

TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
April 2nd, 2012

The regular meeting of Town Council was held in the Council Chambers starting at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor John Craig, Councillors Kate Akagi, Edie Bishop, Stanley Choptiany Michael Craig and Mary Myers. Also present were staff members Tim Henderson, Town Manager, Chris Spear, Treasurer and Gail McLaughlin, Administrative Assistant.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST IF ANY— None

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Craig presented a plaque to Emelia Cooper, stating that the letter she submitted to the Kraft Hockeyville Contest “lit a fire” in the town to work together for the cause and that her efforts were greatly appreciated. Mayor Craig also expressed his thanks to all of those who worked hard to have the arena reach the top 15 in the contest.

Following the presentation, Mayor Craig asked Council for permission to move a Correspondence item forward as it was a letter of resignation from Deputy Mayor McNabb. With Council’s agreement the letter was read. It was moved by Councillor Akagi, seconded by Councillor Choptiany and carried to accept Roger McNabb’s resignation from Council. Since Roger McNabb held the position of Deputy Mayor, council was obligated to hold nominations to fill the position until the May 2012 election. Councillor Bishop was nominated as she was the Councillor with the next most number of votes in the 2008 election. Councillor Bishop accepted the nomination.

The Mayor appointed Councillor Myers to be chair of the Finance and Administration Committee until the May 2012 election.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Craig, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bishop and carried to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council March 5, 2012.

It was moved by Councillor Akagi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bishop and carried to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council March 26, 2012.

STAFF REPORTS

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Bishop, seconded by Councillor Myers and carried to accept the Staff Reports as presented.

Town Manager’s Report

It was moved by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Myers and carried to send the Bar Road Tentative Subdivision Plan PID 01326081 to the Planning Advisory Committee for their recommendation on suitability for development.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Craig read correspondence from the Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick Ltd. requesting that April 18, 2012 be proclaimed NB Literacy Day. It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Akagi and carried to Proclaim April 18, 2012 Literacy Day in the Town of Saint Andrews.

Proclamation
New Brunswick Literacy Day
“Start a Book Giving Chain”

Whereas every year on the third Wednesday of April, New Brunswickers celebrate New Brunswick Literacy Day;

Whereas literacy is a basic right of all people in New Brunswick;

Whereas literacy is a fundamental part of every aspect of our lives, including our homes, schools, workplaces and communities;

Whereas New Brunswick is committed to life-long learning and to the promotion and support of literacy, so that all may be able to access and enjoy the benefits of literacy;

Whereas New Brunswick Literacy Day is an opportunity to share with one another the love of reading by starting a Book Giving Chain and sharing a favourite book with members in our community;

Resolved, that I, John D. Craig, Mayor, ask residents of The Town of Saint Andrews to celebrate New Brunswick Literacy Day; and be it further

Resolved, that the third Wednesday of April is officially recognized as New Brunswick Literacy Day.

I, John D. Craig, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2012, to be "New Brunswick Literacy Day" and encourage residents to participate by starting a Book Giving Chain and passing along a favourite book to someone in your community.

Mayor Craig read correspondence from the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons where they request a proclamation for Disability Awareness Week from May 27 to June 2, 2012. It was moved by Councillor Akagi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bishop and carried to proclaim the Week of May 27 to June 2, 2012 Disability Awareness Week in the Town of Saint Andrews.

Proclamation

Disability Awareness Week

May 27 to June 2, 2012-04-10

"Ready and Able to Work"

Whereas, the municipality of the Town of Saint Andrews is committed to assisting citizens with disabilities to participate fully in our community, and

Whereas, many persons living with disabilities face barriers in the areas of employment, access to information, transportation, housing, education, recreation, and other disability-related supports; and

Whereas, we believe that more citizens with disabilities should have the chance to access disability related supports to improve their opportunities in New Brunswick;

and

Whereas, we support the theme, "Ready and Able to Work";

Now Therefore Be It Known That I, John D. Craig, Mayor of The Town of Saint Andrews, do hereby request the citizens of The Town of Saint Andrews to join with our Council in recognizing persons with disabilities and their role in our community by the observance of Disability Awareness Week, May 27th to June 2nd, 2012.

Mayor Craig read correspondence from Sunbury Shores Arts & Nature Centre Inc. thanking Mayor and Council for the \$1000 donation towards their ongoing programming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

Business Recreation & Special Events

It was moved by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Myers and carried to approve an Assistance Grant in the Amount \$100 toward an Event Booklet for the Two Countries, One Bay Art Studio Tour.

Finance & Administration

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Choptiany and carried to send a letter of support for the Village of McAdam to be included in Regional Service Commission 10 be sent to the Department of Local Government.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Akagi to approve a grant request in the amount of \$200 to the NBCC Student Life Coordinator for the 2012 Winter Carnival Events.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Akagi and carried to approve a grant request valued at \$8,400 to CHCT TV 26 for use of the studio room at the W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bishop and carried to approve a grant in the amount of \$500 to CHCT TV 26 from the 2012 Budget Item.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Akagi and carried to approve a grant of \$600 to include the ground level rink surface for By the Sea Garden Club's Annual Charlotte County Blooms gardening seminar. The Assistance Grant in the amount of \$200 previously approved in March will be deducted from this grant request for a net grant of \$400.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Akagi and carried to approve an Assistance Grant in the amount of \$400 to St. Andrews Community Players Inc. as a budget line item.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Akagi and carried to support the Ross Memorial Museum Board's intended course of action of introducing new technology into the Museum exhibit experience through fundraising projects. The fundraiser to include the sale of the Richardson Paintings by auction and the proceeds will be used for the betterment of the Museum as per the intent of the Will, specifically for the introduction of new technology.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Choptiany and carried that Council support the Resolution of Council, Village of Doaktown, dated February 9, 2012 with respect to exploration or extraction of natural gas.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bishop and carried to grant permission for Paddlefest 2012 to use Market Square while working with the Chief Administrative Officer to insure all proper procedures are in place on behalf of the community.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Akagi and carried to revise the personnel policy, retirement benefit #.32 to read: 1) Retirement benefits will not be paid to any individual with less than ten,(10) years of service with the Town of Saint Andrews. 2) Employees with ten (10) years or more continuous service with the Town will receive a retirement benefit equivalent to one weeks pay for each year of service to a maximum of 28 weeks. 3) Will only be paid when an employee reaches the age of 65 or achieves a combination of age plus continuous years of service equal to or greater than 75 years.

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bishop and carried to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out a Call for Proposals on 3 acres of land on the west side of Champlain Avenue for the purpose of developing a seniors housing facility. The terms and conditions of this process are to be advertised publicly and submissions to close on April 30th at 12:00 noon.

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS

NEW BUSINESS

J1. Mayor's Comments

J2. Councillor's Comments/Concerns

It was moved by Councillor Myers, seconded by Councillor Choptiany to instruct the CAO to begin the process where as all municipal owned property from Patrick Street on the Water Street side and all municipal owned property on the Prince of Wales Street side from and including the old railway bed to the end of Indian Point and all property joining the two streets be put into a Public Land Trust held in perpetuity for the enjoyment of the people of St. Andrews. All present leases should be honoured for the duration of the lease. The commons area may be developed as public gardens as in keeping with the intention of the old land maps. Consideration should be given to developing a heritage trail with heritage pocket parks but leaving the majority of the property in its natural state.

Deputy Mayor Bishop registered a Nay vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m. Councillor Myers moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Mayor

Clerk