



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

**February 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Electronic Meeting**

A. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

A Special Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Doug Naish, Deputy Mayor Brad Henderson, Councillor Kate Akagi, Edie Bishop, Guy Groulx, Kurt Gumushel, Andrew Harrison.

Staff: Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator

Also, in attendance: David Morgan, Emanuel Nicolescu, CBCL Ltd.

Facebook: 24

Zoom: 6

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion: 019 - 02/21

Moved by Councillor Bishop

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Carried

C. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Audrey Muir and Emanuel Nicolescu, CBCL Ltd. Presentation on the Transportation Master Plan for the Town of Saint Andrews

Emanuel Nicolescu provided an overview of the process and development of the Transportation Master Plan. Background work included background documentation review (StatsCan Census, Age-Friendly Documents, etc.), review of trends, observing existing conditions, current issues, and the community consultation process for feedback. Focus on healthy and active living while protecting environmental conditions. The document highlights options and goals for the Council to review for trails, road expansion, slowing measures, activity district concepts, gateways, walkable community, utilization of town attraction, improve circulation of traffic during peak seasons, etc.

Deputy Mayor Henderson - Safety concerns, 23 or 24 areas, are these observed by CBCL or comments from the public? How did you come up with these spots?

Emanuel - Not all of the areas are concerns for safety, but all issues or concerns that were recorded by participants through the consultation process. We also found and witnessed some potentially unsafe conditions on speeding and confusion. What you see was what was reported through public consultation.

Deputy Mayor Henderson - Thank you for the presentation. When looking at a project like this, is it only planning and design, or do you take heritage into account? Lots of documented planning from the past. With intersection calming features and other measures, are these concerns that might take away from the feel of the town?

Emanuel - Similar to Lunenburg, if some of these interventions suggested could affect the heritage or designation and could it jeopardize this, when addressing these issues in town we are mindful of the current layout and heritage for the town. We reviewed the designations and proposed changes to the right of ways that would not affect properties. Some of the measures can be done tastefully with minimal intrusion, i.e. planters. This can be done in arrangements suitable to the town and protect the heritage. The addition of bike lanes and traffic calming would not have a significant impact on the look and feel of the town. Low volume and low traffic speeds can help with the calming.

Councillor Gumushel - Thank you for the presentation. A couple of things that have come forward in the last 5 years, one was crosswalks across King Street and we put that decision off till this plan. The second is overnight campers on the streets, another decision pending the plan. Further on page 41 of the report, complete streets approach, if in a complete streets approach including all ages and styles, skateboards, scooters, are they within that?

Emanuel - Crosswalks were reviewed, identified, and proposed in the consultation. We noted a number of them that should be reviewed and King Street is in the report. I believe we have cost estimates for that.

Councillor Gumushel - The Loyalist planning, was King Street a thoroughfare, collector road, would you want more or fewer crosswalks.

Emanuel - King Street has sidewalks on both sides but insufficient crosswalks. These streets were created to low speed, low traffic. Crosswalks at this time were not needed as people could cross safely. Introducing crosswalks to these streets would not affect the designation or detract from heritage design. In terms of overnight campers, we try to address this by looking at off-street parking on lots around town. There are issues with some of these lots but an opportunity still exists that this can be tried. Once these designated areas exist and are identified, that is when signage, enforcement, and shuttle service would come into play. The complete streets approach warrants all users and abilities on its streets, and often difficulty implementing this. Every street must accommodate all users, especially in dense urban areas. This creates conflict with high demand, rapid transit, cycling, and other users. The completion of this place with right of way and what can occur on each road. A more effective approach is to identify corridors for these uses and designated to them where they can go safely. Side streets are better for the slower users and could be prioritized on these areas and faster vehicles prioritized to other roads.

Councillor Gumushel - The roundabout in the report for Harriet and Reed, many people seemed to think this would be a good idea. In peak summer, 500 vehicles can go through here. Would that number of cars warrant a roundabout?

Emanuel - It depends, a roundabout is useful at simplifying flows at lower to mid-range volumes. Little about looking at users and levels that need to be accommodated. They can be designed with safety precautions in mind. We did not go into detail on the design and safety but put the suggestion forward. Many options for safety and traffic slowing including crosswalks, reduced speeds, etc. Traffic stops can help slow traffic but roundabouts can keep the flows going.

Councillor Groulx - I am thankful there isn't a recommendation on the roundabout. One of the characteristics of the town is the grid pattern. The

introduction of a roundabout might interfere with our historic district designation and should be put to caution.

Emanuel - Although we did not outright recommend these options, we did explore them for your privy. You could make space an all-way stop.

E. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS

1. PED210103 Discussion on the Transportation Master Plan for the Town of Saint Andrews

Deputy Mayor Henderson - Before release, can we include a letter in front of the document, that all these recommendations will need to be debated, discussed, and brought forward to the community. There are \$6.2 million in suggestions but will need to review what is best at select times. We need a one-pager that says this is a recommendation and not to say this is what Council is doing.

CAO Spear - We can provide a letter with this as per the request of Deputy Mayor Henderson. As you are aware our underground infrastructure needs to be replaced as well. Staff will use this as part of our planning process as part of asset management and go over it during the budget.

Councillor Groulx - I echo the sentiments of the Deputy Mayor. The council shall have regard for the recommendations of the Master Plan. This is a resource document for future Council to use and refer to in the future.

Councillor Bishop - Can we add the last paragraph of the motion report to the letter. This explains exactly what we are intending. This lets the public know we are not going to run with this plan but will be considered as asset management practices. This is beneficial to the traffic flow of the community.

Councillor Akagi - It is a great document and as Councillor Groulx said, this is not what we are going to do. This will be a guiding document for each Council of the day on how we can improve Saint Andrews. A lot of work and effort was put into this. It is a wonderful document to have as a reference. Thank you for your efforts.

Councillor Gumushel - Can we have the letter state how it ties to the Municipal Plan and how we can move forward.

Motion: Motion: 020 - 02/21

Moved by Councillor Harrison

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That Council accepts the Transportation Master Plan for the Town of Saint Andrews as completed by CBCL Ltd.

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Carried

F. NEW BUSINESS

G. QUESTION PERIOD

H. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

I. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion: 021 - 02/21

Moved by Councillor Bishop

Seconded by Councillor Akagi

At 7:04 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

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Carried



Doug Naish, Mayor



Paul Nopper, Clerk

