



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

**September 5, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex Council Chambers**

A. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, September 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Brad Henderson, Deputy Mayor Kate Akagi, Councillors Mark Bennett, Marc Blanchard, Annette Harland, Lee Heenan, Jamie Hirtle, Steve Neil, and Darrell Weare.

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

Late Councillor Blanchard 6:40 p.m.

Absent Mayor Brad Henderson and Councillor Kurt Gumushel

B. LAND RECOGNITION OF THE PESKOTOMUHKATI NATION

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 264 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Hirtle

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves the Agenda for the 230905 Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2023, as presented.

Amended

Motion: 265 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews amends the Agenda to include the following correspondence letters:

- 1. Chamber of Commerce Welcome Centre Update.*
- 2. Oktoberfest Request to Extend Peddler's Permit.*

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Carried

Motion: 266 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Hirtle

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves the Amended Agenda for the 230905 Regular Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2023, as presented.

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Carried

D. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

E. PRESENTATIONS

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the 230808 Public Hearing of Objections to Amendment Z22-05 to the Zoning By-Law Z22-01 on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Motion: 267 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Minutes of the 230808 Public Hearing of Objections to Amendment Z22-05 to the Zoning By-Law Z22-01 on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. be adopted.

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Carried

- 2. Minutes of the 230808 Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6:45 p.m.**

Motion: 268 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Hirtle

That the Minutes of the 230808 Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. be adopted.

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Carried

- 3. Minutes of the 230828 Special Council Meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Motion: 269 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Neil

That the Minutes of the 230828 Special Council Meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. be adopted.

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Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Council Discussion on Support for CHCO TV and Social Media**

Councillor Hirtle spoke about the issues associated with Meta, Bill C-18, and the blocking of local media specifically CHCO TV. It was asked if the Town could assemble a letter and gather signatures from other municipalities to support CHCO TV and send it to Meta. CHCO TV has done tremendous service to our community and region. The Council endorsed a letter to be written and sent out to other municipalities.

2. Chamber of Commerce Welcome Centre

Councillor Hirtle read the letter from the Chamber of Commerce. Noted information included the hiring of two full-time employees backed by 5 community volunteers. The Welcome Centre was operated for 7 days a week from May 15 to August 31. Through this time 9,143 guests came to the Welcome Centre. It is expected this number will exceed 10,000 by the end of September.

3. Oktoberfest Request to Extend Peddler Permit

A request from Charlie Bartlett was submitted to operate the Ministers Island Food Truck from Thursday, September 21st - Sunday, September 24th in Market Square as an extension of the food services that are to be provided during Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 23rd. Issues addressed in the letter included economic viability, transportation, and insurance costs of operating for only one day versus 4. Staff noted that food vendors are normally only permitted for special occasion events like Paddlefest, Canada Day, Indulge, etc. Market Square will be closed off from Wednesday to Sunday due to the Farmers' Market on the Thursday and event set up on Friday. There are concerns about the set-up for Oktoberfest and the operation of a food truck during this time. Staff would not typically approve an extension of service days without Council approval. Council asked what was approved for Oktoberfest last year. Clerk Nopper noted one day. Council noted the food being offered last year was not in direct competition of restaurants last year. Is this the case for this year and are surrounding businesses in support? CAO Spear noted that they will have a unique menu and want to offer it over four days. The Brewing Company does not offer food but food can be brought in from other businesses. Council noted that the challenging situation and wanted to be careful to not negatively affect adjacent businesses but noted competition is a good thing. It was also noted that Charlie Bartlett will be in competition with himself as he owns the Char and Chowder. Council further debated the number of days that were being requested for sales and the limitations with the Farmers' Market and set up of Oktoberfest. Council was supportive of one additional day of service on Friday, September 22, 2023. Council noted that further review of the Peddler's Permit By-Law is needed. Council asked what the operating hours were set for Oktoberfest. CAO Spear noted 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Akagi noted historically that extension of permits was not typical and as it is a special event, consideration is usually for only the special event day.

Motion: 270 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves the extension of a Peddler's Permit to Charlie Bartlett to operate the Ministers Island Food Truck from September 21, 2023 - September 24, 2023, in Market Square.

Amended

Motion: 271 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Neil

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews amends the motion for an extension of a Peddler's Permit to Friday, September 22, 2023.

6 – 1 Nay, Councillor Bennett

Carried

Motion: 272 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves the amended extension of a Peddler's Permit to Charlie Bartlett operating the Ministers Island Food Truck for September 22, 2023 Market Square.

6 – 1 Nay, Councillor Bennett

Carried

H. STAFF REPORT/FINANCIAL REPORT, PS230908, PS230909, PW230915, RCS230911, BTHC230904, PW230913, FA230921, FA230922, FA230923, PW230917, RCS230914, RCS230912, PED230906

Deputy Mayor Akagi noted that the Truth and Reconciliation event will be taking place at 5:30 p.m. at Indian Point Park on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

Motion: 273 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts all the Staff Reports and Financial Reports as presented.

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Carried

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

1. Finance & Administration - Deputy Mayor Akagi

1. Municipal Finance Corporation Acquisition of Debentures, FA230918

Council asked if Chamcook and Bayside would be paying part of the \$195,000.00 noted in the motion as they are already paying for \$0.41 per \$100 assessment for transportation. CAO Spear noted that this is partially correct as the Town does not pick up new asphaltting in Chamcook and Bayside. Previous debts will be carried by the previous Town and the first payments do not come out until next year. Council asked if other debts have bridge financing or interim financing, interest on that goes into the operating cost of the consolidated entity. CAO Spear noted that was the standard practice.

Motion: 274 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

Be it resolved that the Clerk or Treasurer and Mayor or Deputy Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of the Town of Saint Andrews debenture in the principal sum of \$920,000 on such terms and

conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation,

-AND

Be it resolved that the Municipality of the Town of Saint Andrews agrees to issue postdated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the debenture.

Ministerial Order No.	Date of M.O.	Date of Council's Resolution Authorizing Application to MCBB	Purpose by Function	Amount in Dollars	Term
GENERAL					
21-0050	Aug 17/21	Apr 6/21	Transportation	\$125,000	15 years
23-0008	Feb 13/23	Dec 12/22	Transportation	\$195,000	15 years
UTILITY					
22-0008	Jan 10/22	Dec 6/21	Environmental Health	\$400,000	25 years
23-008	Feb 13/23	Dec 12/22	Environmental Health	\$200,000	25 years

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Carried

2. Proclamation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder September 5, 2023, FA230920

Deputy Mayor Akagi noted the importance of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and how it affected children during her teaching years. These youth suffered for a long period of time and into their lives today. It is important to support this initiative.

Deputy Mayor Akagi read the proclamation in full.

Motion: 275 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Weare

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews proclaims September 2023 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month to support FASDNL multi-year Atlantic Canada awareness campaign.

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Carried

2. Public Works - Councillor Blanchard

1. Circular Materials Program Opt-Out, PW230912

CAO Spear noted that there were five municipalities that signed on to Circular Materials.

Motion: 276 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Blanchard

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews opt-out of contracting with the Circular Materials program.

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Carried

2. Provincial Municipal Highway Agreement, PW230916

CAO Spear noted that people on unassumed roads, that one's with a blue street signs, should be applying for funding through the 5-year plan. When staff met with representatives of the Department of Transportation, we were only looking specifically at the designated highways. For the Town, this means from Clarke Road to Tim Hortons along Mowat Drive and Bayview Drive. If approved, the Town would conduct the work and apply for the funding back. Council asked with the designated highways, this might allow us to apply for funding to extend into the other designated highway areas. CAO Spear noted that this 5-year plan is a gap measure program. We can make requests for funding and the Department on specific roads but we have looked at the 5-year plan and there is little identified to be upgraded at this time.

Motion: 277 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Blanchard

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews moves that the document entitled Town of Saint Andrews Four-Year Plan for the Provincial Municipal Highway Partnership Program 2025 – 2028 be adopted.

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Carried

3. Discussion on Connections to In-Ground Infrastructure, PW230918

CAO Spear noted that the Town has received a request to support a resident to fix a sewer line to our infrastructure. Our By-Law notes that the connection of sewer line from the house to the main is the owner's responsibility and that any road work is at their cost. Water lines are the responsibility of the homeowner from the home to the curb stop. Regarding the sewer lines, this was a unique case as the line is about 20 ft. down in the road. They only had to dig into 8 ft. to find the problem and fix it. There is generally a household repair 2 - 5 times per year. Costs can get high depending on the level of damage and how far a dig has to go. In addition, in dealing with larger depths, there are few companies that can do the work. The homeowner brought up concerns, one that he does not think it is fair that the Town is not responsible from the property line to the main. Most municipalities have the same regulations the Town has. The

other concern is that the homeowner would like the Town to share in the costs of repair. This could open up issues with other homeowners who have had to pay for all the costs associated with repairs in the past. Staff have held steadfast to the By-Law of the Town. The homeowner has made a request to speak to Council directly. We will make a note to review the Water and Wastewater By-Law with Council with a look at potentially reviewing cost sharing. Council noted that the report from the homeowner noted they feel the sewer line failed due to the installation of the line, can staff verify? CAO Spear noted it is a connection from 30 - 40 years back and there is no record of who made the connections. However pipes do fail when they hit life expectancies or shifting of grounds, etc. There is no way to accurately account for the line installation due to insufficient records. One Councillor provided their experience with a broken line and the repairs were all at their cost. CAO Spear noted that the Town was waiting to hear what the final bill is for the work and that the Town would meet with the homeowner to discuss options on how to help with costs, i.e. Public Works completing paving work. Council noted that if the Town is going to investigate the work, a certified engineer or plumber report should come from it. Council would want further clarification on the issue as compared to other repairs to other homeowners. CAO Spear noted if Council is willing to support the idea of cost sharing, the homeowner can submit the costs to Council for a decision or Council can speak with them directly. Council further debated the liability and ownership responsibilities of the sewer line. Council noted for staff to work with the homeowner to see where cost savings can occur and to report back to Council if needed.

3. Public Safety - Councillor Neil

1. Appointment of By-Law Enforcement Officer Bill Rigby, PS230910

Motion: 278 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoints Bill Rigby, By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Town of Saint Andrews as per the Local Governance Act Section 72.

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Carried

2. Discussion on Ban of Sale of Consumer Fireworks, PS230911

Clerk Nopper provided a report to Council on the Town of Rothesay and their pursuit to ban the sale of consumer fireworks in New Brunswick. The Town of Quispamsis is forming a committee to review the ban request. It was noted that municipalities cannot outright ban the sale of fireworks under the Local Governance Act, it has to be done at the Provincial level. Council asked if the Town requires a permit to launch fireworks. Clerk Nopper noted that in the Noise By-Law fireworks need a permit to be launched in Town. The only permit the Town issues is for Canada Day. The Town recently installed signs along Indian Point and Bar Road noting not to launch fireworks, however, there was an incident on the Wharf that the Fire Department was called to due to the launching of fireworks. Council was concerned about the fireworks and the recent Stein Lake Fire

with the potential a spark can make in a dry area. In addition, they do cause issues for those with PTSD or for animals. Council noted that they would observe the processes by Rothesay and Quispamsis and let them pursue the ban and that the Town would support this if it occurred.

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

1. Indulge Requests for October 12 – 15, 2023, BTHC230903

Council asked if Public Works had any issues with hanging the lighting along the sidewalk streets. Clerk Nopper noted that Public Works was going to test a sample to see what could be done to hang them and see if they could do the rest.

Motion: 279 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Blanchard

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews supports the Indulge events taking place from Thursday, October 12, 2023, to Sunday, October 15, 2023, with the following:

1. Use of Market Square from October 12 – 15 to put up a large tent. This will be used for the Indulge event on the 13th and a concert event on the 14th.

2. Request for Water Street Closure for Friday, October 13 from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. from Edward Street to Frederick Street. The request also includes the use of barricades for the following:

- Water Street at Frederick Street.*
- Water Street at King Street.*
- Water Street at William Street.*
- Water Street at Edward Street.*

3. For the Indulge Farmers' Market on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closure of King Street between Water Street and Queen Street.

4. That the Public Works team help to string new lights between light pole standards along Water Street. Lights are to be supplied by Indulge.

5. Request for a Food Truck licence as part of the Indulge event on October 13.

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Carried

2. Christmas By-the-Sea Grant Funding Request, BTHC230905

CAO Spear noted that there was only \$845.00 left in the budget for Community Assistance Grants but funds could be found to support the events. Council asked how much funding had been applied for from other organizations. CAO Spear noted \$2,500 from the Province and \$2,000 from the Kiwanis. They were also waiting on funding from Explore St. Andrews. Council discussed the grant and noted they were supportive of the holiday season events and that they are more for residents than visitors but open to all to enjoy. Council noted that there should be a budget line for seasonal events for 2024 to support Christmas By-the-Sea and other events like it. Council noted they were comfortable with a \$2,000 donation.

Motion: 280 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews supports the grant funding request from the Christmas By-the-Sea Committee in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Amended

Motion: 281 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Blanchard

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews amends the request for Christmas By-the-Sea Committee to \$2,000.00.

