

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 AT 6:30 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, Shawn Mesheau and Michael Tower. Also, in attendance were Clerk Donna Beal, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin, Treasurer Michael Beal, Senior Manager Corporate Projects Jamie Burke, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Manager of Parks & Facilities Todd Cole, Manager of Tourism & Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles and Sgt. Paul Gagné.

Also, in attendance were 22 residents.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor John Higham called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADD HOSPITAL UPDATE AND MOTION TO THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MARCH 2, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MARCH 2, 2020, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

1. RCMP

Sgt. Paul Gagné provided an overview of his Report noting that call activity for the month of February has decreased from previous years. February saw a few collisions within the community. Active patrols resulted in nine (9) speeding tickets being issued and three (3) impaired drivers and three (3) suspended drivers apprehended. Phone and email scams continue to impact our citizens, with the elderly being easily targeted. Sgt. Gagné reminded everyone to check in with your family and friends to ensure they haven't been a victim to one of these scams. Sgt. Gagné travelled to the Harcourt pipeline protest as a liaison member to work with local forces. Members continue to work on block training to re-certify in training standards including first aid and domestic violence. These training sessions are required every couple years for the officers.

Starting March 2, the province will be issuing e-tickets for certain provincial offences starting with the New Brunswick RCMP under the Motor Vehicle Act. The e-ticketing process will consist of an officer swiping a driver's license through an electronic card reader. The offence information is added, and an e-ticket is printed. The electronic record is shared with the province and saved in an information system that is accessible to police, courts and Service New Brunswick.

Sgt. Paul Gagné left the meeting.

2. Hospital Update

Mayor John Higham provided an update on the recent announcement regarding the Sackville Memorial Hospital. A Community Health Care Solutions Committee has been created and a Community Hospital Call will occur on March 3, 2020. A motion has been prepared and if passed, the motion will be sent in a letter to Premier Higgs immediately.

#20-043 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR RON AIKEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY WHEREAS, THE MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS OF SACKVILLE HAVE CLEARLY INDICATED THAT CHANGES ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020 TO RURAL HOSPITALS WERE UNACCEPTABLE, AND

WHEREAS, IN MOST CASES, THE STATED ACTIONS WERE THE WRONG SOLUTIONS TO PROPERLY ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND

WHEREAS, THERE WAS A COMPLETE LACK OF CONSULTATION WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND WITH THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND,

WHEREAS, THE MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS OF SACKVILLE HAVE, BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF HORIZON HEALTH NETWORK AND VITALITIÉ HEALTH NETWORK, LOST TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP OF THESE PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS,

THEREFORE, WE ASK FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, THE CEO OF HORIZON HEALTH NETWORK AND THE CEO OF VITALITIÉ HEALTH NETWORK, AND FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO PROVIDE A CLEAR AND FINAL RENUNCIATION OF THE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED PLANS FOR RURAL HOSPITALS, AND COMMIT TO LAUNCH A NEW AND RURAL-INFORMED PROCESS TO DEVELOP PRACTICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE UNDERLYING ISSUES IN OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Presentation – Sackville Farmer’s Market

Members of the Sackville Farmer’s Market Board presented to Council on the background and history of the current Sackville Farmer’s Market. The Sackville Farmer’s Market has significantly grown in past years and due to this, has moved locations several times in these years. The current space has limited growth for the Market and the Board has determined that Sackville is in need of a year-long, indoor/outdoor 7,000sqft market. The Board is proposing that the potential project could be Town owned and Market managed. During the early planning stages, the Board have discussed shared use & partnerships for this space which include a community food center and a performing arts & recreation space. The Board is requesting Council and Staff to work with the Market on this project and the Board will provide Council with their current conceptual designs.

4. Presentation – Fairfield Road

Charles Harvey presented to Council on behalf of landowners from Fairfield Road. In November 2019 a petition signed by woodlot and camp owners was presented to Council requesting maintenance be done on the stretch of road between the end of the pavement and the Town boundary. Mr. Harvey stated that there has been no commitment from the Town regarding this request. Mr. Harvey requested that Mayor and Council consider changing the road designation to Maintained or “Passable”, clean out the ditches, cut back alders, and scrape the road once a year. The landowners are asking for a recommendation and action from the Town regarding these requests.

5. By-Law No. 262A, A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 262, Street Traffic By-Law
Clerk Donna Beal provided an overview of her Report noting that a request was received from some local businesses requesting that Council consider removing the Saturday parking from the Street Traffic By-Law. It was noted that several other Municipalities do not have restrictions on parking on Saturdays and over the past few years the Town has received complaints from visitors to the Town who have received parking tickets. It is recommended that the By-Law be amended to read “applies every day, except Saturday and Sunday.” A motion will be brought forward at the March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider giving first and second reading to By-Law No. 272A, A By-Law to Amend By-Law No. 262, Street Traffic By-Law.

