



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Electronic Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2020, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

A Special Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, August 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present Mayor Doug Naish, Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillors Kate Akagi, Guy Groulx, Edie Bishop, Andrew Harrison, and Kurt Gumushel. Also, present: Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper Clerk – Senior Administrator, Alexander Gopen, Planner, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission.

Facebook Attendance - 44

Zoom - 0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 297 - 08/20

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

Carried 6 - 0

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NONE

PRESENTATION

Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer – PW200801 Presentation on Market Wharf Design Concepts.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- *Concept for Wharf design was presented to Council in 2018.*
- *Background and history of fire in 1993 c- still owned by government*
- *Reconstruction in 1996 near wharfinger building, approach not reconditioned.*
- *2017 Engineering assessment with immediate work needed. Weight restrictions on wharf. Issues with cross bracing, ballast boxes and wheel guards. Some work completed for safety, but still substantial work needed.*
- *Discussion on intermediate trestles, pier head, steel bearing piles need corrosion repair, new gangway and issues through the winter, needs reconfiguration.*
- *Estimated short-term costs \$1.5 million. Ongoing costs estimated over 15 years \$4 million*
- *Other challenges include sea level rise and king tides. Climate change issues.*
- *2018 CBCL Open House. Video presentation. Highlighting process. Expansion and support of market square. Half meter above current one.*
- *Component to discuss tonight, rock seawall structure for the first 100 meters and raised up.*
- *Comparison between old wharf and new wharf concept. Boat ramp lost but access to the beach. Can design a staircase or ramp style structure to go to access the beach.*
- *Dramatic change verses what has been in place.*
- *Benefits – raised approach, base will never have to be replaced again, 25 years in future, another 0.5 m sea rise.*
- *Cost analysis breakdown – forever solution to stop expenses.*
- *Notified from government department for funding considerations.*

- *Timeline process, environmental impact, issues long term. Studies are needed. Anticipated possible early fall or winter if approved by funding.*
- *Late start Fall 2021, not during tourist season.*

Council debated the topic of the design concept of the Wharf. Discussion points included funding options and the ability to look at another Wharf design, character, look and feel of the town for tourism and the Historical Business District, functionality of the Wharf concept, and cost analysis.

Direction was given to staff to reach out to the funding partners on how an alternative plan could fit under the funding application. Staff were directed to bring a report back to Council for review of different options on the Wharf design and a financial breakdown between the Wharf options.

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION, AND PASSING OF BY-LAW AND MOTIONS

FA200802

Motion: 298 - 08/20

UMNB 2021 Municipal Election

It was moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Deputy Mayor Henderson, that Council moves to support a motion of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick that the Province of New Brunswick change the Council Term back to 3 years for the 2021 Municipal Election in hopes of attracting additional candidates.

Carried 6 - 0

Deputy Mayor Henderson noted that in 2016, Municipal voting turnout dropped below 34%, 49 of 200 Mayors and 160 Councillors were acclimated to potions. Shorter term options can open the door for new Councillors with shorter timeline commitments.

FA200803

Motion: 299 - 08/20

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

It was moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Harrison, that Council moves to support the application of the Coastal Link Trail, Wellness Centre Furniture, and Rehabilitation of Indian Point to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Town of Saint Andrews.

Carried 6 - 0

PED200501a

Motion: 300 - 08/20

Town of Saint Andrews Zoning By-Law Z20-02 First Reading

It was moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Akagi, that Council moves to grant leave for First Reading of the Town of Saint Andrews Zoning By-Law Z20-02.

Carried 6 - 0

Mayor Naish Read By Title For First Reading

PED200501b

Motion: 301 - 08/20

Town of Saint Andrews Zoning By-Law Z20-02 Public Information Session

It was moved by Councillor Harrison, seconded by Councillor Akagi, that Council moves to set the date of Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a Public Information Session on the Town of Saint Andrews Zoning By-Law Z20-02.

