

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor John Higham, Deputy Mayor Ron Aiken, Councillors Bruce Phinney, Allison Butcher, Joyce O'Neil, Andrew Black, Michael Tower, Bill Evans and Shawn Mesheau. Also, in attendance were CAO Phil Handrahan, Clerk Donna Beal, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Treasurer Michael Beal, Senior Manager Corporate Projects Jamie Burke, Manager of Business Development Ron Kelly-Spurles, Manager of Recreation Programs & Events Matt Pryde, Planner Lori Bickford and Sgt. Paul Gagné.

Also, in attendance were Press Bruce Wark and 8 residents.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor John Higham called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SHAWN MESHEAU THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

1. RCMP Report

Sgt. Paul Gagné provided an overview of his Report noting that August proved to be a busy month for the Sackville Detachment with 152 open files. These files included property and persons crime, residential break ins, animal complaints, mental health investigations, speeding and registration infractions, as well as 15 false alarm calls. Members of the Detachment will be actively patrolling school zones throughout the month of September as their monthly initiative. Members are also working with Mount Allison Students to set a positive tone with the students for a successful academic year, which included attending the Student Corn Boil on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Distracted driving continues to be an issue that the Detachment Members are monitoring. Community Program Officer, JF LeBlanc is working on their next Leadership Camp at the Tim Horton's Camp in Tatamagouche.

Sgt. Paul Gagné left the meeting.

2. Presentation – Tantramar ATV Club

Paul Branscombe, President of the Tantramar ATV Club presented to Council about the Clubs plan to pursue developing a link between Cape Tormentine and Sackville via access of the rail bed. The Tantramar ATV Club is requesting a letter of support from Council as they continue with the application process for access to the rail bed.

3. Council Procedures

CAO Phil Handrahan provided an overview of his Report noting that Managers have begun reviewing current Council procedures. Recently, a Special Council meeting was held with Council where the Town's Solicitor attended, and legal advice was provided to assist the Town on the interpretation and application of the governance legislation and bylaws. A working group

will continue to research and review the bylaws on how the Town conducts its business and will forward recommendations back to Council at a later date.

4. Tender #2019-10 – Sanitary Trunk Sewer Replacement (Squire Street to Starr Avenue)  
Clerk Donna Beal provided an overview of her Report noting that the tender closed on August 26, 2019 and tenders were received and posted from the following companies: Bowser's Construction Ltd for \$286,062.50 HST Included, Modern Construction (1983) Ltd for \$337,663.00 HST Included, Birch Hill Construction Ltd for \$387,345.30 HST Included, Dexter Construction Company Ltd. for \$377,970.50 HST Included and Beale & Inch Construction Ltd. for \$342,234.25 HST Included. A motion will be brought forward at the Regular Council Meeting of September 9, 2019 for Council to consider awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Bowser's Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$286,062.50 HST Included.

#### 5. Dog Park

Senior Manager Jamie Burke provided an overview of his Report noting the results of the Off-Lease Dog Park Survey, with 472 responses received. Based on the survey results, should Council wish to consider a dog park, staff would recommend that the park be located at Beech Hill Park and would start the design, obtain the necessary quotations for various work, and continue with implementation in 2019 following a motion of Council.

#### 6. Municipal Plan Amendment/Rezoning Application

Planner Lori Bickford provided an overview of her Report noting that an application has been received for a proposed change to the zoning and designation on a portion of property at Hesler Drive and Wright Avenue for the purpose of developing a senior housing community consisting of an independent living multi-unit housing development and senior care facility. A resolution will be presented to Council for consideration of starting of the process of public engagement.

Councillor Bill Evans left the meeting.

#### 7. Tantramar Senior's College Request for Space

Senior Manager Jamie Burke and Manager of Recreation Programs & Events Matt Pryde provided an overview of their Report noting that the Tantramar Senior's College has submitted a request to be granted free rental space at the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre and the Bill Johnstone Memorial Activity Centre as their current location cannot accommodate their size. While the Report is essentially a policy decision, staff recommends that Council review the Senior's College request through the 2020 Community Development Grant Program.

Councillor Bill Evans returned to the meeting.

#### 8. Council Remuneration

Treasurer Michael Beal provided an overview of his Report noting that a review of Sackville Mayor and Council Compensation versus that of other Municipalities has been completed. He noted that Council has received an annual wage increase each year based on 90% of the CPI. Should Council wish to make changes, it would be done through a By-Law, based on direction provided from Council.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY  
COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor

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Clerk

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Assistant Clerk