confirm the number of Councillors	The Application has been approved. A decision and order were received from the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board.		
{e} Request from FAPS	A letter was received from FAPS requesting that funds that have been held in trust by the Town be released. There have been some issues with donations that require receipts and the cheques not being written to the Town. This matter seems to have been straightened out. FAPS has also asked that the Town release the \$225,000.00 that was previously approved. The Director of Finance asked that the Society access other funds before		

	there is the need of the \$225,000.00 from the Town. The Town will pay the accounts payable of FAPS in the interim. A payment schedule will be given to the Director of Finance.		
{a} Climate Change Impact	The report was circulated in advance to members of Council for review. Although it is felt by some members of Council that the Town does not need a levee it was considered prudent to explore what funding options are available.		

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} Town Suites	A demonstration by ProCom will take place in 2007. Digby, Bridgetown and New Minas will also be attending and are considering the switch from Munisoft.		
{b} Capital Investment Plan	Comments and questions have been deferred until October 3, 2007		
{c} 2008 Experience Rating Statement from WCB	All of the Town's rates are down due to favourable experience. The rate for Police will increase due to a serious work related injury this year.		
{d} Request to proclaim November 18 - 25 Restorative Justice Week	A decision was made, based on policy, not to make the proclamation.		

{e} Request to appoint Grant Potter as Acting CAO from October 9 - 12, 2007	<p>The CAO and the Director of Finance will be away from October 9 - 12, 2007.</p> <p><i>Motion #4</i> <i>It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe that Grant Potter be appointed Acting CAO from October 9 - 12, 2007. Motion carried.</i></p>		
{e} Fire Services meeting in Lawrencetown	CAO Boyer and Tammy Bernasky will attend the meeting this evening.		
{f} Low Income Tax Exemption Policy	The policy is preapproved and will be re-instated for 2007 -2008 to address the needs of a resident.		

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

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{a} Recommendations from Committee of the Whole	<p>5. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Roberts approval of the adoption of the Policy on Staff Training as amended. Motion Carried.</p> <p>6. It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Roberts approval of the application for changes to heritage property located at 780 St. George Street. Motion carried.</p>		
{b} Board of Police Commissioners	<p>The Board of Police Commissioners recommends the hiring of James McKay beginning on September 18, 2007 and James Strum effective November 1, 2007. Both new members will be full time and police coverage in the Town will increase to 120 hours per week. Salaries and compensation were recommended to Council for approval by the Board at the meeting held on September 12, 2007.</p> <p>Motion #7 It was moved by Deputy Mayor DeWolfe, seconded by Councillor Boulding approval of the recommendation to hire of James McKay beginning on September 18, 2007 and James Strum effective November 1, 2007, as Constables with the Annapolis Royal Police Department . Motion carried.</p>	Deputy Mayor DeWolfe	
{c} Mayor's Report	<p>Mayor Kinsella has attended the boardwalk unveiling, the Ciderfest Fitness Challenge, the Terry Fox Run and other events over the past month. He thanked Deputy Mayor DeWolfe and members of Council for also attending events during this busy time.</p>	Mayor John Kinsella	
{d} King's Theatre	<p>Councillor Roberts said that a meeting of the King's Theatre Foundation has taken place. The foundation controls contributions and donations and is separate from the board. Councillor Roberts also said that Mike Gunn is now a member of the Ways & Means Committee.</p>	Councillor Phil Roberts	
{e} Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency	<p>Strategic planning meetings will be held on September 20 and 21, 2007. Mayors' and Wardens' will meet immediately after the strategic planning sessions at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 21. Mayor Kinsella asked that ADEDA concerns be added to the Mayors' and Wardens' agenda.</p>	Deputy Mayor Jane DeWolfe	
{f} Hanse Society	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20. Councillor</p>	Councillor Ron	

	Boulding will offer an update at the next meeting of Council.	Boulding	
{g} Historic Gardens	<p>Councillor Shaffner was not able to attend the last meeting, he has reviewed the minutes and reports that attendance is down but revenues appear to have increased. He will attend the next meeting and offer an update at the next meeting of Council.</p> <p>CAO Boyer said Beth Fairn has expressed an interest in the Town participating in the 2008 International Communities in Bloom Campaign. Preparations for the event must begin now if the Town is entering the competition.</p>	Councillor Doug Shaffner	
{h} REMO	<p>Deputy Mayor DeWolfe said that Dave McCoubrey's employment has increased to 50% with the Regional Emergency Measures Organization.</p> <p>A presentation is available through Nova Scotia Power regarding power outages. Darrell Emberly will be contacted to make arrangements for a presentation to take place at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.</p>		

CORRESPONDENCE

Item	Decision / Action	Responsibility	Target Date
{a} None			

IN CAMERA

It was moved by Councillor Boulding, seconded by Councillor Hudson to move in camera to discuss negotiations of two agreements.

It was moved by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Boulding to move out of camera.

NEXT MEETING October 15, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councillor Hudson 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		