

**COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor John Higham, Deputy Mayor Ron Aiken, Councillors Bruce Phinney, Allison Butcher, Andrew Black, Joyce O’Neil, Bill Evans, Megan Mitton and Michael Tower. Also in attendance were CAO Phil Handrahan, Treasurer Michael Beal, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Jamie Burke, Manager of Recreation Programs & Events Matt Pryde, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly-Spurles, Engineer Dwayne Acton, Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Green, Clerk Donna Beal, Assistant Clerk Stacey Hicks and Planner Lori Bickford.

Press Bruce Wark and eleven (11) residents.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor John Higham called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#18-001 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2018. AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was held where there were no questions.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor John Higham asked if there were any Disclosure of Interest to Declare. There were none.

5. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – December 11, 2017

#18-002 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O’NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2017 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

i) Regional Service Commission – Mayor John Higham

Mayor Higham noted that there was no report tonight as there was no meeting held last month.

ii) Planning – Lori Bickford

Planner Lori Bickford noted that the Planning Report could be found on page 13 of the Council Package and highlighted some of the details within the report. The floor was then opened up for the Public Hearing – Rezoning R2 to R3 Property known as PID 00968446. Lori Bickford noted that this was an opportunity for the public to speak for or against the proposal on the Rezoning Application.

Several residents from King Street and Pringle Street addressed the meeting voicing concerns on the proposal on the rezoning application with various reasons including, environmental, property is poorly maintained now, too many students in this area already, partying, outdoor fires, street is narrow and there is already significant traffic, etc.

Council was then provided an opportunity to ask for clarification and explanation on their questions prior to entertaining first reading in name only to By-Law No. 244D, A By-Law to amend By-Law No. 244, The Town of Sackville Zoning By-Law.

#18-003 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL DEFER FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 244D, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 244, THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW TO FEBRUARY 2018. AYE VOTES WERE RECEIVED FROM DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN, COUNCILLORS, BRUCE PHINNEY, ALLISON BUTCHER, ANDREW BLACK, JOYCE O'NEIL, MEGAN MITTON AND MICHAEL TOWER. A NAY VOTE WAS RECORDED FROM COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS. MOTION CARRIED.

8. REPORTS

A) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor John Higham began his report by stating we would like to congratulate Mount Allison University English Professor and Director of the Centre for Canadian Studies Dr. Christl Verduyn on being appointed a Member of the Order of Canada. The announcement was made by Governor General Julie Payette on December 29, 2017. Dr. Verduyn was recognized for her contributions to Canadian Studies, notably as a professor and author, and for her commitment to making Canadian Literature accessible to a broader audience. This is an extraordinary accomplishment, and on behalf of the Town of Sackville we want to acknowledge Christl for her recent achievement.

Mayor Higham then noted that during December he had attended two 2020 workshops, entertained a variety of media interests – year in review, Warktimes – taxes, waterfowl park, etc. Also noted was that the Atlantic Business Journal had made contact regarding the Moloney situation as well as shown interest in Sackville regarding Business Development. Mayor Higham

has also had exchanges with individuals in the Marketing and Communications field which was an area discussed through our Strategic Plan, things to avoid and methods to consider. A response letter was received from Minister Rousselle regarding the request for additional assistance due to the recalculation of assessments in Sackville in which the Town was denied further assistance, however, they are opened to meeting in 2018. Also, the 1974 Juvenile Hockey Banner was raised at the Civic Centre and noted that the New Year's Levy was well attended. As a foot note Mayor Higham referred to the letter sent to the Province from Regional Service Board regarding the possibility of garbage being trucked out of the Province, in which there has been no reply back as of yet.

B) CAO REPORT – Phil Handrahan

CAO Phil Handrahan noted that his report could be found on page 21 of the Council Package and noted some highlights found within the report.

C) Finance & Administration
Liaison Councillors Michael Tower and Ron Aiken

Councillor Michael Tower noted that the bills and payroll for the month of December could be found on pages 22 & 23 of the Council Package.

i) BILLS AND PAYROLL – DECEMBER

#18-004 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$4,414,929.09; GENERAL CAPITAL \$935,838.16; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$1,534,234.87; UTILITY CAPITAL \$2,007,594.84; AND SALARIES \$198,879.70. MOTION CARRIED.

ii) Report from Finance and Administration

Deputy Mayor Ron Aiken noted that the Finance Report could be found on page 24 of the Council Package, including the By-Law and Animal Control Reports and read highlights of the report. Deputy Mayor Ron Aiken then provided key points with regard to the 2018 Budget.

#18-005 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT ON THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018 THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE NB RESOLVED THAT THE SUM OF \$10,831,124 BE THE TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE MUNICIPALITY, THAT THE SUM \$9,671,962 BE THE WARRANT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND THAT THE TAX RATE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY BE \$1.5600. THAT THE COUNCIL ORDERS AND DIRECTS THE LEVYING BY THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF SAID AMOUNT ON REAL PROPERTY LIABLE TO TAXATION UNDER THE ASSESSMENT ACT WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SACKVILLE NB. ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE BUDGET

DOCUMENTS. AYES VOTES WERE RECEIVED FROM DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN, COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER, JOYCE O'NEIL, BILL EVANS, MEGAN MITTON AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTES WERE RECORDED FROM COUNCILLORS BRUCE PHINNEY AND ANDREW BLACK. MOTION CARRIED.

18-006 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL OUT OF REVENUE BREAKDOWN IN THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$950,000 FOR THE 2018 BUDGET YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

<u>STORAGE FACILITY COMPLETION</u>	<u>\$ 70,000</u>
<u>FACILITY CAPITAL UPGRADES</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
<u>REPLACE BALLFIELD BUILDING</u>	<u>\$ 76,000</u>
<u>BEECH HILL PARK/DOG PARK</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
<u>TOWN BEAUTIFICATION</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<u>FORMER LUND PROPERTY DEV'T</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
<u>ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW TRAILS</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
<u>SKATE PARK IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>\$ 9,000</u>
<u>PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPGRADES</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
<u>PARKS & FACILITIES FLEET REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
<u>ROAD RECONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>FCM FUNDING – QUARRY PROJECT</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>SIDEWALK RENEWALS</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
<u>GPS SURVEY EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
<u>KING STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
<u>CROSSWALK FLASHING LIGHTS</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<u>RETAINING WALL – MAIN ST./WRIGHT AVE</u>	<u>\$ 17,000</u>
<u>PUBLIC WORKS FLEET REPLACEMENT</u>	<u>\$ 70,000</u>
<u>3 STREAM GARBAGE BINS</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<u>EVENTS INFRASTRUCTURE – TENT REPLACE</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
<u>SIGNAGE – HIGHWAY/WATERFOWL/STREETS</u>	<u>\$ 31,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$950,000</u>

AYE VOTES WERE RECORDED FROM DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN, COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, ANDREW BLACK, JOYCE O'NEIL, BILL EVANS, MEGAN MITTON AND MICHAEL TOWER. A NAY VOTE WAS RECORDED FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

18-007 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$336,000 FOR THE YEAR 2018 FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE PROTECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 81-195 OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT (O.C. 81-974). MOTION CARRIED.

- D) Tourism & Business Development
 - Liaison Councillors Megan Mitton and Ron Aiken
 - a. Report from Tourism & Business Development

Councillor Megan Mitton gave a brief overview of the highlights found within the Tourism & Business Development Report on page 33 of the Council Package.

- E) Public Property & Facilities
 - Liaison Councillors Bruce Phinney and Michael Tower
 - a. Report Public Property & Facilities

Councillor Michael Tower noted the highlights of the Public Property and Facilities Report found on page 34 of the Council Package.

- F) Recreation Programs & Events
 - Liaison Councillors Allison Butcher and Bruce Phinney
 - a. Report Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Allison Butcher gave a brief overview of the highlights found within the report on page 36 of the Council Package.

- G) Public Safety
 - Liaison Councillors Joyce O'Neil and Andrew Black
 - a. Report Public Safety
 - Fire/EMO, RCMP/CPO

Councillor Joyce O'Neil spoke to the highlights of the Fire/EMO report and Councillor Andrew Black spoke to the highlights of the RCMP/CPO report.

- H) Policy/By-Law
 - Liaison Councillors Andrew Black and Bill Evans
 - a. Report Policy/By-Law

Councillor Bill Evans noted that the Policy/By-Law Report could be found on page 42 of the Council Package and noted the highlights of the report.

18-008 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION TO BY-LAW NO. 259, COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

18-009 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 259, COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

I) Personnel

Liaison Councillors Bill Evans and Joyce O'Neil

a. Report Personnel

Councillor Joyce O'Neil noted that the Personnel Report could be found on page 50 of the Council Package and read the highlights found within the report.

J) Corporate Affairs & Strategic Development

Liaison Councillors Megan Mitton and Allison Butcher

a. Report

Councillor Megan Mitton spoke to the highlights of the Corporate Affairs and Strategic Development Report found on page 51 of the package.

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. QUESTION PERIOD (Press First)

Bruce Wark of Warktime asked for the voting results of the motion regarding the tax increase, where the Town had cut the almost \$120,000 out of the budget without cutting services as well as the funding application from FCM regarding the Quarry property and provided answers.

11. ADJOURN

18-010 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk