

**COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 6:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL**

In attendance were Mayor Shawn Mesheau, Deputy Mayor Andrew Black and Councillors Allison Butcher, Sabine Dietz, Matt Estabrooks, Bill Evans, Kenneth Hicks, and Mike Tower. Also, in attendance were CAO Jamie Burke, Clerk Donna Beal, Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin and Treasurer Michael Beal.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn Mesheau called the meeting to order.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Shawn Mesheau acknowledged that we are located within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#21-110 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021, AS CIRCULATED AND MOVE
INTO IN-CAMERA. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Michael Beal left the meeting.

(a) HR-2021-06

Public

CAO Jamie Burke, Treasurer Michael Beal, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Kieran Miller, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Manager of Parks & Facilities Todd Cole, Manager of Recreation Programs & Events Matt Pryde, and Deputy Chief Mike Green joined the meeting.

There were also three (3) residents in attendance.

5. QUESTIONS PERIOD

Sharon Hicks asked if correspondence from citizens will be included in the discussion around the Procedures and Organization of Council By-Law. Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that the by-law is still under review and will be brought forward again in September.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any Disclosures of Interest to Declare. Councillor Matt Estabrooks will leave the meeting during the motion for the youth recreation subsidy program.

7. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – July 12, 2021

#21-111 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 12, 2021 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – July 20, 2021

#21-112 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF JULY 20, 2021 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – August 3, 2021

#21-113 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEN HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF AUGUST 3, 2021 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there was any business arising from the minutes. Councillor Dietz brought forward several items around the Procedures and Organization of Council By-Law. CAO Jamie Burke and Clerk Donna Beal responded.

9. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

i) Regional Service Commission

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that there was no meeting for the month of July. Next meeting will be held August 31, 2021.

ii) Planning – Lori Bickford

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that the Report could be found on page 17 of the Council Package.

10. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS RAIL SAFETY WEEK IS TO BE HELD ACROSS CANADA FROM SEPTEMBER 20 TO 26, 2021;

WHEREAS IT IS IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST TO RAISE CITIZENS' AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF IGNORING SAFETY WARNINGS AT LEVEL CROSSINGS AND TRESPASSING ON RAIL PROPERTY TO REDUCE AVOIDABLE DEATHS, INJURIES AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY INCIDENTS INVOLVING TRAINS AND CITIZENS;

WHEREAS OPERATION LIFESAVER IS A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WHOSE AIM IS TO WORK WITH THE PUBLIC, RAIL INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENTS, POLICE SERVICES, MEDIA AND OTHERS TO RAISE RAIL SAFETY AWARENESS;

WHEREAS CN HAS REQUESTED TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ITS ONGOING EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS, SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT INJURIES IN COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING OUR MUNICIPALITY;

AND THEREFORE, I MAYOR SHAWN MESHEAU HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 20TH TO 26TH, 2021 AS NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK.

11. REPORTS

A) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shawn Mesheau provided highlights of his Report noting that the Report could be found on page 19 of the Council Package.

B) CAO'S REPORT

CAO Jamie Burke noted that the CAO Report could be found on page 20 of the Council Package and provided a summary noting that full details could be found in Department Reports.

C) Finance & Administration

i) BILLS AND PAYROLL – JULY

#21-114 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$470,372.40; GENERAL CAPITAL \$42,575.88; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$82,306.25; UTILITY CAPITAL \$22,581.40; AND SALARIES \$256,039.08. MOTION CARRIED.

ii) Report from Finance and Administration

Councillor Bill Evans noted that the Finance Report could be found on page 24 of the Council Package and gave details of the Report and noted that the Animal Control Reports were also included.

D) Tourism & Business Development

a. Report from Tourism & Business Development

Councillor Kenneth Hicks gave a summary of the Tourism & Business Development Report found on page 32 of the Council Package.

E) Public Property & Facilities

Councillor Matt Estabrooks provided a brief overview of the Public Property and Facilities Report found on page 33 of the Council Package.

#21-115 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE WORKING AGREEMENT WITH MARY-ANN OSTER FOR CANTEEN/BAR SERVICES FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

F) Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Allison Butcher provided an overview of the Recreation Programs & Events Report found on page 36 of the Council Package.

