



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
W.C. O'NEILL ARENA DINING ROOM  
ELECTRONIC MEETING**

**Monday, October 5, 2020, at 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, October 5, 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, Andrew Harrison, and Kurt Gumushel. Also, present: Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper Clerk – Senior Administrator.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion: 349 - 10/20**

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

**Carried 6 - 0**

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

NONE

**PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Motion: 350 - 10/20**

**Minutes of the 200831 Committee of Council Meeting August 31, 2020**

*It was moved by Councillor Akagi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Henderson that the minutes of the 200831 Committee of Council Meeting on August 31, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. be adopted.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Motion: 351 - 10/20**

**Minutes of the 200908 Public Information Session Zoning By-Law Z20-02 September 8, 2020**

*It was moved by Councillor Akagi, seconded by Councillor Bishop that the minutes of the 200908 Public Information Session Zoning By-Law Z20-02 on September 8, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. be adopted.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Motion: 352 - 10/20**

**Minutes of the 200908 Regular Council Meeting September 8, 2020**

*It was moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Akagi that the minutes of the 200908 Regular Council Meeting on September 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. be adopted.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Motion: 353 - 10/20**

**Minutes of the 200914 Special Meeting of Council September 14, 2020**  
*It was moved by Councillor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Gumushel that the minutes of the 200914 Special Meeting of Council on September 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. be adopted.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Motion: 354 - 10/20**

**Minutes of the 200921 Special Meeting of Council September 21, 2020**  
*It was moved by Councillor Gumushel, seconded by Councillor Akagi that the minutes of the 200921 Special Meeting of Council on September 21, 2020 6:00 p.m. be adopted.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Motion: 355 - 10/20**

**Minutes of the 200928 Committee of Council Meeting September 28, 2020**  
*It was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Akagi that the minutes of the 200928 Committee of Council Meeting on September 28, 2020 6:00 p.m. be adopted.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Motion: 356 - 10/20**

**Minutes of the 200930 Special Meeting of Council September 30, 2020**  
*It was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Akagi that the minutes of the 200930 Special Meeting of Council on September 30, 2020 6:00 p.m. be adopted.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

## COMMUNICATION

1. Royal Canadian Mounted Police "J" Division Letter and Quarterly Report for April to June 2020

*Councillor Groulx – asked if information has been provided to Council based on the meeting held in September with the RCMP?*

*CAO Spear – Note that the "J" Division information is a quarterly report from April to June 2020. It is important for the Town to receive this information sooner to make planning adjustments and will ask for information faster if possible. the Town has received a package of information late last week and that is being reviewed and will be provided to Council soon.*

## STAFF REPORTS FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Motion: 357 - 10/20**

*It was moved by Councillor Akagi, seconded by Councillor Bishop that Council accepts all the Staff Reports as presented.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

*CAO Spear – Updated Council with the October 2020 Staff Report.*

*Councillor Groulx – Noted that water bills will be issued in the next couple of weeks. Billing will be due around Christmas. The spring billing was given an extended 6*

months to pay for the water bill due to COVID-19. Both bills will be due for payment near Christmas.

*Councillor Gumushel – The Mayor and CAO met with other municipalities under the Municipal Service Agreement with the RCMP. When did this occur?*

*CAO Spear – The meeting of the Mayor and CAO's took place approximately two weeks ago. Discussions surrounded mutual concerns and developing a united voice in discussions.*

*Naish – This was a meeting of only Mayors and CAO's. We will keep Council posted on the process and next steps forward. Currently a letter being drafted by the Town of Oromocto and will be circulated for approvals.*

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – Cracking issues with the newly resurfaced tennis courts. Is there a concern?*

*CAO Spear – We believe the job was done correctly. Half of the cracking that has appeared is developing in areas that were not addressed in the original repair. To date the cracks do not affect play and repairs have taken place this fall to correct the cracking. This will become a yearly maintenance process due to the climate, ice and winter buildup.*

*Councillor Groulx – Noted that property assessments are coming out and they are directly affected by the rise in home prices in Saint Andrews. Councillor Groulx urged everyone to review their assessments and let Town Hall know of any increases so we can react accordingly.*

*Mayor Naish – Councillor Groulx has a point and there is a 30-day timeframe to review assessments now. We can let the property owner know their rights and who to speak with.*

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

### **Finance and Administration – Councillor Bishop**

**NONE**

### **Public Works -Councillor Akagi**

**NONE**

### **Public Safety – Councillor Groulx**

**PS200304a  
Motion: 358 - 10/20**

**Provincial Emergency Communications Agreement**  
*It was moved by Councillor Groulx, seconded by Councillor Bishop that Council moves to sign into an agreement with the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners for the new Trunk Mobile Radio system for emergency services.*

**Deputy Mayor Henderson Nay Carried 5 - 1**

**PS200304a**

**Motion: 359 - 10/20**

**Amended Provincial Emergency Communications Agreement**

*That Council moves amend and sign into an agreement with the Saint John Board of Police Commissioners for the new Trunk Mobile Radio system for emergency services with amendments to Paragraph 9.01 to pay \$0.0032 per \$100 assessment of fire service base and Paragraph 9.02 shall be based on inflationary measures.*

*Councillor Groulx – Can we make amendments to Paragraph 9.01 to \$0.0032 and Paragraph 9.02 to inflationary measures.*

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – Feels that we are being backed into a corner with this agreement and that will vote Nay as I do not believe this is the way to negotiate or to bill for the services.*

**Deputy Mayor Henderson Nay Carried 5 - 1**

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – This is a bad deal for the Town, and we have limited choices. The Province is trying to have us pay for radios based on assessed values. The Town pays 3 times the amount St. Stephen does simply based on higher assessments for the same services.*

**PS200304b**

**Motion: 360 - 10/20**

*That Council moves to formally provide 90 days notice, in writing, to the Town of St. Stephen, of the Town of Saint Andrews withdrawal from the current Emergency Communications Agreement.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**PS200902**

**Motion: 361 - 10/20**

**Autoclave for the Wellness Centre**

*It was moved by Councillor Groulx, seconded by Councillor Akagi that Council approve the purchase of a 5 Gallon Autoclave from Can-Med for the price of \$6,995.95 + HST.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Business, Tourism, Heritage and Culture – Deputy Mayor Henderson**

**BTHC200901a**

**Motion: 362 - 10/20**

**First Reading of By-Law 20-07, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews to Impose a Special Business Area Improvement Levy for 2021 in the Town of Saint Andrews.**

*It was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Groulx that Council grant leave for First Reading of By-Law 20-07, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews to Impose a Special Business Area Improvement Levy for 2021 in the Town of Saint Andrews.*

**Read in Full by Mayor Naish for First Reading**

**Carried 6 - 0**

**BTHC200901b**

**Motion: 363 - 10/20**

**Public Hearing of Objections for By-Law 20-07, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews to Impose a Special Business Area Improvement Levy for 2021 in the Town of Saint Andrews.**

*It was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Bishop that Council sets 6:45 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020, at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex*

*Dining Room for a Public Hearing of Objections for By-Law 20-07, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews to Impose a Special Business Area Improvement levy for 2021 in the Town of Saint Andrews.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Recreation and Community Services – Councillor Gumushel**

**RCS200302a**

**Motion: 364 - 10/20**

**First Reading of By-Law 20-08, A By-Law Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles within the Town of Saint Andrews**  
*It was moved by Councillor Gumushel, seconded by Councillor Akagi that Council grants leave for First Reading of By-Law 20-08, A By-Law Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles within the Town of Saint Andrews.*

**Read by Title by Mayor Naish for First Reading**  
**Carried 6 - 0**

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – Can we clarify 2.1.4 are we still allowing motorized snow vehicles and not ATV’s? Section 3.1 please add or “Town Trails” as some trails in town, i.e. the golf course, use utility vehicles. We do not want to limit private use on private property.*

*Mayor Naish – Agree that if ATV’s are not allowed snowmobiles are in the same boat.*

*Councillor Harrison – Sections 2.1.6 and 2.1.7 need to go a step further, are we restricting motorcycles on town roads?*

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – Could be interpreted as motorcycles are prohibited.*

*Councillor Groulx – We can say motorcycles are exempt.*

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – Note that there are hybrid motorcycles and dirt bikes. Our intent is not to ban street legal uses just trying to stop ATV drivers on trails and roads.*

**RCS200302a**

**Motion: 365 - 10/20**

**Amendment to First Reading of By-Law 20-08, A By-Law Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles within the Town of Saint Andrews**

*It was moved by Councillor Groulx, seconded by Councillor Harrison that Council amends the leave for First Reading of By-Law 20-08, A By-Law Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles within the Town of Saint Andrews to add changes to Paragraph 2.1.4 to read “off road vehicles including snowmobiles, Paragraphs 2.1.5, 2.1.6 and 2.1.7 to be indented and 3.1 to add Town Trails.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Planning & Economic Development – Councillor Harrison**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*CAO Spear – Halloween regulations have been released by the Province of New Brunswick for COVID-19. Some communities are putting together alternative celebrations*

*that will help to take pressure off the homeowners. We still have some time to plan out an event but should have a discussion in the next couple of weeks about options.*

*Mayor Naish – We should have a brief discussion on Halloween. Let staff bring back a few options for Halloween and firm up with Public Health. Can you bring forward any questions and information from the public and provided options for discussion. We can have the discussions at the next budget meeting.*

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

**NONE**

## **COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – The Mayor and I attended the UMN B Annual General Meeting on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> via electronic means. Our motion for a three-year term of Council was rejected. Many municipalities felt that a three-year term was not long enough to carry a mandate. I respect the decision these municipalities made for their communities. It did bring up a greater discussion on acclamations. Half of the Mayors were acclaimed in the last municipal election including 160 Councillors and 6 positions that were not filled. The harshness of social media and COVID-19, UMN B needs to look at how to get people to step up and participate. We have also seen a massive decline in voting. This needs to change.*

*Deputy Mayor Henderson – Tonight I am honoured to be wearing a hat that was gifted to me from an Elder of the Passamaquoddy. I learned a great deal with my discussion with the Elder and the Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day reminds us of the children that attended Residential Schools and the indignity they were subject to.*

*Councillor Groulx – This falls onto what Deputy Mayor Henderson touched on in that there are still a lot of people who did not know about Orange Shirt Day including myself. It highlighted to me that we need to do a better job of promoting such events and that Council takes these to heart. We need to be better attuned to these issues and respond accordingly in the future.*

*Councillor Akagi – Orange Shirt Day is every September 30<sup>th</sup> for remembering those who were in Residential Schools. I know the Bank of Nova Scotia had orange shirts on, the schools in town took part, and it continues to grow and gain momentum. Deputy Mayor Henderson met with an Elder from Pabineau First Nations and she is a wealth of information. October 4<sup>th</sup> was Sisters in Spirit for murdered and missing Indigenous people all over Canada. This initiative was started by relatives and family members that had missing or murdered friends and family. Many of these people that are missing have never been found and is a very sad occasion. October 4<sup>th</sup> is a wonderful celebration and thank you to everyone who participated, it was greatly appreciated.*

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

*Mayor Naish – Speaking to Deputy Mayor Henderson's topic of the UMN B meeting, the Zoom call started at 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It was an extensive meeting and our motion was well received. We had the opportunity to meet our new Minister of Local Government and Local Government Reform, and with a name title like this, it is important to note that this will be a focus of local government versus the old department of Environment and Local Government.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion: 366 - 10/20**

**Move to Closed Session**

*At 8:12 p.m. it was moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Groulx that Council move into Closed Session per the Local Governance Act, Section 68 (j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**Motion: 367 - 10/20**

**Return to Open Session**

*At 8:36 p.m. it was moved by Councillor Gumushel, seconded by Councillor Akagi that Council return to Open Session.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: 368 - 10/20**

*At 8:37 p.m., it was move by Councillor Akagi, seconded Councillor Harrison that the meeting be adjourned.*

**Carried 6 - 0**

  
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Doug Naish, Mayor

  
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Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior  
Administrator

