

TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
January 11, 2016

A Regular meeting of Town Council was held in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Choptiany, Deputy Mayor Catherine Akagi Councillors Edie Bishop, Lee Sochasky, Doug Naish, Guy Groulx and Patrick Mann. Also present were Staff Members: Jamie Carr, CAO/Clerk, Chris Spear, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Hap Stelling, Manager of Planning & Development and Gail McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST IF ANY- NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was noted that item G2. Finance and Administration Committee on the Agenda shows Councillors Bishop and Naish but should read Councillors Groulx and Naish. It was moved by Councillor Sochasky, seconded by Councillor Groulx and carried to move that the Agenda be approved as amended.

PRESENTATIONS

Alistair Fox presented as a member of the Ross Memorial Museum Board. He asked Council for further consultations with the Museum Board and for direction from Council to work through the issues regarding management of the facility and staff.

Mayor Choptiany read a statement prepared by Chris Spear, Treasurer and Jamie Carr, CAO regarding the Town of Saint Andrews 2016 Budget.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Mann and carried to adopt the minutes of the December 7, 2015, 7 PM Regular Meeting of Council with one amendment which is to add the word "year" following "one" in paragraph two on page two to read "...to renew the current lease with Sophia Health Corporation for a further *one year* period ending December 31, 2016...."

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Akagi, seconded by Councillor Groulx and carried to adopt the minutes of the December 7, 2015 6:45PM Special Meeting of Council.

STAFF REPORTS

It was moved by Councillor Sochasky, seconded by Councillor Bishop and carried to approve the Staff Reports as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS- NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

Finance and Administration Committee

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Councillor Sochasky and carried that Council approve February 8-15, 2016 as Heritage Week in Saint Andrews and Mayor Choptiany read the Heritage Week Proclamation.

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi and carried the Town of Saint Andrews Council acknowledge support of the updated plan for the water and sewer project submitted by the St. Andrews Biological Station under the provision that this project is done at

no cost to the Town of Saint Andrews and that Marine Science Drive is repaired to the satisfaction of the Town of Saint Andrews upon completion of the project.

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Councillor Groulx and carried that Council direct the CAO to proceed with the renewal of the current "Backup Emergency Warming Centre Agreement with the St. Andrews Biological Station.

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Councillor Mann and carried that Council accept, with regret, the resignation of Ron Ramsay from the Planning Advisory Committee and thank him for his contribution to the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi and carried that Council accept, with regret, the resignation of Val Gueguin from the St. Andrews Tree Committee and express gratitude for his professional contribution toward the preservation and renewal of our Town trees.

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi and carried to reappoint Sylvia Humphries and Lee Ann Ward to the St. Andrews Tree Committee for two year terms ending in May of 2018.

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi and carried, to accept with regret, the resignations of Donne Smith, Michael Capstick and Brenda Maclean from the Ross Memorial Museum Board and thank them for their contribution to the Museum.

It was moved by Councillor Naish, seconded by Councillor Bishop and carried to approve the 2016 General Operating Budget and Utility Operating Budget for the Town of Saint Andrews as presented;

And that,

The General Operating Fund Budget totals \$4,132,848 including a Tax Warrant of \$3,380,423 based on a mill rate of \$1.190 for each \$100 of assessment. Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount on Real Property liable to taxation under the *Assessment Act* within the Town of Saint Andrews.

The 2016 Utility Operating Fund Budget consists of total revenue of \$760,268 and total expenditures of \$760,268.

That funding for the General Capital projects in the 2016 Budget be funded by \$483,533 from the General Operating Fund, \$50,000 from donations, \$1,185,000 from long-term borrowings, \$526,667 from Government Grants and \$95,500 from the General Capital Reserve Fund.

That funding for the Utility Capital Projects for the 2016 Budget be funded by \$27,033 from the Utility Operating Fund, \$355,000 from long-term borrowing and \$132,967 from the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

Mayor Choptiany requested leave as Chair asking Deputy Mayor Akagi to resume as Chair. Mayor Choptiany made comment on the proposed Budget noting the work that went into its preparation by Staff and Council, noting there were two Public Meetings as well as opportunities for groups to present to Council during Council Committee Sessions. Following his comments Mayor Choptiany resumed as Chair of the Council Meeting.

Councillor Groulx read a prepared statement stating his opposition to the presented 2016 Budget and registered a Nay vote.

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS

NEW BUSINESS

J1. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Choptiany asked for any input into a request for support from the Postal Union with regard to the closure of the Saint Andrews Post Office on Saturdays in favour of longer hours on Thursdays. This took place approximately one year ago so Council is seeking public input before responding. The Mayor also noted that the Federal Liberal Caucus will be meeting at the Algonquin Hotel from Jan. 18 to 20.

J2. Councillor's Comments/Concerns

K. Financial

Treasurer, Chris Spear presented updated financials for the month of December and responded to a number of the criticisms about the budget raised by Councillor Groulx.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00p.m. Deputy Mayor Akagi moved that the meeting be adjourned.

STAN CHOPTIANY

Mayor

JAMIE CARR

Clerk