#21-116 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KELLIE MATTATALL TO THE BOARD OF THE SACKVILLE ARTS WALL FOR AN ADDITIONAL 3 YEAR TERM ENDING ON OCTOBER 31, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-117 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE SUBSIDY AGREEMENT WITH THE CANADIAN PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FUNDING FOR THREE SUMMER STUDENTS' POSITIONS TOTALING \$11,405.49. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-118 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ELIMINATE FEES FOR FAMILY AND LUNCHTIME SKATES FOR THE 2021-2022 ICE SEASON. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Matt Estabrooks left the meeting.

#21-119 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT OPTION # 2 IN THE RINK SUBSIDY PROGRAM AS PRESENTED DURING THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2021 WITH REGARDS TO THE CREATION OF A RECREATION SUBSIDY FOR TAX PAYING PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. FURTHERMORE, COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT STAFF PROCEED WITH DRAFTING THE NECESSARY POLICY TO SUPPORT THE SUBSIDY AND PRESENTING THE POLICY AT A FUTURE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING. THE SAID POLICY SHOULD INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION ON PERCENTAGE FOR REIMBURSEMENT, WHAT IS CONSIDERED ELLIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT AND THE MAXIMUM TO BE REIMBURSED PER CHILD OR YOUTH TO THE TAX PAYING PARENT. MOTION CARRIED.

Councillor Matt Estabrooks returned to the meeting.

G) Public Safety

Deputy Mayor Andrew Black provided an overview of the Public Safety Report found on page 38 of the Council Package.

H) Policy/By-Law

Mayor Shawn Mesheau noted that the Policy/By-Law Report could be found on page 55 of the Council Package.

#21-120 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 262B, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO.262 A BY-LAW TO REGULATE STREET TRAFFIC. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, BILL EVANS AND SABINE DIETZ. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS MATT ESTABROOKS, KEN HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. MOTION CARRIED.

I) Human Resources

Councillor Sabine Dietz noted that the Human Resources Report could be found on page 58 of the Council Package.

J) Corporate Affairs & Strategic Development

Councillor Michael Tower provided a brief overview of key points within the Corporate Affairs and Strategic Development Report found on page 59 of the package.

#21-121 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN AND SEAL THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MUNICIPAL

NATURAL ASSETS INITIATIVE AND COMMIT \$2,500.00 OF THE 2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-122 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF YORK STREET FROM LANSDOWNE TO SALEM STREETS ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. TO ACCOMMODATE THE MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY WELCOME CENTRE. MOTION CARRIED.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A) UMNb

#21-123 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT **WHEREAS** UMNb HAS BEEN WORKING AND GAINING GROUND RELATED TO PROVINCE WIDE REGULATIONS ON PACKAGING AND PAPER PRODUCTS;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE REQUEST UMNb TO PETITION THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO BAN RECYCLABLE AND COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS AT LANDFILLS ACROSS THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-124 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT **WHEREAS** A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE POPULATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND ARE POLITICALLY VOICELESS AND POWERLESS IN DECISIONS THAT HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

WHEREAS PERMANENT RESIDENTS, ALSO KNOWN AS ‘CANADIANS IN WAITING’ ARE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SOCIETY.

WHEREAS OFTEN PERMANENT RESIDENTS WHO ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION DO NOT HAVE A SAY IN THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE PUT IN PLACE TO HELP THEM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE URGES UMNb TO PETITION THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE THE NB ELECTIONS ACT TO ALLOW FOR PERMANENT RESIDENTS TO VOTE MUNICIPALLY. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-125 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT **WHEREAS** THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 16,509 FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE LIVING IN NEW BRUNSWICK, 9,889 ON RESERVE AND 6,620 OFF RESERVE.

WHEREAS FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, AND CULTURES ARE A VALUED AND CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL SOCIAL FABRIC.

WHEREAS WE RECOGNIZE THAT INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES HAVE BEEN ERODED TO NEAR EXTINCTION.

WHEREAS STARTING AT #13 AND RUNNING TO #17 IN THE TRC, THERE ARE SPECIFIC CALLS TO ACTION ADDRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF, RECOGNITION OF, AND PRESERVATION OF INDIGENOUS LANGUGES.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE REQUESTS UMNB TO PETITION THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES ON MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL BALLOTS. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-126 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT **WHEREAS** THE PROVINCE RAISES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY THROUGH A CARBON TAX (163 MILLION IN 2021-22).

WHEREAS THE PROVINCE CREATED THE CLIMATE CHANGE FUND UNDER THE PROVINCIAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACT, WHICH WAS TO RECEIVE THE CARBON TAX REVENUE AND SPEND IT ON PROJECTS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

WHEREAS THE CARBON TAX OF 163 MILLION IN 2021-22 IS SLATED TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- \$78 MILLION WILL BE RETURNED TO TAXPAYERS THROUGH THE APRIL 2020 REDUCTION IN GASOLINE AND DIESEL TAXES;
- \$36 MILLION WILL BE ALLOTTED TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE FUND AND CLIMATE INITIATIVES; \$12 MILLION WILL GO TOWARDS THE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION OFFSET ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR;
- \$9 MILLION WILL BE PROVIDED TO FIRST NATIONS; AND
- \$28 MILLION WILL BE RETURNED TO NEW BRUNSWICKERS THROUGH A REDUCTION IN PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS A PORTION OF THE \$36 MILLION ALLOTTED TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE FUND IS INTENDED TO ENSURE THAT 75% OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE REQUEST THE UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO PETITION THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ENSURE THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE CARBON TAX REVENUE BE DEDICATED TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMITMENTS OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND BE RE-INVESTED IN THE 9 CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITMENTS DIRECTED TOWARD MUNICIPALITIES. MOTION CARRIED.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Bruce Wark asked several questions around the decision to return to in-camera for monthly reporting from the RCMP. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that a monthly presentation from the RCMP will happen in-camera, however the monthly Report from the Staff Sergeant will continue to be included in the Regular Council package. The RCMP quarterly report will continue to be present in Public and Staff and RCMP are committing to a public meeting with the RCMP to provide additional updates. CAO Jamie Burke also noted that we have a third-party agreement with the RCMP, allows us to go in in-camera. The discussions are operational in nature.

Bruce Wark asked for an update on the consultant's fire department workplace assessment report. CAO Jamie Burke responded that dates and times to present the report to Council and fire department members will be scheduled and a public statement will be released following those meeting.

Bruce Wark asked if there is a time frame on the fix and details surrounding the patching concerns on town streets. Town Engineer Dwayne Acton responded that they are currently working with the contractor to lengthen and extend the patches to remove the bumps on York and Bridge Streets. There have been some weather delays and staff are hoping to have them back later this week.

Erica Butler asked who made the decision to have the RCMP report in-camera. CAO Jamie Burke noted that the item was discussed among Council. It is an operational decision, so no motion is required.

Erica Butler asked if there was any additional information that could be provided on any upcoming public engagement meetings with the RCMP. CAO Jamie Burke responded that this will be discussed with the RCMP Communications team before committing to any plan.

Erica Butler asked if the council initiatives funding relating to the skatepark will be brought forward this year. CAO Jamie Burke noted that each year, Council sets aside money for a specific Council initiative. During the 2021 Budget discussion two items were discussed – rink subsidy and skatepark planning. Now that Council has given direction for the rink subsidy, Staff will review the funding required and review various departmental budgets for studies, and will reevaluate where we are and if we can work to fit it in the budget. Staff have reviewed what a study will look like and noted that the study would include local participation.

Erica Butler asked if there was any additional information on the “tar-like” substance noted in the Public Properties report. Town Engineer Dwayne Acton responded that it was material similar to what would be used to seal driveways and their priority was to remove the substance and dispose of it properly.

Erica Butler asked if Staff had any sampling of the ideas on where the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge Funding would be spent based on public input. Manager of Recreation Programs and Events Matt Pryde responded that Staff have not reviewed the results but will be taking the top three (3) reasonable suggestions and have the public vote.

14. ADJOURN

#21-127 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk