

**COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019, 2019 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, Bill Evans, Shawn Mesheau and Michael Tower. Also, in attendance were CAO Phil Handrahan, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Treasurer Michael Beal, Senior Manager Corporate Projects Jamie Burke, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly-Spurles, Manager of Recreation Programs & Events Matt Pryde, Manager of Parks & Facilities Todd Cole, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Deputy Fire Chief Shawn Phinney and Planner Lori Bickford.

Also attending were press Bruce Wark approximately 8 residents.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor John Higham called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#19-132 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2019, AS CIRCULATE. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, Mayor Higham took the opportunity to speak on his role as Chair and noted that going forward there would be zero tolerance of any abusive or disrespectful behavior towards the staff of the Town of Sackville. All comments and questions will be posed in a respectful manor and all participants are to be responsible for their words and actions. The Town will continue to address any inquiries received, however, those received in an abusive manor will not be attended to.

3. QUESTION PERIOD

Resident Wendy Alder asked questions regarding the detour of Route # 106 during Sappyfest as well as a question on the crosswalk plans for Exit #106. Town Engineer Dwayne Acton responded.

Resident Sharon Hicks asked questions regarding the playground Equipment funding noted in the Finance Report and inquired whether the previous crosswalk report had been referred to. Manager of Recreation Programs & Events Matt Pryde

Resident Sharon Hicks asked about the Finance Report and the 404.1% deficit showing under the Playground Equipment. Manager of Recreation Programs & Events Matt Pryde and Treasurer

Michael Beal provided a clarification. Mayor John Higham responded to the question on the crosswalk study.

Mayor Higham also responded that the protocols for meetings are being reviewed and noted that he will speak to this further in his Mayor Report.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor John Higham asked if there were any Disclosures of Interest to Declare. Mayor John Higham noted that during the motion regarding the amendment to the Town of Sackville Zoning By-Law to permit Micro-Cultivation of Cannabis in the Agriculture/Conservation Zone, Senior Manager Jamie Burke will be stepping out of the meeting. Councillor Joyce O'Neil noted that during the motion regarding Renaissance Sackville, she will be stepping out of the meeting.

5. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – July 8, 2019

#19-133 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 8, 2019 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – August 6, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF AUGUST 6, 2019 AS CIRCULATED.

#19-134 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SHAWN MESHEAU AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL POSTPONE THE ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF AUGUST 6, 2019 UNTIL THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mayor John Higham asked if there was any business arising from the minutes. There was none.

7. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

- i) Regional Service Commission – Mayor John Higham

Mayor John Higham and Deputy Mayor Ron Aiken noted that there were no meetings to report on.

- ii) Planning – Lori Bickford

Planner Lori Bickford provided highlights of the report noting that it could be found on page 16 of the Council Package.

Senior Manager Jamie Burke left the meeting

#19-135 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 244H, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 244, TOWN OF SACKVILLE ZONING BY-LAW. AYES VOTES WERE RECORDED FROM DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, ANDREW BLACK, JOYCE O'NEIL, BILL EVANS, SHAWN MESHEAU AND MICHAEL TOWER. A NAY VOTE WAS RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Senior Manager Jamie Burke rejoined the meeting.

8. REPORTS

A) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor John Higham provided a brief outline of the Mayor's activities during the last month. This included interviews on the Dyke Study and events such as the Sandpiper Festival and gatherings with the SHAD students. The Mayor spoke on the ACOA press release regarding Community-Supported Education, the railway flooding meeting hosted in Council Chambers, Community Forests International and the Nature Conservancy. The Mayor continues to receive inquiries on retirement in Sackville as well inquiries on small home regulations. He also spoke on the upcoming Budget season.

The Mayor spoke on the authorities and procedures of Council, which is mostly found in the Local Governance Act. He spoke on how the role as Mayor is to Chair meetings, to vote only in the event of a tie and to abide by what Council is saying. Each Councillor is mandated to consider the best interest of the whole community in every matter they address. Every decision of Council must be made by a proper quorum of Council, in a properly arranged, administered and recorded meeting. The only meetings held by Council are those defined under the Local Governance Act, either a Regular Public Meeting or an In-Camera Meeting with specific criteria attached. No decisions can be made without a Public Meeting. Council has implemented a framework of by-laws, policies, procedures and practices to ensure consistency within our own Local Government.

B) CAO'S REPORT

CAO Phil Handrahan noted that his Report could be found on page 17 of the Council Package and provided a summary noting that full details could be found in Department Reports.

C) Finance & Administration

Liaison Councillors Michael Tower and Ron Aiken

i) **BILLS AND PAYROLL – JULY**

#19-136 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$290,968.37; GENERAL CAPITAL \$307,356.18; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$109,566.45; UTILITY CAPITAL \$32,578.92; AND SALARIES \$267,727.48. MOTION CARRIED.

i) **Report from Finance and Administration**

Councillor Michael Tower noted that the Finance Report could be found on page 20 of the Council Package and gave details of the Report and noted that the By-Law and Animal Control Reports were also included.

D) **Tourism & Business Development**

Liaison Councillors Michael Tower and Shawn Mesheau

a. **Report from Tourism & Business Development**

Councillor Shawn Mesheau gave a summary of the Tourism & Business Development Report found on page 28 of the Council Package.

E) **Public Property & Facilities**

Liaison Councillors Bruce Phinney and Bill Evans

a. **Report Public Property & Facilities**

Councillor Bruce Phinney provided a brief overview of the Public Property and Facilities Report found on page 30 of the Council Package.

#19-137 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL AWARD TENDER NO. 2019-09 ASPHALT RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS PHASE II TO THE LOWEST BIDDER MACDONALD PAVING & CONSTRUCTION LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$310,397.42 HST INCLUDED. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-138 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE WORK OF THE ROTARY BRIDGE CONNECTION OF THE WATERFOWL PARK AND THE LUND PROPERTY TO SACKVILLE GENERAL CONTRACTING LTD., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,400.00 HST INCLUDED. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-139 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL AWARD RFQ 2019-11 FOR THE SIGNALIZED MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK TO THE LOWEST QUOTE FROM ROADWAY

SYSTEMS LTD., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,775.00 HST INCLUDED. AYES VOTES RECORDED FROM COUNCILLORS ANDREW BLACK AND BILL EVANS. NAY VOTES WERE RECORDED FROM DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND COUNCILLORS MICHAEL TOWER, BRUCE PHINNEY, JOYCE O'NEIL, SHAWN MESHEAU AND ALLISON BUTCHER. MOTION DEFEATED.

#19-140 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE CURB AND GUTTER AND SIDEWALK NEAR EXIT #506 (BRIDGE STREET/CATTAIL RIDGE) BY A.R. RIETZEL LANDSCAPING LTD., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,852.43 HST INCLUDED. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-141 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SALT TRUCK BOX FOR THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL 5 TON TRUCK FROM PHIL LAROCHELLE EQUIPMENT INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,662.66 HST INCLUDED. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-142 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE WORK TO THE COMPRESSORS AT THE TVMCC TO TOROMONT CIMCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,349.12 HST INCLUDED. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-143 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE EXTENSION AGREEMENT OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ENBRIDGE GAS UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

F) Recreation Programs & Events

Liaison Councillors Joyce O'Neil and Bruce Phinney

a. Report Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Joyce O'Neil provided an overview of the Recreation Programs & Events Report found on page 33 of the Council Package.

#19-144 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL GRANT THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE OF YORK STREET FROM SALEM STREET TO MAIN STREET, AS WELL AS MAIN STREET FROM YORK STREET TO TOWN HALL FROM APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 TO ACCOMMODATE THE PRIDE PARADE. MOTION CARRIED.

G) Public Safety

Liaison Councillors Joyce O'Neil and Allison Butcher

a. Report Public Safety

- Fire/EMO, RCMP/CPO

Councillor Joyce O'Neil provided an overview of the Fire/EMO Report and Councillor Allison Butcher provided an overview of the RCMP/CPO Report found on page 35 of the Council Package.

#19-145 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF 15 – 2216 PSI CARBON FIBRE CYLINDERS TO THE VILLAGE OF CAP-PELE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 PLUS HST. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-146 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF 3 – 2216 AIR PACKS (2002) EDITION TO THE HOLLAND COLLEGE FIRE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 PLUS HST. MOTION CARRIED.

H) Policy/By-Law

Liaison Councillors Andrew Black and Allison Butcher

a. Report Policy/By-Law

Councillor Allison Butcher noted that the Policy/By-Law Report could be found on page 39 of the Council Package and gave an overview of the Report.

#19-147 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION TO BY-LAW NO. 268, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE BONDING OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE PROPOSES TO ENACT THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS:

BY-LAW NO. 268, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE BONDING OF OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE

SECTION 2 – OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

SECTION 3 – PAYMENT OF BOND

SECTION 4 – MEANING OF BOND

SECTION 5 – REPEAL

MOTION CARRIED.

#19-148 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 268, A BY-LAW RESPECTING THE BONDING OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. MOTION CARRIED.

I) Personnel

Liaison Councillors Bill Evans and Andrew Black

a. Report Personnel

Councillor Bill Evans noted that the Personnel Report could be found on page 40 of the Council Package.

J) Corporate Affairs & Strategic Development

Liaison Councillors Ron Aiken and Shawn Mesheau

a. Report Corporate Affairs & Strategic Development

Deputy Mayor Ron Aiken provided a brief overview of key points within the Corporate Affairs and Strategic Development Report found on page 41 of the package.

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL AWARD RFP NO. 2019-08 MARKETING PLAN TO PORTFOLIO, MONCTON, NB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 PLUS HST.

#19-148 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SHAWN MESHEAU THAT COUNCIL POSTPONE THE AWARD OF RFP NO. 2019-08 MARKETING PLAN UNTIL THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-149 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT TO SELL A PORTION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES IDENTIFIED BY PID #70435433 AS PRESENTED DURING THE IN-CAMERA MEETING ON JUNE 3, 2019 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE TRANSFER DOCUMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Joyce O'Neil left the meeting.

#19-150 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$11,500 TO RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE FROM THE TOWN'S 2019 OPERATIONAL BUDGET TO COVER EXISTING COMMITMENTS AND IN DOING SO, ENCOURAGES RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RELATED INITIATIVES. FURTHERMORE, SHOULD RENAISSANCE RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS OVER THE BALANCE OF 2019, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT AND REQUEST SUCH NEEDS FROM COUNCIL PRIOR TO FUTURE COMMITMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, GIVEN THE ANTICIPATED REVIEW OF THE TOWN'S GRANT PROGRAMS LEADING INTO 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Joyce O'Neil rejoined the meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor John Higham asked if there was any New Business. The following were brought forward as new business:

#19-151 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN THAT WHEREAS MUNICIPALITIES PAY PROVINCIAL PROPERTY TAX ON PROPERTIES THAT THEY OWN,

WHEREAS THESE TAXES PAID ARE SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES TO MUNICIPALITIES IN THEIR ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGETS,

WHEREAS CURRENTLY RINKS, LIBRARIES AND FULLY VOLUNTEER ONLY FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE EXAMPLES OF EXEMPT PROVINCIAL PROPERTY TAXES,

WHEREAS FIRE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOT JUST THOSE BEING SERVED BY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS;

WHEREAS WATER, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND WASTE WATER ARE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT RESIDENTS RELY ON MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR HEALTH AND WELL BEING;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE CALLS ON THE UMNBS TO MEET WITH THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN ORDER TO EXEMPT MORE MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY FROM PAYING PROVINCIAL PROPERTY TAXES AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT BEGINNING IN 2020 ALL FIRE STATION PROPERTIES BE PROVINCIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT (NOT ONLY FULLY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENTS),
2. THAT BEGINNING IN 2020 ALL WATER, STORM WATER AND WASTE WATER PROPERTIES BE TAX EXEMPT,
3. THAT A REVIEW BE UNDERTAKEN TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF MAKING ALL PROPERTIES OWNED BY MUNICIPALITIES TAX EXEMPT FROM PROVINCIAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THE FUTURE.

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

#19-152 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN THAT WHEREAS MUNICIPALITIES PAY HST ON ALL PURCHASES MADE WHETHER FOR OPERATIONAL OR CAPITAL PURCHASES,

AND WHEREAS ON APRIL 1, 2004 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTED MUNICIPALITIES A 100% REBATE ON THE FEDERAL PORTION OF HST PAID,

AND WHEREAS MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUE TO ONLY RECEIVE A 57.14% REBATE ON THE PROVINCIAL PORTION OF HST PAID,

AND WHEREAS ON JULY 1, 2016 THE HST WAS INCREASED FROM 13% TO 15% WITH THE PROVINCIAL PORTION INCREASING FROM 8% TO 10%,

AND WHEREAS THE NON-REBATABLE PORTION OF THE HST HAS A SIGNIFICANT ANNUAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FINANCING,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE CALLS ON THE UMNb TO MEET WITH THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK AHEAD OF THE PROVINCIAL BUDGET FOR 2020/21 WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT LEGISLATION BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES IN NEW BRUNSWICK WITH A 100% REBATE ON THE PROVINCIAL PORTION OF HST PAID ON GOODS AND SERVICES. MOTION CARRIED

#19-153 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SHAWN MESHEAU THAT WHEREAS ON JULY 23, 2019 THE FCM HAS CALLED ON ALL FEDERAL PARTIES TO SUPPORT THE PERMANENT DOUBLING OF THE GAS TAX TRANSFER,

AND WHEREAS DOING SO WOULD HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON A MUNICIPALITIES ABILITY TO MEET THE SIGNIFICANT DEMANDS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT THAT ARE FACED BY ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN CANADA,

AND WHEREAS A ONE TIME TOP UP WAS PROVIDED IN 2019 THAT ALLOWED MUNICIPALITIES TO DOUBLE THEIR GAS TAX RELATED PROJECT FUNDING FOR THAT YEAR WHICH PROVIDED MEASURABLE BENEFITS,

AND WHEREAS A PERMANENT DOUBLING OF THIS TRANSFER WOULD HAVE AN IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM IMPACT ON MUNICIPAL ASSETS,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE CALLS ON THE UMNb TO OFFER THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FCM ON BEHALF OF ALL NEW BRUNSWICK MUNICIPALITIES IN THEIR REQUESTING THAT ALL FEDERAL PARTIES SUPPORT THE PERMANENT DOUBLING OF THE GAS TAX TRANSFER DURING THE UPCOMING 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION. MOTION CARRIED

#19-154 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT WHEREAS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE

RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY ONGOING INFRASTRUCTURE DECISIONS THAT INVOLVE GHG EMISSIONS;

AND WHEREAS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE MOST OPEN TO DIRECT CITIZEN REQUESTS FOR MEANINGFUL EFFORTS TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE INCLUDING EVENT SUCH AS STUDENT CLIMATE STRIKES;

AND WHEREAS SMALLER TOWNS AND GOVERNMENTS HAVE LITTLE GUIDANCE ON THE SCALE OR IMPACT OF GHG IMPACTS FROM ITS DECISIONS AND ACTIONS;

AND WHEREAS THERE IS EVEN LESS KNOWLEDGE OF EFFECTIVE MITIGATION MEASURES TO OFFSET IMPACTS TO THOSE UNCLEAR IMPACTS; AND WHEREAS MOST GHG DATA EXISTS AT MUCH HIGHER SCALES AND IT REMAINS DIFFICULT TO TRANSLATE INTO LOCAL DECISIONS, IMPACTS, AND EFFECTIVE MITIGATIONS MEASURES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT UMNb BE MANDATED TO APPLY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDS FROM AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY, TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP AN INITIAL GUIDE/MANUAL FOR SMALLER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT CREATES A PRACTICAL BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING THE GHG MAGNITUDE ASSOCIATED WITH COMMON LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK, AND OF POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED IN ORDER TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE OFFSET OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM THOSE STANDARD LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISIONS AND ACTIVITIES. MOTION CARRIED.

#19-155 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SHAWN MESHEAU AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT WHEREAS PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR DESIGNATED HIGHWAY UPGRADES WAS CUT IN THE 2019/20 PROVINCIAL BUDGET FROM \$25,000,000 TO \$10,000,000;

WHEREAS IN 2018 MUNICIPALITIES WERE FORCED TO START CONTRIBUTING A PERCENTAGE OF RECONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADE COSTS FOR THESE DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS;

WHEREAS DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS ARE PROVINCIALY OWNED AND A PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY;

WHEREAS EVEN AT \$25 MILLION IN FUNDING MUNICIPALITIES HAD A DIFFICULT TIME IN OBTAINING ENOUGH FUNDING TO UNDERTAKE THE NEEDED UPGRADES TO DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS RUNNING THROUGH THEIR MUNICIPALITY;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE CALLS ON THE UMNb TO MEET WITH PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND REQUEST THE DESIGNATED HIGHWAY FUNDING BE RETURNED TO FUNDING LEVELS EQUAL TO THE PREVIOUS BUDGET YEAR AT \$25 MILLION AND THAT FUTURE PROVINCIAL

BUDGETS INCLUDES CPI INCREASES IN FUNDING LEVELS AT A MINIMUM.
MOTION CARRIED.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked what the next steps regarding the crosswalk on Main Street at Windsor Hall were. Mayor Higham responded that staff will continue to monitor the crosswalk traffic, reviewing what risk levels there are and what additional options there may be.

Bruce Wark asked about the In-Camera sessions with the RCMP and why they are not held publicly for the residents to learn more about policing in the community. Mayor Higham responded that the RCMP cannot speak about operational matters in a public forum. The RCMP do provide a Monthly Report for the Regular Council Meeting package.

Bruce Wark questioned why the Public is not provided information of the Special Meeting of Council package when Council receives it and asked if the Town would consider releasing the information at the same Council receives it to the public. Mayor Higham and CAO Phil Handrahan both responded, noting that the information prepared in the package are in draft form as items are often still in progress which is why it is currently not being made public at the time of the meeting. This gives Council an opportunity to review items prior to the meeting and allows staff the opportunity to present and inform Council on various details and/or additional information. The current process will be reviewed by staff and discussed at a later date. It was also noted that information from the Special Meeting is often included in the Reports at the Regular meeting.

Resident Wendy Alder asked what the purpose of the funding for Renaissance Sackville was. Mayor Higham responded that their mandate is that fifty (50) percent of their funding grants are directed towards economic development within Sackville.

11. ADJOURN

#19-156 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Assistant Clerk