7 – 0

Carried

Motion: 282 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews supports the amended grant funding request from the Christmas By-the-Sea Committee in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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Carried

5. Recreation and Community Services - Councillor Gumushel

1. W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex Rental Rates 2023 - 2024, RCS230909

Council asked why the damage deposit was increasing. CAO Spear noted that our previous deposit would cover little cost for damage or clean up. By increasing it, we are matching other local facilities and helping to ensure costs are covered if we have to have repairs or send in staff for cleaning. Council asked if the rates are listed as a per-hour rate. CAO Spear noted yes a per-hour rate.

Motion: 283 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex Rental Rates for 2023 – 2024.

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Carried

2. Discussion on the Proposed Saint Andrews Dog Park, RCS230915

CAO Spear noted that the Council has had several presentations from the Dog Park Committee representatives about the proposed location between Cemetery Road and the Ballfield. Staff feel this area may still not be the best as there is a slope and could cause issues for those with mobility issues. Additionally, parking is not the greatest in this area and along Cemetery Road. Grass cutting by staff will also be a challenge with the slope and fencing. There is also the hope for a four-season access to the dog park and snow removal is a concern. Currently, the Committee is fundraising but has not hit its

target yet. Staff are looking at the project for completion in the spring of 2024 with the budget to be set aside for the project. It would be preferred to have a better location for the park for mobility and maintenance purposes. Staff are also looking at alternative private locations for discussion. Council asked when the other sites can be presented to Council. CAO Spear noted that the Staff will speak with the Committee and review the private land areas but hopefully the first meeting in November. Council noted that they would prefer to pick one location and complete the project once and not have to deal with moving the park. This will save on costs and processes. Council agreed with staff on the mobility issue and but have heard from some residents the slope is not too bad. Council asked staff to look at options for modifying the location behind the Ballfield and to continue to look at the other private options for consideration.

3. Appointment of Jeremiah Kerr to the Trail Advisory Committee, RCS230913

Motion: 284 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Hirtle

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoints Jeremiah Kerr to the Trail Advisory Committee for a term of two years.

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Carried

6. Planning & Economic Development - Councillor Heenan

1. Amendment Z22-05 to the Zoning By-Law Z22-01 for PID 01323591, Dominique Berlenger and Mieke Elza Van De Capelle Second and Third Reading, PED230616

Councillor Weare left the Council Chambers at 8:49 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Akagi read by title for the Second Reading.

Deputy Mayor Akagi read by title for the Third and Final Reading.

Motion: 285 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews grants leave for Second Reading to Amendment By-Law No. Z22-05, A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. Z22-01, Being the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Saint Andrews for PID 01323591 at 126 and 134 Reed Avenue for Dominique Berlenger and Mieke Elza Van De Capelle to move from Serviced Residential (SR) Zone to Multiple Residential 1 (MR1) Zone for the purpose of a rooming house.

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Carried

Motion: 286 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Hirtle

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews sets that= all parking located at 126 and 134 Reed Avenue PID 01323591 be placed in the backyard of the property.

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Carried

Motion: 287 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Neil

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews grants leave for Third and Final Reading to Amendment By-Law No. Z22-05, A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. Z22-01, Being the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Saint Andrews for PID 01323591 at 126 and 134 Reed Avenue for Dominique Berlenger and Mieke Elza Van De Capelle to move from Serviced Residential (SR) Zone to Multiple Residential 1 (MR1) Zone for the purposes of a rooming house.

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Carried

2. **Amendment Z22-04 to the Zoning By-Law Z22-01 for PID 01325240, Stonewall Place, Evans Land Development Limited First Reading, PED230615**

Councillor Weare returned to the Council Chambers at 8:52 p.m.

Council asked for clarification on the style of residential units that would be developed in this area. CAO Spear noted that in the original presentation, they were suggesting townhomes. Mr. Rick Turner made a second presentation to Council outlining apartment complexes in July of 2023. There needs to be a Subdivision Agreement and Development Agreement before Second Reading which will provide more clarifying details of their proposed plan. This should come to the Council Meeting at the end of October. Council asked if they are just considering zoning at this point and that having the First Reading allows the process to start. CAO Spear indicated that this is the start of the process and there will be time for Council to review what is being considered before moving to Second and Third Reading. Council discussed the number of storeys the buildings are proposed, between two and three storeys. Council asked when the traffic study would be completed. CAO Spear noted in October. There were two gathering times, one in the summer and one in the fall to get an idea of traffic flow.

Deputy Mayor Akagi read by title for First Reading.

Motion: 288 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews grants leave for First Reading to Amendment By-Law Z22-04, A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. Z22-01, Being the Zoning By-Law for the Town of Saint Andrews for PID 01325240, Stonewall Place, Evans Land Development Limited, rezoning from the SR (Serviced Residential) Zone to the

MR2 (High-Density Multiple Residential) Zone to facilitate the development of an apartment complex/subdivision.

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Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. QUESTION PERIOD

Cara Harvey (Dog Park Committee) - I came to hear your answers and opinions based on the presentation given on August 8, 2023. This project has been going on for about 10 years on and off. We have gone through three Committee leaders who have now moved away and their dogs will not be able to benefit. Then most recently, previous to our last leader leaving, we met with Town Staff on June 29th to discuss alternative locations. We did not hear anything after that. Because of that, we took the initiative to look for another location and presented that. We are trying to make some progress on the park. So basically, we are looking for a firm commitment from Council on when we can get some proposed locations. We have been hearing more on this but no response. We are told at the next Council Meeting, so not trying to be offensive, but we are running out of steam. We started this year with a committee of 10 and now we are down to 3 who are actively working on it. We have lost some momentum but are asking for Council consideration and thank you for your support. We did go over parking in our proposal adjacent to the soccer field and hoping for more specific benchmarks on places available. We have had people saying we will not donate until a more concrete plan is in place, including Pet Valu. We will not get a cent until a proposed location is set. St. Stephen got \$20,000.00 from a grant.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - Mr. Spear noted that we should have an answer on the location by the end of November.

CAO Spear - The Committee is still fundraising and may not have all the funds necessary until later in the fall.

Cara Harvey - We are at \$15,000.00 raised and anticipate with our next auction to be at around \$18,000.00. We have another business willing to contribute for another \$2,000.00. We hope that recognition will be shown on the fundraising and house spent doing this. This has been our lives for a while trying to raise funds.

CAO Spear - Staff are looking into a couple of locations including some private landowners. We should be able to consult with the Dog Park Committee in the coming month and bring a final space for consideration by Council.

Caroline MelenKump - I have sent in a letter and hope you have had time to review it. Through the course of the letter I note how much work has gone into this project and consideration by Council. I appreciate the responsibility you have and your actions will be part of that history. Understanding there is a lot behind the scenes and appreciate the work. My letter was written from a personal standpoint and trying to be helpful. New things should be brought into Town but some things and as this would affect me I had to speak up. I have a question, what was wrong with the Water Tower land for a dog park? I understand there is a future need for that land but that is three to five years down the road. It would be a perfect place to build a dog park from what the group can afford. This can be achieved quickly and the money being spent to build the park would be used on the park and not just spent on the groundwork. They need a flat place and fencing. I do not understand why there is a reluctance to not make this a permanent site. It gives you an opportunity for a site, see how it is used, how useful it is for the Town, and how

hard it is to maintain. It gives you time to look at other sites for future development. This gives the Committee more time to fundraise. Personally, that site offers good opportunities, corporate sponsor space, and a big space when you drive by. Thank you for your consideration.

CAO Spear - We will revisit all sites with the Dog Park Committee. There are issues with the land at the Water Tower as it deals with water infrastructure. There is piping all over the place and we do not necessarily want parking on this. In addition, we will need to build a new water tower in the future and would not like to displace the dog park if possible. We will review the options again.

L. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Councillor Harland - Would like to put a shout-out to Recreation Manager Merven Hanselbacher for the first annual Rec and Leisure Expo. I had the opportunity to attend and be a part of a service provider. There were more vendors there than anticipated. Attendance was a bit disappointing but I hope it will grow and grow. Job well done.

Councillor Heenan - Shout-out to our summer students and all the work they did. Always friendly even at 8:00 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - Thank you to Merven Hanselbacher for his help with Truth and Reconciliation Day. He is doing a super job and thanks Council for listening.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - Welcome back to the students at Vincent Massey Elementary School, Sir James Dunn Academy, and the New Brunswick Community College on another year in Saint Andrews.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - A reminder to go slow in town as a baby deer was hit by my property. Please keep an eye out.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - Those who ride e-bikes and e-scooters that are riding by going up the wrong way on the one-way street, please follow the rules of the road. I have received many complaints about this and safety needs to be followed.

M. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

N. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Henderson arrived in the Council Chambers at 9:23 p.m.

Motion: 289 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Neil

At 9:25 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.

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Carried

Motion: 290 - 09/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

At 10:05 p.m. that Council returns to Open Session.

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Carried

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 291 - 09/23

Moved by Mayor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

At 10:06 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

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Carried

Brad Henderson, Mayor

Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior
Administrator