6. Contract/Agreement Town of Sackville/MTA – Water Distribution Update
Town Engineer Dwayne Acton provided an overview of his Report noting that as a result of requirements of the Department of Environment and Local Government, along with the Department of Public Safety, Mount Allison University is required to have an Approval to Operate for their Water Distribution System. This can either be located on the campus, or Mount Allison can piggyback onto the Town’s current Approval to Operate. Mount Allison has asked the Town to allow them to use their Approval to Operate. A draft agreement for the Town to oversee the Water Distribution System at Mount Allison has been put together and is currently going through Legal and Insurance review. A final draft agreement will be presented to Council at a future Council meeting for their review and consideration.

7. Extension agreement between the Town and EGNB / Liberty Utilities
Town Engineer Dwayne Acton provided an overview of his Report noting that he continues to work with Liberty Utilities (formerly Enbridge Gas New Brunswick) on a new agreement. Due to the complexity of the agreement and the large number of Municipalities involved, Liberty Utilities continues to work to finalize a draft agreement. The most recent extension agreement with Liberty Utilities expires on March 31st, 2020 and the Town has requested an additional extension agreement until August 31st, 2020. A motion will be brought forward at the March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign and seal an extension agreement between the Town of Sackville and Liberty Utilities.

8. Queens Road Information
Town Engineer Dwayne Acton provided additional details of his Public Properties and Facilities Report from the February 10th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Information was provided on the 5-year Capital Budget process for designated highways in the Town of Sackville, the phased approach for Routes 940 and 106, the Province of New Brunswick’s Designated Highways funding program and the 10-year cost breakdown for Queens Road.

9. Tender No. 2020-03 Patching Tender
Town Engineer Dwayne Acton provided an overview of his Report noting that the 2020 Street Asphalt Patching Tender was issued on February 5th, 2020. There were 5 tender packages picked up during the tendering process. The tender opening was held on February 21st, 2020 with 5 tender bids received and accepted. A motion will be brought forward at the March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider awarding Tender No. 2020-03 2020 Street Asphalt Patching to MacDonald Paving Ltd. of Moncton, NB in the reduced amount of \$299,000.00 HST included.

10. Gas Tax Funding – Street Allocation
Town Engineer Dwayne Acton provided an overview of his Report noting that in July 2019, Council adopted the Revised Town of Sackville five-year capital investment plan for GTF

administration agreement for 2019 to 2024. After review of the asset management plan and the most recent Municipal Infrastructure Requirements report a recommendation of streets was provided for resurfacing and/or paving in 2020. A motion will be brought forward at the March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider approving the street breakdown and approximate distances as presented for the 2020 Gas Tax Funding program up to an amount of \$405,085.00 HST Included.

11. Economic Development Initiative Package

Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Jamie Burke provided an overview of his Report noting that with the Local Governance Act coming in force on January 2018, Municipalities have been given new granting powers under Section 104. These powers are noted in the Town's Business Development Strategy. Surrounding municipalities have implemented financial incentive programs targeted at the development community. These programs are intended to accelerate investments in specific areas of the municipality where new growth and redevelopment can be accommodated. The Town currently has underdeveloped land in the Mixed Use, Highway Commercial, Industrial/Business Park and Urban Residential 3 Zones, which such a program could help facilitate. A draft program for Council's review was presented for Council's review. A motion will be brought forward at the March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider adopting the Economic Development Incentive Program.

12. Accessibility Dock

Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole provided an overview of his Report noting that as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process \$25,000.00 was approved for an accessible dock system that connects to the existing EZ-Dock. This will allow persons with a physical disability to access the water via kayak. A quote was received by Centre Du Quai/Dock Shop 134 EZ Dock Eastern NB for the supply and install of the accessible dock system. A motion will be brought forward at the March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider awarding the supply and install of the accessible dock system for Lillas Fawcett Park to Centre Du Quai/Dock Shop in the amount of \$17,393.75 HST included.

13. New Dugouts Ball Field

Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole provided an overview of his Report noting that as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process \$30,000.00 was approved for improvements to the ball field dugouts. The existing dugouts are in need of replacement, as well as the backstop at Chester Cole Memorial Field. Two quotes were received for the work and a motion will be brought forward at the March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider awarding the proposed work to Dean Welling and Son Ltd., in the amount of \$23,925.22 HST included.

14. Building Renovations

Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole provided an overview of his Report noting that as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process \$40,000.00 was approved for unexpected building maintenance. Due to damage sustained to bunker gear in 2019 due to a glycol leak, Staff have been working with Black and MacDonald on a glycol leak solution to prevent a reoccurrence of this damage. A motion will be brought forward at the March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider awarding the supply and installation of a gutter system that will protect the bunker gear from any further glycol leaks in the amount of \$7,402.55 HST included.

15. Beautification (Flowerpots)

Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole provided an overview of his Report noting that as part of the 2020 Capital Budget process \$15,000.00 was approved for beautification. The Town has been replacing the wooden flower boxes with Cast Iron Planters and would like to add five (5) additional planters to our inventory. A motion will be brought forward at the March 9th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting for Council to consider approving the purchase of five (5) Cast Iron Flower Planters from Black River Casting in the amount of \$12,937.50 HST included.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MARCH 2, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk