



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

**February 3, 2025, 6:45 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, February 3, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Brad Henderson, Deputy Mayor Kate Akagi, Councillors Mark Bennett, Kurt Gumushel, Annette Harland, Lee Heenan, Steve Neil, and Darrell Weare.

Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator, and Alex Henderson, Director of Planning, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission.

Electronic Attendance: Councillor Jamie Hirtle

Absent: Councillor Marc Blanchard

B. LAND RECOGNITION OF THE PESKOTOMUHKATI NATION

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 025 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Neil

That the Agenda for the 250203 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

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Carried

D. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Brad Henderson - By-Law No. 22-02, Code of Conduct Investigation Report, FA250217.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. John Rocca, Presentation on Request for Encroachment at 260 Water Street, Argyll Residences

John Rocca, provided a presentation to Council regarding an encroachment at 260 Water Street. Engineering firm used the wrong survey plan and was only discovered after construction started and the walls were completed. The walls were supposed to be at a certain elevation to ensure were at grade with the sidewalk. It was discovered were not a grade with the sidewalk. Try to find a solution to get to be at grade. Not possible unless project is delayed, redesigned, and cost a couple of hundred thousand dollars to redo the work to get to elevation. Seeking an alternative that is workable that has been discussed with town staff. It addresses the needs in terms of maintenance of the sidewalk. The sidewalk would be

reconstructed at the sole cost and expense to Ellerdale Ventures Inc. Asking for Council's help and support for this proposal.

Council wanted clarification on the timeline of how this occurred, how the discovery of the error came about, and whether at some point were they informed by the building inspector to halt construction.

John Rocca stated it was discovered by Iron Maple the on site contractor. Wall build needed to be at certain elevation and discovered it was not at the required elevation. They sent a request to Spitfire and what is the issue. Spitfire looked into it, the problem was the survey contained wrong information. Then I got involved at that stage as had commissioned the survey. We went back and forth with Spitfire and became obvious later they were dealing with a different survey plan rather than the appropriate ones. Meanwhile at the same time the building inspector notices this as an issue and wrote to me. They indicated that there was a problem and if not addressed, a stop work order would need to be used. By then, were at least two plus weeks into trying to understand what the cause of the issue was and what the potential solutions were. I contacted Spitfire, Town noted at the bare minimum need an encroachment agreement. Eventually I was told we were encroaching on Town property and if we wanted to implement one of the options then needed support of Council. That is when we met with staff, reviewed the various proposals, critiqued the options, and provided a suggestion that is before Council that works from an operational point of view, snow removal point of view, etc., but does impact the street. Council wanted further clarification with the adjustment in elevation would this change the finished height as it looks to be that everything is 18 inches higher. Mr. Rocca explained that no it does not impact the height, because the height is measured from the finished floor elevation, 31/32 metre height and that it is the relationship between the building and sidewalk that is impacted. CAO Spear noted that the building inspector through the RSC had requested updated plans to certify that as that was a concern. They assured us that it was well within the existing by-laws for height and have verified that through additional drawings.

Planner Henderson commented if there had been an 18 inch height increase we looked at whether or not that type of deviation could be tolerated within the zoning and it could. That was not our main concern. Main concern was whether we were going to issue a stop work order or not if they could not meet the barrier free requirements. That is where the cascading question of were they going to be able to do that with this current elevation then there comes their encroachment requirement. Stop work order was something discussed but did not issue because there was progress towards a solution and other work was being done on the site not related to this as well. If there was not a possible solution and we needed to get progress, then a stop work order could have been issued.

Council further noted that many individuals including members of the public and Council noticed the height was above the sidewalk, but a whole group of people working there did not. Also, some Councillors were concerned that the building was totally approved without anything going to Council. Never saw a photo of what the building was going to look like. Understand it met all the codes and By-Laws, but would have been in some respects appropriate for Council to at least to see a plan or site of what it was going to look like. The public was asking about the look of the building but Council could not provide any information to them. Now that there is a problem, you

have to come to Council for our input and for us to try and fix it. For a building of this magnitude to be built in our downtown historic core it would have been polite for Council to have been involved in some sort of way; at least be told what it was going to look like, what the colour was going to be etc. Mayor Henderson responded that if we want input on a building like this we need to change the by-laws. Currently Council not involved until there is an issue.

Council were also concerned that on a busy summer day, would there be enough room to get a wheelchair and a person side by side walking in front of the building as the building appears to go halfway across the sidewalk. CAO Spear responded have to confirm that, do have concerns with the brickwork that is there as they are not meant for walking on. If Council chooses to do an encroachment agreement there are two things that need to be addressed. The bricks would need to be removed there to provide for extra stable walking conditions and a light pole in front of the building should be removed. Staff are okay with that as the facility has lighting out front so it should light up the sidewalk and provide adequate lighting. Do not think we have final design between the width of the sidewalk and that final step. Before get into the final agreement would get all that information from the engineers to ensure those types of things are in place and provide any type of recommendations from planning or staff, and public works included in order to ensure normal services and safety of the public can be maintained. Council further concerned whether or not the sidewalk plow would be able to pass safely in front of the building. CAO Spear noted room for the sidewalk plow but concerned that step might get clipped by it. Might ask for some modifications to the design such as a railing on the side so that it is visible on a snowy day and visible to people walking down the street. There are some modifications that we will discuss with the developer. Council inquired whether it is rare to have an encroachment agreement for a concrete structure versus a wooden structure. CAO Spear clarified that most are temporary in nature and some of them are removed. May be some building code stuff that will need to be looked it to ensure it is still okay for a permanent concrete structure to be constructed there. Council had a general question concerning liability if someone were to hit something like this structure while biking after dark or if sidewalk has not been cleared after a snowfall and someone were to trip over it, would the Town be liable? CAO Spear noted that is why we are asking for a rail besides cyclists are supposed to be on the road. Rail would mitigate that a bit. Both the Town and the property owner would be named in a lawsuit, but would primarily fall on the building owner as it is their staircase that is why we are trying to find them a warning system like a railing to prevent any of that happening. With this option, it is a 12 inch rise versus Bank of Nova Scotia which is a significantly higher, so it stands out.. A little riser such as the one in question for this building is something that normal vision might not pick up. Could be as simple as the proponent putting planters on the corner or something in the summer that stands out to avoid it. Council wanted further clarification on the placement of the railing. Would it be all the way across the front of the building? CAO Spear noted it is up to Council's discretion, but it is better for the retail space that is on the bottom floor that people can access it from just a couple of steps as they are walking by. The proponent was hoping not to have to extend a rail along the whole front of it as it does take away from the visual acuity of the building. The safety issues can be addressed by having a handrail at each end of the lower step. Can look at other hand rails in a couple of spots besides the ends, will speak with the proponents on

this. Mr. Rocca responded that the railings are required; necessary for safety and it is obviously in our best interest that no one gets hurt there. Railings are a good solution to the problem.

Mr. Rocca responded to Council's concerns. First, was the difference in elevation. It is noticeable but I can assure you from the timeline given, the very day the footings were in and the walls were up, our contractor notified Spitfire that there was an issue. There was no delay or attempt to mislead. The best solution was to be at grade, best for the town and best for the building. On the second point, I apologize you did not get the information on the building. The materials and colour scheme you saw with the four storey proposal that was rejected are the same as for the current three storey building. Vast majority of citizens seemed to like the original colour scheme. Looking at the plans for the previous one, this one follows that design. Did not know we had an obligation to bring back as we were following within the rules of building compliance to the Secondary Municipal Plan and Zoning By-Law.

