



TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Electronic Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

A Special Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present Mayor Doug Naish, Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillors Kate Akagi, Guy Groulx, Edie Bishop and Andrew Harrison. Also, present: Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper Clerk – Senior Administrator, Alexander Gopen, Planner, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission.

Late – Councillor Kurt Gumushel 7:03 p.m.

Absent – Councillor Edie Bishop

Facebook Attendance - 19

Zoom - 2

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 305 - 08/20

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Akagi, and carried that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried 4 - 0

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NONE

PRESENTATION

Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer – Presentation on the preliminary 2021 Budget for the Town of Saint Andrews. Highlights of the presentation included:

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| Purpose of Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set levels of service and resources needed ○ Capital needs and wants ○ Funding from alternative sources ○ Review debt levels ○ Set the mill rate |
| Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public input sessions – August 26 ○ First draft – August 31 ○ Discussions – weekly ○ Final presentation to public in late October – new legislation changes ○ Council acceptance November 2nd, Staff goal ○ Filed to ELG ○ Mill rate to ELG mid December |
| Changes to Legislation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New provincial process for tax assessment and review |
| Assessment Base Growth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steady growth 2016 \$284 million assessment ○ 2019 \$330 million plus. ○ 18% growth over 4 years ○ 4.9% per year growth |

- Saint Andrews Mill Rate**
 - Steady growth of the rate due to asset management
 - TBD for 2021
- Comparative Rates**
 - Cities 1.40 – 1.78
 - Similar communities – 1.28 – 1.58
 - Saint Andrews 1.26
 - Provincial average of villages and towns 1.35
- 2020 Challenges – COVID-19**
 - Shut down of services
 - Arena
 - Youth centre
 - Access to town hall
 - Post COVID-19 budget in May 2020
 - Loss of revenue and expense \$339,000
- Reminder**
 - Council only sets Mill Rate and BIA Rate
 - Assessments done by SNB
 - Provincial portion of property tax set by Government of NB
- Other Challenges**
 - Infrastructure deficit
 - 4.6 million deficits in utility fund
 - Safety is primary concern on infrastructure due for replacement for 50 years plus.
 - Aging facilities
 - Requests for new services
 - Downloading of responsibilities
 - COVID-19 in 2021
- Where Tax Dollars are Spent**
 - Breakdown of pie chart
 - Administration 23%
 - Public Works 17%
 - Debt Servicing 6%
 - Heritage/Culture/Recreation 16%
 - Economic Development 3%
 - Solid Waste 3%
 - Capital 14%
- Major Projects 2020**
 - Wellness centre
 - Restore Katy's Cove Causeway
 - New plough truck
 - Asphalt replacement
- Potential Projects 2021**
 - Wharf and market square refurbishment
 - Upgrading joes point and brandy cove road – coastal link trail
 - Upgrades to the arena – sidewalk replacement, equipment rehabilitation, window replacements final phase
 - Parking lot rehabilitation at fire hall
 - Court House Painting – application to built heritage fund
- Moving Forward**
 - First draft to Council August 31
 - Open Council meeting to discuss 2021 – 2025 budget
 - Open to suggestions by public and to improvements to service.
 - Community groups with large asks get info in by September 30th

or gain to a person or local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract

5-0 Carried

Motion: 308 – 08/20

At 8:08 PM it was moved by Councillor Gumushel, seconded by Councillor Harrison, and carried that Council return to Open Session.

5-0 Carried

Motion: 309 - 08/20

It was move by Councillor Gumushel, seconded by Councillor Gumushel, that Council approve a Volunteer Recognition Award to CPL. Jayson Hanson, Royal Canadian Mounted Police on September 12, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 310 - 08/20

At 8:11 p.m., it was move by Councillor Akagi, seconded by Councillor Gumushel that the meeting be adjourned.

6-0 Carried



Doug Naish, Mayor



Paul Nopper, Clerk – Senior
Administrator

