



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
W. C. O'NEILL ARENA COMPLEX DINING ROOM
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
September 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

A Special Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on September 4, 2018 at 6:02 PM at the W. C. O'Neill Arena Complex in the Dining Room with the following members present: Mayor Doug Naish, Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillors Edie Bishop, Guy Groulx, Kurt Gumushel, and Andrew Harrison. Also present were: Angela McLean, Clerk and Chris Spear, Treasurer, Terry Acton, Asset Manager, and Nikki Mott, Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 202 - 09/18

It was moved by Councillor Groulx, seconded by Councillor Bishop and carried that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATIONS

Coastal Link Trail – Presentation and Discussion

Darren Turner, on behalf of the Coastal Link Trail Executive Sub-Committee, provided a brief presentation on the proposed "Coastal Link Trail". In June of this year the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture announced the inclusion of this project under the New Brunswick's Trail Action Plan. In January 2017, NB Premier Brian Gallant and Minister John Ames announced 1 million dollars toward funding for the Coastal Link Trail project.

The Committee is striving to build a world-class trail from St. Stephen to Saint John; as well as promote healthy living, tourism, and to attract and retain population growth in New Brunswick. The trail will not only connect St. Stephen to Saint John but will also be a link to the East Coast Greenway (Calais, ME to Key West, FL along the Atlantic Coast) and the Great Trail (Coast to Coast across Canada). Joining all three trails will equate to the longest continuous trail network in the world. The Committee is working under the Southwest NB Service Commission as well as partnering with the Fundy Service Commission.

The trail will be accessible to all ages, abilities and disabilities (both physical and financial). It can also be used as a venue for various events, various groups, and fundraising programs.

They are currently working on determining the final trail route and gauging the interest of Council for integrating the trail around Saint Andrews and the Peninsula. The Committee is also proposing the erection of one or two information kiosks/gazebos which would have maps and other important information readily available for trail users. They would also like to have signage placed around the trail as seen on other trail networks.

The Committee is open to discussions and wish to have Council on board with the project. They hope to commence discussions in the very near future.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

None

QUESTION PERIOD

None

COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

There is consensus among Council on the importance of having this trail connect to Saint Andrews and the benefits in drawing tourists into the Peninsula. Saint Andrews can offer the scenic views, the accommodations, and places to eat, as well as all the additional attractions that Saint Andrews has to offer.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor stressed the importance of collaboration between the Town and the Province to ensure that the commitment for construction of the trail is mutual. The Mayor expressed the Town's desire to participate and build the infrastructure within Saint Andrews jurisdiction, but only if the Province will ensure that the trail will be connected from Route 127 and back out to Highway 1 on both the Bayside and Bocabec exits.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion 203 - 09/18

At 6:51 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Groulx and carrier that the meeting be adjourned.



Doug Naish, Mayor



Angela McLean, Clerk

