



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

**February 18, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 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, Steve Neil, and Darrell Weare.

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

Online Attendance: Councillors Marc Blanchard (7:16 pm) and Jamie Hirtle

Absent: Councillor Lee Heenan

B. LAND RECOGNITION OF THE PESKOTOMUHKATI NATION

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 047 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Agenda for the 250218 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Amended

Motion: 048 - 02/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Akagi

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews under New Business adds arena water line repairs and under Closed Session adds composition of Council.

7 – 0

Carried

Motion: 049 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Amended Agenda for the 250218 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

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Carried

D. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

E. PRESENTATIONS

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

G. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Planning & Community Development Committee - Councillor Harland and Heenan

1. Amendment to Z22-09 to the Zoning By-Law Z22-01 for the Algonquin Spa Call for Public Hearing of Objections, PCD250206

Motion: 050 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews sets the date of Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Council Chambers for a Public Hearing of Objections to the proposed Amendments to Z22-09 to the Zoning By-Law Z22-01 for the Algonquin Spa project as per Section 111 of the Community Planning Act.

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Carried

2. Finance & Administration Committee - Deputy Mayor Akagi

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

1. Discussion on By-Law No. 25-01, A By-Law to Regulate Vehicular Traffic in the Town of Saint Andrews, PWPS250202

Clerk Nopper provided a summary of the recent open house held on the potential changes to the upcoming Motor Vehicle By-Law. Resident concerns included a 4-way stop at Reed and Harriet; commercial trailers parked in the downtown liked the idea of using pylons around these; suggestion for permits allowing commercial vehicles to park outside of the area they are working on - construction zones - currently have no mechanism to do this; speed limit reduction will it actually reduce speeds in town, enforcement and capabilities of enforcement were noted; will people already driving below the speed limit drive slower causing anger issues from other drivers - those in attendance feel should remain at 50 and enforcement looked at.

Clerk Nopper went through the changes one by one with Council that staff is seeking direction on:

Harriet and Reed - Council concerns with backup of traffic and reduced flow, change could cause more accidents, so no to a 4-way stop.

Trailers - commercial trailers left on streets - need to have pylons around them for safety.

50 km/h to 40 km/h speed reduction - staff's recommendation is to lower it; vast majority in survey wanted it lowered; enforcement is an issue; perception that cars are speeding; Council still comfortable with reducing speed to 40 km/h in town.

Ride Share - ride share programs for profit need permission from Council to operate in town.

Crosswalks at King and Montague Streets and King and Parr Streets - Cost is \$15,000 per crosswalk as have to drop curbs for accessibility; Council consensus for budget time; other crosswalks previously discussed to go ahead.

Fines - suggestion from open house to reduce fine if paid within 30 days, but most municipalities if do not pay within 30 days, fine goes up. Council consensus no change leave as is.

School Zones - Duplication in Section 5.3 and 9.2 which will be changed.

Idling Vehicles - some vehicles need to idle for medical transportation and climate control. We are educating not fining; to remain in by-law if issue needed for enforcement.

Towing - 3 infractions, not paid we can tow vehicle. Limited in our abilities with courts; recommended by RCMP; remain as is.

Admin Penalties - tickets can be adjusted up to \$500 by the courts in the event someone is not participating in the court system; requested by judges. To be changed in new by-law to reflect this request.

Snow removal from property - in current by-law. To be left in.

No campers or RV camping on town streets, parking lots and parks - how to educate and inform public was discussed; residents concerned with the increased numbers of vehicles parking overnight in these areas. Different options were discussed: 24 hour warning; is there somewhere to allow it; Harry Mallory Sports Field discussed - youth playing soccer there not the best fit; people arriving from out of town - how do we notify them when they arrive in the evening as we do not normally have anyone on staff at that time; do not want them by youth or a playground; discussed St. Croix federal lot in Bayside; take advantage of good nature if we allow any amount of over night parking; deal with it or allow it; situation has been getting worse over the last few years; consensus not allowed to camp, but enforcement an issue; 24 hour notice may not eradicate the problem as many are transient only staying one night; seasonal by-law person could start later in the day and redirect anyone camping; staff to check with Parks Canada about directing people to St. Croix Lookout as they may not appreciate us promoting it.

No campers in the downtown core - parking on Water and Queen Street - for walkability and accessibility - jamming up of intersections, blocking site lines, taking up lots of space - safety issues. Should we limit them - some only mode of transportation, no spot in Plat to fit them comfortably; need to balance needs of our full time residents and our tourists; direct them to the arena, can use school parking lots, but cannot promote them - staff to follow up with DTI; hop on hop off bus an alternative; more and more signs in our downtown

which takes away the look and feel of our community; shuttle service does not operate a long schedule; officially no, but up to by-law enforcement to use discretion - educate, but in place to prevent someone parking on the streets for days on end; no fee to park - paid parking in the future? If there is no charge or parking time limits, hard to enforce; parking options church parking lots, NBCC, behind the library; staff can approach the churches; library has very limited parking in the back - so issue with resident parking to use the library; dedicated RV parking somewhere - location up for debate; do not want to push out those who bring tourist dollars to our area.

Queen Street intersections blocked - cannot see around corners, creating dangerous and unsafe areas; install no parking signs pointing towards intersection 10 m out at Elizabeth, Edward, William, King, Frederick, and Princess Royal along Queen; 10 m in NB Vehicle Act for stop signs; education; 4 signs at every intersection; could paint grids red where not supposed to park, but no curbs at a lot of these intersections - grass strip, gravel, broken asphalt etc.; year 1 a sign and see how that goes; question on enforcement - what does it look like - educate, educate, warn, ticket - issues occurring the entire season more prevalent during festivals or events; patrolling at key times; limitations with the staff we have; staff - how much signage do you want, how much enforcement do you want; implement, educate, ticket prolific offenders.

One-way street - From the 2nd weekend of May until 3rd week in October.

2. Discussion on Draft By-Law No. 25-03, Animal Control, PWPS250209

CAO Spear provided highlights and changes needed to the new updated version of the Animal Control By-Law. He noted that after March 31st the Province will not be contracting the SPCA to do animal control. Will be putting out a Request for Proposal this week to look at options. There are really only two options in the area of who will do it which will be discussed with Council at a later date. Need to increase the boundaries of the Animal Control By-Law to include the new larger municipality so that these areas are included in the By-Law. Changes include updating some definitions, changes to the fierce and dangerous animals section, adding the By-Law Officer under enforcement as it is more of a shared duty with the Animal Control Officer, and a need to revisit homesteading. Next version may include some broader definitions of that. Prior discussions on homesteading had talked about waiting for the Zoning By-Law to address some of it, and incorporate it, but that By-Law could take another 8 months to a year because we are just getting into the first draft in the next couple of months. Homesteading was not addressed appropriately in the current by-law for non-urban settings. Ensure those that are doing homesteading are doing it at a proper level intended in the Chamcook Rural Plan. Can incorporate some of the definitions in there along with some of the legalities for enforcement to try and proceed forward with that.

Council provided a couple of suggestions for changes to the definitions: use of the word poultry instead of chicken and add in water fowl to include ducks and geese. Good to review prior to the

Public Hearing of Objections to ensure residences that have had farms for a while that this by-law works for them. Council will do a more thorough review.

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, Second Reading EBC250101

Council discussed whether the parking lot at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex is a good location for food trucks as the Town has a full time tenant in the building operating the canteen. Any food truck would be in direct competition with the year round operation of the canteen. Addition of a line under Section 7.2.1 to the effect that food trucks to be allowed only if canteen is not operating in the summer months. CAO Spear to speak with the operator of the canteen. Council would like a change to 7.2.3 that Council to make decisions concerning other locations of food trucks. Amendments to be made prior to Third Reading.

Read by Mayor Henderson by Title for Second Reading.

Motion: 051 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Harland

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews grants leave for the Second 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

5. Recreation & Environment Committee - Councillor Gumushel and Blanchard

1. 45th Edition of the St. Andrews Kiwanis Father's Day Race Request for Support, RE250207

Motion: 052 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves the request for support for the 45th Edition of the St. Andrews Kiwanis Father's Day Race on Sunday, June 15, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

8 – 0

Carried

2. Appointments to the Environmental Advisory Committee, RE250208

Motion: 053 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Blanchard

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts the resignation of Mrs. Siobhan Neil from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

8 – 0

Carried

Motion: 054 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Blanchard

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoints the following members to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term:

- *Muriel Jarvis*
- *Steve Saunders*
- *Pamela Greenwood*
- *Rebecca Mersereau*
- *Mark Clark*
- *Chris Kohler*
- *Simon Courtney*
- *Paul Volenik*

8 – 0

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

Water line break in the main lobby of the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex. CAO Spear noted to Council about the issues with the water line break and how it has affected the use of the front lobby washrooms, canteen, dressing rooms, and upstairs kitchen. With the upcoming hockey tournaments and curling bonspiels, it is recommended to get the washrooms operational.

Motion: 055 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves emergency spending of \$25,000 towards the repair of the water line at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex with half of the funding to come from the Development Fund of the Tourism Accommodation Levy and the remaining half from the Operations Fund.

8 - 0

Carried

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Akagi - Thank you to everyone who flew a flag on February 15th, the 60th anniversary of our flag. There were a lot of flags out and displayed. Thank you to the Town for donating the small flags from Canada Day so we could decorate a little bit more.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - On Saturday, March 15, 2025. at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex will be the Drum and Rattle workshop. We need to have participation. People have asked for this and we have tried two other times since being asked and it seems like we cannot get the people. We were able to get some funding and bring the cost of the drums down, but not much can do with the price of the rattles.

Greg Mansfield will be the instructor for the workshops. You need to register by March 3rd.

L. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

M. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: 056 - 02/25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Akagi

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

At 7:57 p.m. that Council moves into Closed Session as per the Local Governance Act Section 68(1)(j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.

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Carried

Motion: 057 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

At 8:20 p.m. that Council returns to Open Session.

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Carried

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 058 - 02/25

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Harland

At 8:21 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

8 – 0

Carried



Brad Henderson, Mayor



Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior
Administrator