Council commended and thanked Mr. Rocca for doing such a wonderful project in the community and when it is all over hopefully we will be pleased with the finished project. We asked for architectural drawings and thought we would get sketches as well outlining how many inches in between the sidewalk and such. That would answer a lot of questions about how wide this is versus the drawings provided. If we had a complete set of drawings showing railings etc., would be easier to make a decision on this. Need a complete set of drawings before can make final decision. What we see there would not be sufficient for foot traffic. Would have to consider pushing into that brick area. Dave from Spitfire showed drawing with distances and path of travel. Would be approximately 2.3 metres from the bottom step to the backside of the curb. Well over double the distance required under code for a barrier free path of travel based on barrier free access inside a building. More than enough room for a wheelchair and a pedestrian to pass. Also over the snow clearing width requirements. Council asked for clarification that the 2.29 metres includes the brick paving stones and if they are removed, usually some buffer, grass strip, etc. is common which presents a bit of a safety issue. Looks like have 1.4 metres if we go to the paving stones. Still falls within the code but still would be a little tight. CAO Spear noted that another option is to replace the brick with better paving walking stones similar to those at Town Hall that are much tighter to give that physical, visual difference between the curb and the sidewalk. Council questioned Mr. Rocca on what other options were looked at to mitigate this problem. Mr. Rocca responded the very first one was to look at what was involved in meeting the original plans and specifications, but means a cost of \$200,000 to remove, lower the floor, and another month in terms of impact on the construction schedule. That was the first one, there were a couple of others that were rejected as unacceptable by Town staff. Eventually we met on site for a site meeting and at that meeting various items were discussed to address snow removal etc. and this option that we are discussing tonight seemed to be the best compromise to work with. Refinements will do once have Council support.

Council inquired when will the building be finished and if it is common to have a finishing date. Mr. Rocca stated expected to be completed by end of August, but pushing for the end of July. It is on an agreed construction schedule, based on projections and timelines, we have lost some weeks due to weather. Common to have a finishing date as residents need to know

when to move in as some have homes to sell, others have notices to give to landlords etc. Once the building is enclosed, we can project more accurately the completion date. In about a month we will be at that stage. Once we do the structural slab, the building will go up very quickly. Will make sure all the plans and renderings are made available to Council.

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the 250120 Regular Council Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

Motion: 026 - 02/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Akagi

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Minutes of the 250120 Regular Council Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. be adopted.

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Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS

- H. STAFF REPORT/FINANCIAL REPORT, FA250216, PWPS250203, PWPS250204, RE250205, PWPS250206, PWPS250207, FA250218, RE250206, PWPS250208**

Motion: 027 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi

That Council 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. Planning & Community Development Committee - Councillor Harland and Heenan**

- 1. Discussion on Proposed Encroachment Agreement for 260 Water Street Argyll Residence, PCD250204**

CAO Spear noted if Council can provide direction on whether you are willing to live with the encroachment, we will work on a better design and encroachment agreement. Let us know if you are in favour of an encroachment agreement and any further comments. We can work with the proponent and bring a plan so that we can get this looked after by the next meeting if possible.

Council noted still have some questions and concerns such as want to see a bit of redesign for safety so there is not as much liability for the Town; would it follow an encroachment policy; would there be an annual fee; should be some level of compensation from the developer as they are asking to encroach on our land which is not ideal; are we opening a can of worms for encroachment on Water Street. Would love every building to be accessible in town but there are concerns. Normally hear they would need to encroach on our sidewalk. Is there a potential we lose our sidewalks.

CAO Spear responded up to Council to decide on a fee if any; will not lose sidewalks, but width would be reduced. We currently have

various encroachment agreements such as Market Square and through the summer decks out on sidewalks, etc. Will on Water got an encroachment agreement to do their deck. We do have a history of them. You kind of have to handle it on a case by case basis. Hope with this one as opposed to the historic buildings which did not worry about accessibility, with this one, hoping to keep at flush which would be ideal but this is the issue ahead of us. Up to Council to decide. It is a permanent request. Maybe we have to look at selling it. It is a permanent placement and work out a sale if Council so wishes. For any existing encroachment agreements there is an annual fee or compensation, however many of those are semi-permanent structures. With this project we are looking at a permanent structure, so would be at a higher premium than the others.

Council formal encroachment and conditions would be appropriate in this case as it is a for profit building that is using public property especially since it was an error made on the side of the developer, not the Town. It is the developer's responsibility. The mitigation should not fall to the citizens of Saint Andrews. Being that we are being asked to give up sidewalk space, if end up selling that land to the developer, would that alleviate the Town's liability? CAO Spear responded possibly, in litigation the Town will always be called into it 99% of the time. In reality our defense would be that it was poorly constructed, it would likely fall back on the building owner and not the Town.

Council concerned if you grant the ramp on this one, anyone that wants one in the future can just build what they want and we would just have to figure it out. There should be a consequence for the mistake. CAO Spear noted if Council feels strongly about this because this was a new build, we feel like we are in a little more control. If any of our current buildings came in to ask for an encroachment to make them more accessible, I think Council would be willing. Because the original plan did not work out well, there is a little more pressure on Council. But if there was a grant that came along and Ability New Brunswick came in and recommended that would be an ideal solution that accessible ramps were built for as many premises as possible, I think Council might embrace that as a way to improve accessibility. This one had issues due to the original plan now we are left in a dilemma to try and support it if at all.

Council inquired is there ever a circumstance, in order to gain approval of one thing, Council can gain more control of another thing such as controlling the development process. For instance, can we add on terms and conditions for the building in order for the developer to get the encroachment agreement. CAO Spear noted at this point it is a negotiation. It is Council's land. You could say no we want to keep the sidewalk, you figure it out on your own footprint and move forward. But the proponent has been working with the Town to try and find a solution and it is not unheard of in Saint Andrews to try and build ramps in places. It is not the ideal solution from what we hoped would happen. Council noted developer has most to lose. Lack of input was a sore spot. CAO Spear stated if Council feels strongly about this we can come up with a policy that we can put into our Zoning By-Law or Secondary Municipal Plan about new builds having to have accessibility built in at grade in certain areas. Council

further noted it is a moral obligation to provide for full accessibility in this community. Planner Henderson stated with new builds accessibility is a requirement. If retrofitting an existing structure that was never adapted, so in the case of a recent new build in Town, it had a foundation in which case it was built above the grade. This is something worthwhile to talk about for the Zoning By-Law so that you are not getting into a situation of a lot of ramps as that can take away from the streetscape, etc.

Councillor Heenan noted sits on church council as well as this Council and the church was denied an accessibility ramp because it was too close to the sidewalk. With the ramp being installed it would still have been 10 feet from the sidewalk. Now I hear of this encroachment on a sidewalk. That does not sit well with me. We do know we will do the encroachment but what form it takes. I like the idea of selling it. It makes it more permanent and it could reduce our liability.

CAO Spear noted on second thought, we are thinking forever. There might be an opportunity in the future to revert back to the town. Maybe have covenants about annual lease or up front fee upon demolition, land reverts back to the Town. Will speak to lawyer on this for the appropriate wording. Maybe an annual lease is the best or some type of upfront fee.

Councillor Weare - My word is disappointment we as a Council we are not engineers or architects. We are trying to make a decision on a construction project. I do not think there is anybody at the table qualified to do so. I think it is unfair to ask Council and staff to make those decisions. Just a feeling I have had for a long while sitting at this table. Our two staff members are expected to be jack of all trades. I do not think this is the way to properly run a municipal unit.

Council consensus to move forward with encroachment with a different design and taxpayer benefits for giving up the land.

2. Appointment of Members to the Mental Wellness Committee, PCD250205

Motion: 028 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoints the following members to the Mental Wellness Committee for a 1-year term:

- *Angela Keetch*
- *Caleigh Dunfield*
- *Heather Heath*
- *Elizabeth Neve*
- *Matthew Dickson*
- *Devon Lord*
- *Councillor Annette Harland*
- *Councillor Steve Neil*
- *Councillor Jamie Hirtle*

8 – 0

Carried

3. Appointment of Members to the Planning Advisory Committee, PCD250203

Councillor Heenan - Had the privilege of working with Mr. Cross while I was a member of PAC. He was a great member of the Committee and a big thank you to him.

Motion: 029 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Neil

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts the resignation of Jeff Cross to the Planning Advisory Committee.

8 – 0

Carried

Motion: 030 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts the reappointment of the following Planning Advisory Committee Members with the following term limits:

- *Jill Stewart – 3 years*
- *Jeremiah Kerr – 3 years*
- *Kevin Simmonds – 2 years*
- *Dwight Ingalls – 1 year*
- *John Tanner – 2 years*
- *Councillor Annette Harland – end of Council term.*

8 – 0

Carried

2. Finance & Administration Committee - Deputy Mayor Akagi

1. By-Law No. 22-02, Code of Conduct Investigation Report, FA250217

Mayor Henderson left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor Henderson returned to the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion: 031 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Heenan

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts the conclusion of the investigative report of Jody Carr, dated September 9, 2024.

7 – 0

Carried

3. Public Works & Public Safety Committee- Councillors Bennett and Neil

1. Tender No. TSA-2025-01 and TSA-2025-02 Purchase of Vehicles, PWPS250205

Council expressed concerns about the size of a full-size tandem dump truck, with plow and wing blade. That it seems like a lot of overkill for the nature of this town and the size of the roadways in particular the downtown core. Current trucks are 3500 and 5500 plow trucks. Most smaller municipalities on the high side go to 7500 single

axle plow trucks. Concern with narrow roads and tight corners. A full size tandem dump truck with a wing blade on and an 11 foot street plow on the front to try to make these corners in and around town will be difficult to use for the drivers.

CAO Spear - I appreciate the comments, one of the things, plowing is less of an issue then the efficiencies with the bump, more material to be used. With the tandem large savings. Current trucks are too small to get asphalt and this truck would allow us to get it ourselves and bring that down and do the work and save us money that way. Third point, specialized licence to drive it and three drivers have their licences and two are firefighters. Main arteries, plenty good. Have smaller trucks to do the shorts. Less tight for main avenues. Have confidence in the drivers with that. Even with snow removal, but 30 cm storm, speed up snow removal processes.

Heenan - would also use it to Clarke Road and towards Bayside as well?

Spear - responsible for designated highway Clarke Rd and in.

Motion: 032 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews awards Tender TSA-2025-01, New 2024/2025 ¾ Ton 4x4 Regular Cab Truck to Downey Ford St. Stephen in the amount of \$66,966 plus HST.

8 – 0

Carried

Motion: 033 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews awards Tender TSA-2025-02, purchase of Tandem Plow/Dump Truck, to Applied Pressure Inc. of Saint John, NB, for \$429,950 plus HST.

8 – 0

Carried

4. Economic Development, Business, & Culture Committee - Councillors Hirtle and Weare

1. By-Law No. 25-02, A By-Law to Regulate Peddlers, Buskers, Transient Traders, and Food Trucks, First Reading EBC250101

Read by Mayor Henderson by Title for First Reading.

Motion: 034 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews grants leave for the First Reading to By-Law No. 25-02, A By-Law to Regulate Peddlers, Buskers, Transient Traders, and Food Trucks in the Town of Saint Andrews.

8 – 0

Carried

2. St. Andrews Chamber of Commerce Funding Request 2025, EBC250205

Motion: 035 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Weare

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews supports the request for funds by the St. Andrews Chamber of Commerce for \$2,000 towards the 2025 Town Maps and \$1,000 sponsorship to the 2025 Business Gala. Funds will be drawn from the Tourism Accommodation Levy for these initiatives.

8 – 0

Carried

3. Appointment of Members to the Heritage Board, EBC250206

Motion: 036 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoint Alexander Gopen, Senior Planner, as the Heritage Officer under By-Law No. 24-04, Heritage Conservation By-Law for the Town of Saint Andrews.

8 – 0

Carried

Motion: 037 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Neil

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoints the following persons to the Heritage Board under By-Law No. 24-04, Heritage Conservation By-Law for the Town of Saint Andrews.

- *Councillor Jamie Hirtle – until the end of Council Term*
- *Councillor Annette Harland – until the end of Council Term*
- *James Geneau – 3 year term*
- *Dylan Smith – 2 year term*
- *John Kelly - 2 year term*
- *Monica Cole – 3 year term*
- *Cindy Kohler – 2 year term*

8 – 0

Carried

5. Recreation & Environment Committee - Councillor Gumushel and Blanchard

1. Appointments to the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee, RE250203

Motion: 038 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts the resignations of Louise MacFarlane and Sandy Morgan from the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee.

8 – 0
Carried

Motion: 039 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoints Shelley Hughes and Lisa Eldridge for 2 years to the Age Friendly Advisory Committee.

8 – 0
Carried

2. Appointment of Member to the Trail Advisory Committee, RE250204

Motion: 040 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts the resignation of Dr. David Johnson from the Trail Advisory Committee.

8 – 0
Carried

Motion: 041 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts the appointment of Ann McKay to the Trail Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years.

8 – 0
Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. QUESTION PERIOD

L. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Akagi - Thank you to everyone for the bags for the food bank, but they still need more. If you have any extra bags, please drop them at Town Hall.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - On March 15th we will be doing the drum and rattle workshop. Still working on final details and asking for anyone who would like to donate to that day that would be great. Drums are very expensive. Donations will be taken at Town Hall and will be put into the Truth and Reconciliation Fund to help support ongoing education programs. If you can assist us, that would be great.

Councillor Weare - Following the US President declaring economic war on the Country, I think as a Council and as a town, we should be giving consideration to what we can do to protect ourself in the coming years. All of you know my feelings about those fields out through Bayside, that are sitting there going to waste. We should be producing food. We have also got to take a look at the NIMBYism that exists in the area. There are opportunities to bring manufacturing jobs to the area. Not only is it good for the economy, it looks like it would be good for the country. We have to be more aware of it and we have to take a more proactive approach on it. Going to be monies available from the next government and the opportunity to get people involved in business and make ourself more self reliant. We take

great pride as Canadians of being self reliant, but we have not proved it as well as we could in the last few decades.

Clerk Nopper - Today is the start of the Recreation Master Plan Survey. The public received a mailout about this last week. Please go online to our website. The link is available on there and on our Facebook post. We also have paper copies available at Town Hall, the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex, the Wellness Centre, the Youth Centre, and Bayside Community Hall. There are paper copies available if you do not want to do it online, you can pick it up. We would like 200-300 surveys. This is going to set the tone for the next 10 years for recreation in our community, so your input is greatly appreciated. Please watch for notices for when open houses are hosted in March that you will have more opportunities to participate at that point. Please get out there and fill out the survey.

M. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Henderson - Staff to review what is going on in other jurisdictions and bring options forward at next staff meeting. We can have a discussion and we should be bringing something forward. Looking at how to protect ourselves and share concerns for Canadians.

Mayor Henderson- I would like to comment on the Code of Conduct investigation report. It was an unfounded complaint and the taxpayers have a right to know that it cost a significant amount of money to this municipality to investigate it. Unfortunate it happened and a lot of resources went into that.

I would like to wish my son, Tristan, a Happy 10th Birthday.

N. CLOSED SESSION

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 042- 02/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Akagi

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

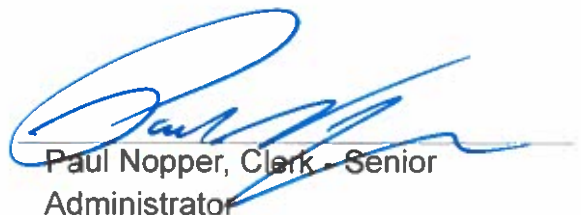
At 8:25 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

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Carried



Brad Henderson, Mayor



Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior
Administrator