Carried 6 - 0

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

QUESTION PERIOD

1. *The concept does not fit the look of the town at all. There has to be better ways to refit the wharf and keep it looking as it does now. We do not need more pavement and rock on this coastline, unless of course you are no longer interested in catering to tourism and the overall look and feel of the town.*
2. *We should rename the town to "Rocktown".*
3. *Rock is not a forever solution either.*
4. *Not related to the wharf, but can we expect an update on the meeting held on Wednesday with the government about the deer issue, thanks.*
5. *I hate the idea of the rock wharf. Totally agree with Councillor Harrison.*
6. *At least someone on the Council is brave enough to call it ugly.*
7. *Were the users of the wharf consulted on wharf changes?*
8. *The rendering I saw showed the whole wharf as rock so perhaps that is the long-term goal? How will this impact the huge tidal currents?*
9. *To say you are going to go ahead with this concept because you can get climate change funding is ridiculous, particularly when it drastically changes the character of the town.*
10. *The public consultation was an idea only not a definite.*
11. *I do not recall a specific public wharf consultation master plan happening. But there have been others on transportation, etc. and the rendering has been presented at Council meetings. But it is hilarious its time to open it up to the public properly. Can the money not be used to rebuild part of the existing structure in its current form?*
12. *From what I understand the first part of the wharf is the current weak link and the next area in need of rebuilding. There might need to be some discussion on the visual impact/construction. Eastport used some beautiful red rock for example.*
13. *Thank you, Andrew Harrison and Brad Henderson.*
14. *I agree with Brad Henderson that esthetics need to be worked on and that we need more opinions from the Chamber, wharf users, BIA, etc.*
15. *Put the infrastructure money to adding fibre op in Water Street for businesses who have been severely limited during COVID-19 due to its absence.*
16. *So, Guy, do you suggest the entire wharf be made of rock?*
17. *When can the public have input and not just a Council decision?*
18. *What year did the Town take over ownership from the Federal Government/*
19. *Can someone comment on the plans and goals for the fitness centre/gym as part of the Wellness Centre? Is there a back-up plan if no bids come in from businesses to set up and run the gym?*
20. *The health centre should be given consideration given the Town's demographics.*
21. *No to concrete sidewalk on Indian Point.*
22. *Agree with Councillor Bishop, Indian Point is too beautiful to put hideous paved sidewalks. The gravel sidewalk is more natural looking and esthetically pleasing.*

23. Securing funding for upgrades on the first part of the wharf seems to be the priority. Perhaps fine esthetics and details can be worked out later?

24. I understand, but rock is not without repairs and upgrade costs in the future and the rest of the wharf would still be made of wood. So, the costs would not change. Is it worth changing the section of the wharf to rock in that case? We have a lot of ugly rock in the downtown and from a visual perspective, it is getting out of hand and does not add anything good to the coastline. Seaweed and garbage get stuck in the rock not to mention sea life. I have witnessed several occasions tourists climbing rocks near my property and injuring themselves.

COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Henderson – Thank staff for their work on moving these files forward. Mr. Spear thank you for the presentation as we engage to the public.

Councillor Gumushel – I would like to reiterate the Deputy Mayors comments. To the people on Facebook with comments, comments are better by letter and email and question period is better for questions during a public meeting. Best forum for comments is by email or letter. All are presented to Council for review.

Councillor Groulx – Advise the members of the public, Council is going into budget very soon. Going to be on the radar very soon and public participation is encouraged.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Naish – We need to change the term and I complement Council and Staff for hanging in there and producing what you would think can not be done during a pandemic. My thanks for this for working hard for the town. I am troubled by the system in other areas for getting tired but can understand. All Councils are working above and beyond.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 302 - 08/20

At 7:33 p.m., it was move by Councillor Akagi, seconded Councillor Gumushel that the meeting be adjourned.

6-0 Carried



Doug Naish, Mayor



Paul Nopper, Clerk – Senior Administrator

