



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

**August 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.  
W. C. O'NEILL ARENA COMPLEX DINING ROOM**

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**A. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**

*At the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:09 p.m. with the following members present:*

*Mayor Brad Henderson, Deputy Mayor Kate Akagi, Councillor Marc Blanchard, Lee Heenan, Jamie Hirtle, Steve Neil.*

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

*Absent: Councillor Kurt Gumushel*

**B. LAND RECOGNITION OF THE PESKOTOMUHKATI NATION**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion: 338 - 08/22**

**Moved by Councillor Hirtle**

**Seconded by Councillor Blanchard**

*That the Agenda be approved as presented.*

**5 – 0**

**Carried**

**D. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**E. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Community Volunteer Awards**

*Mayor Henderson provided the Town of Saint Andrews Volunteer Awards to:*

**Service Awards:** *Roger McNabb, Dayle Chambers, Sharline McPhee, Marc Peters*

**Teamwork:** *Shirley Brinkhurst, Sheela Blagraue*

**Special Appreciation:** *Phil Bartlett*

*Will be provided later as they were unable to attend - Archdeacon John Matheson, Rosemary Spires, Barb Purton, Cindy Bartlett*

**2. Karl Deering Presentation Regarding Outdoor Fitness Centre Location at Point Park**

*Mr. Karl Deering made a presentation to Council on the proposed exercise park that is scheduled for development in 2023 at Indian Point Park. Mr. Deering provided highlights of greenspaces and how they have health, environmental, and economic benefits to the community. Concerns there were brought forward include the park as a Provincially significant wetland,*

*the area as a previously decommissioned dump site, flood zone predictions, consultation with the Passamaquoddy First Nations, polling of residents, and safety and noise. Mr. Deering was requesting Council to look at alternative locations for the park such as the Harry Mallory Sports Field and Katy's Cove.*

*Council asked staff to review the proposed park regarding the wetland area with the Province of New Brunswick and provide feedback to Council. Staff noted that in terms of development, this should not have an effect on the wetland area and would need to get a WAWA permit for this project. We do not anticipate adverse effects to the wetland area as water will still be able to roll off and continue its path to the water. Mr. Deering noted that there are differences between wetlands and significant wetlands and should be observed. Staff noted this will be reviewed.*

*Council inquired as to why Mr. Deering was bringing his objections forward now as this proposal has been discussed over a two-year period between two Councils? Council noted that there have been many presentations and a questionnaire that was sent out for input. Council also states that exercise parks provide health, economic, and environmental benefits to the community as well as support under the Age-Friendly Designation. Mr. Deering noted he lives adjacent to the property and the trail is between his property and the proposed exercise park. They noted they had only been informed about the project a month ago and wanted to address their concerns. Mr. Deering noted that they are not against an exercise park, just not in the location that has been selected as this is a large greenspace. Mr. Deering informed Council that he had a signed petition submitted to Council from adjacent neighbours about the project and its location.*

*Council noted that several of the members that signed the petition are not adjacent to the proposed exercise park and also live out of Town for clarification. Mr. Deering thanked Council for the opportunity to present and would like Council to ensure more communication and notification is done to neighbours on any project. Staff noted that they will follow up on comments by Mr. Deering and present back to Council at the next Regular Council Meeting regarding support from First Nations, wetland, and WAWA permits, and an outline of processes taken and brought forward to Council on this project.*

**F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS**

**H. STAFF REPORT/FINANCIAL REPORT, FA220812**

**I. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS**

**1. Finance & Administration - Deputy Mayor Akagi**

**2. Public Works - Councillor Blanchard**

**1. Support for Regional Development Corporation and Federation of Canadian Municipalities Grant Application for Energy Facility Study, PW220811**

**Motion: 339 - 08/22**

**Moved by Councillor Blanchard**

**Seconded by Councillor Heenan**

*That Council supports the application for funding to the Regional Development Corporation and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for funding an Energy Facility Study on municipal assets to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions and energy targets and to move towards net zero facilities.*

**5 – 0**

**Carried**

**2. TSA 2022-04 Saint Andrews Asphalt Resurfacing Tender Motion, PW220812**

*Council noted that moving to not award the tender and look at next year seems a bit of a gamble in the process. Staff noted that the tender came out in the summer when the price of asphalt increased three times the cost and that there is currently only one asphalt plant in operation in the region. By waiting until next year, we can bundle this project with other asphalt projects in the early spring and can usually get a better rate on the projects and see savings. Council noted that they do not want this to be missed in the budget process and instructed staff to ensure this project was on the top of the list to continue. Staff agreed and will ensure it is on the 2023 budget.*

**Motion: 340 - 08/22**

**Moved by Councillor Blanchard**

**Seconded by Councillor Neil**

*That Council does not award Tender TSA 2022-04 Saint Andrews Asphalt Resurfacing 2022 due to being significantly over budget.*

