



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSION
MINUTES**

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

A. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

A Public Consultation Session of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Staff: Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator, Alexander Gopen, Planner, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission.

Late: Councillor Kate Akagi 6:01 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion: 067 - 03/21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Groulx

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Carried

C. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Caroline Davies, Passamaquoddy Lodge Board Presentation on the new Passamaquoddy Lodge

Caroline Davies, Chair of the Passamaquoddy Lodge Board provided an overview presentation on the concept for the new Lodge and proposed location at the corner of Bar Road and Champlain Avenue. The review included a breakdown of design features of a home-based system versus an institutional model, design modifications, protection measures for the subdivision, and how it would integrate into the community.

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

Deputy Mayor Henderson - Everyone loves the design and concept. What I am hearing from the public is that the area up for option is in a residential area. This is an institutional use in a subdivision working as a business. Residents would like to comment on the project and is this the right area. What would lighting be like and how it relates to the residents adjacent to the property?

Mrs. Davies - Not sure about the lighting at this point as this is not the final design. We will look into the requirements for lighting and speak to the Province on the design. The current facility is in a residential area. Might be good to poll residents on lighting and noise.

Deputy Mayor Henderson - For Council consideration, the buffer between the houses and the Lodge needs to be considered. a 10-meter buffer might not be

enough. There is also an advantage of the 8% greenspace needed in subdivisions. This could be used as a buffer space. This facility helps to strengthen the drive for people to move here. I support this project but want to make sure the resident's voices are heard.

Mrs. Davies - One of the criteria for us is landscaping to delineate the property and create a light and noise barrier. This has been brought forward to the architect.

CAO Spear - Would the capital plan completed by the Province in the fall would be an announcement with this or would we see an announcement at another time of the year?

Mrs. Davies - We hope it will not be in the fall and anticipating earlier. We have a dedicated committee to this for over 3 years. This is a good opportunity for feedback and pushing for approval this spring.

Councillor Groulx - Are there any plans to have fencing around the property?

Mrs. Davies - There will be fencing in terms of protecting residents from wandering. The outline of the property we are not looking for fencing as it would detract from the community but can revisit.

Deputy Mayor Henderson - CBCL is working on the feasibility of the subdivision, are they accounting for the Lodge in the process?

CAO Spear - CBCL has been informed and placed inside the report as a discussion point. They know Council has supported this project as part of the initial design.

Deputy Mayor Henderson - There are advantages to the site regarding access to roadways and convenience to get to and from. Have other locations been looked at including the Huntsman Knowledge Park? Just looking at all options.

CAO Spear - From the staff's perspective, it is private land. We know that the committee had identified multiple properties owned by a third party and townland.

Mrs. Davies - We have consulted with the Huntsman and the property is shown would have to go to an institutional style or row housing. There would be no common areas for group sharing and a community hub away from the facility. I do not think it would give the feeling that we are trying to fit with our template.

Councillor Bishop - I like the design and seems like a home-like atmosphere versus institutional. This is a great design and hopefully can go with something similar. Great work by all.

Councillor Akagi - I support Councillor Bishop's comments. This project using a home-like feeling is wonderful and hopefully, the government will act soon on this for our seniors.

Robert Neil - Will this presentation be put on the Town website?

Clerk Nopper - Yes, it will be up tomorrow.

Robert Neil - Thanks. I have some concerns before this is approved by Council. The building layout looks like it can be flexible, but as it sits the southside is close to those properties along with Diana Dr. Note there is a drainage ditch back there and we are losing additional trees. I would like the proponent to consider realignment for more of a buffer.

Letter from Gerald Ingersoll - Highlighted support for the project and could open up housing opportunities in the community and thank Council for supporting seniors.

Letter from Ravinder Sign - What is the price of the land that the Lodge is requesting to build on?

Mayor Naish - Yet to be determined at this point in time.

Letter from Ravinder Sign - Does the plan have an idea of how funds would be spent with the sale of the property?

CAO Spear - Council of the day can identify how they would like to spend the funds and allocate.

Letter from Ravinder Sign - Can we have some more information on the daycare as Bar Road is busy in the summer and have concerns about children.

Vic Miller - What will happen to the old Lodge when the new one is built?

Mrs. Davies - Options that the new Lodge could be transformed into affordable housing or some asset to the community. We know housing is an issue in the community. There are a lot of amenities to it but we will not take this on alone. We are at the concept phase of the project and once we receive approval to move forward, we will have more detailed consultation processes with the Town and residents. Your feedback is welcome. Perhaps we can have other meetings, less informal, and get information from the public.

Mayor Naish - There are still steps in the process. Nothing is final at this point and more consultation will occur.

Councillor Groulx - In response to Mr. Sign's question, might be good for the staff to look at the fair market value for the property. If it can be determined, for future Councils, this would be good to know.

CAO Spear - If this does go through at this location, there will still be lots of discussion with the Council of the day and consultation with the public. The Town can put in terms and conditions to barriers, design placement, etc. There are still lots of steps to go and provide input.

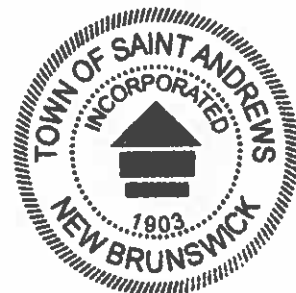
- F. NEW BUSINESS
- G. QUESTION PERIOD
- H. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS
- I. MAYOR'S COMMENTS
- J. CLOSED SESSION
- K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion: 068 - 03/21
Moved by Councillor Akagi
Seconded by Councillor Groulx

At 6:46 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

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Carried




Doug Naish, Mayor


Paul Nopper, Clerk