**5 – 0**

**Carried**

**3. Discussion on the Wharf and Market Square Project, PW220813**

*Mayor Henderson provided a summary of the background processes that have taken place regarding the Wharf project. It was noted that there is a \$5.5 million budget in place with funding from other government sources. The previous Council asked for a concrete Wharf project with raising of Market Square. The cost of varying types of this project ranged between \$7.5 and \$8 million. Staff were asked to work with the consultant engineers to find an alternative that would meet the budget. Staff provided a new version of the Wharf project with meeting the Market Square expansion and climate change adaptation by repairing the existing wood Wharf structure. Council noted that this repair project would only extend the life of the Wharf by 25 years, and this would have to be reviewed again. The public at this time cannot put another \$2.5 to \$3 million into this project. Council favoured the repair option of the Wharf. Staff described the buildout of Market Square and how this would build into a new approach with repairs to the rest of the Wharf. Council asked about the approach to tendering and how a builder would be selected. Staff indicated this project would go out to full tender and there are companies in New Brunswick, Atlantic Canada, and elsewhere that could bid on the project who have experience in Wharf projects. Depending on the costs, the project could be broken down into sections and tendered out. Council asked if an Environmental Assessment was needed. Staff highlighted this has*

gone through the Provincial and Federal reviews for EIA's and the concern was for Barn Swallows. A study was completed with no evidence of Barn Swallows. Council does have the option to spend for an additional EIA but could be upwards of \$100,000 or more. Council asked if CBCL Ltd. could make a presentation to Council and the public on the version of the Wharf presented. Staff noted that this will be set up for an upcoming Council meeting.

**3. Public Safety - Councillor Neil**

**1. Nuisance Deer Hunt 2022, PS220809**

Council inquired about the original study completed by the University of New Brunswick and what the recommendations were for the deer population situation and how the hunt has been managing the numbers of deer. Staff noted that the original report did not indicate a hunt but a cull of 90-95% of the population in the area followed by a seasonal hunt to keep populations down. Deer have a range of 70 km a year and with the fencing at the highway and limited natural predators, their population has been increasing. The hunt helps to keep some numbers down but we are still seeing a large number of deer in town. Council noted previously that there was an option to potentially capture and relocate deer to other areas of the Province, but it is a costly procedure and can potentially lead to the death of the deer anyways. Council is open to discussions with the Province on alternative options beyond the hunt to help reduce the population of deer in the area. Council additionally noted and asked if the Town can ensure hunters are following proper procedures of disposal of deer as there might have been some inappropriate disposals last year. Staff noted that we would work with the hunters on the education aspect and proper disposal of the deer under Provincial regulations. Additionally, the Town is working with the Province on enhancing the food bank program for 2022 but has to work out some changes to the program regarding butchers and permits.

**Motion: 341 - 08/22**

**Moved by Councillor Neil**

**Seconded by Councillor Heenan**

*That Council moves to request permission from the Provincial Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development for approval for a 2022 Nuisance Deer Hint within the Town of Saint Andrews limits.*

**5 – 0**

**Carried**

**4. Business, Tourism, Heritage and Culture - Councillor Hirtle**

**5. Recreation and Community Services - Councillor Gumushel**

**1. TSA 2022 – 11 Van Horne Trail Extension Tender Motion, RCS220810**

Council asked, similar to the previous tender, why would we proceed with the tender if it is above the engineer's estimates. Staff noted that funding for this project was two-thirds funded by other government sources and have a \$1.5 million budget to spend. As there are limited local tax dollars for this project, it would be advised to continue as we have to spend the funds. There will be more trail projects next

year as part of the discussion on how to spend the additional funds. Council inquired if we have an agreement with the Algonquin to put a path from the beach at Katy's Cove to Cemetery Road. Staff noted we have a verbal agreement and are working on a written one. If one is not in place by the time the project starts, no trial section will be built on Katy's Cove section until this is completed. Council supported this decision and moved forward with the project for 2022.

**Motion: 342 - 08/22**

**Moved by Councillor Hirtle**

**Seconded by Councillor Heenan**

*That Council awards TSA 2022-11 Van Horne Trail Extension Tender to Coastal Enterprise Limited in the amount of \$617,340.13 including HST.*

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**Carried**

**6. Planning & Economic Development - Councillor Heenan**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**K. QUESTION PERIOD**

**L. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**M. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**N. CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion: 343 - 08/22**

**Moved by Councillor Hirtle**

**Seconded by Councillor Heenan**

*At 8:41 p.m. Council move into Closed Session per the Local Governance Act, Section 68(1)(c) information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract and Section 68(1)(j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.*

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**Carried**

**Motion: 344 - 08/22**

**Moved by Councillor Hirtle**

**Seconded by Councillor Heenan**

*At 10:01 p.m. that Council returns to Open Session.*

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**Carried**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: 344 - 08/22**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Akagi**

**Seconded by Councillor Neil**

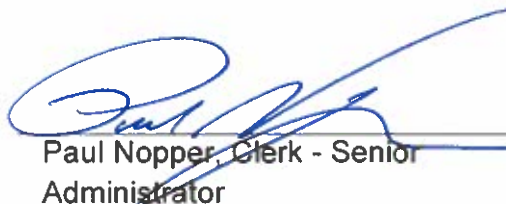
*At 10:02 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.*

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**Carried**



Brad Henderson, Mayor

  
Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior  
Administrator