

**COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 7:00 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, Treasurer Michael Beal, Fire Chief Craig Bowser, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects Kieran Miller, Assistant Treasurer Elizabeth Hartling, Town Engineer Dwayne Acton, Manager of Parks and Facilities Todd Cole, Manager of Recreation Programs and Events Matt Pryde, Manager of Tourism and Business Development Ron Kelly Spurles and Planner Lori Bickford.

There were also six (6) residents in attendance.

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

#21-186 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2021, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

4. QUESTIONS PERIOD

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any questions from the Public. There were none.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Shawn Mesheau asked if there were any Disclosures of Interest to Declare. There were none.

6. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – November 8, 2021

#21-187 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of Council – December 6, 2021

#21-188 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF DECEMBER 6, 2021 AS CIRCULATED. MOTION CARRIED.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Andrew Black noted that as a follow up to the Special Council Meeting of December 6th, 2021 where Council approved the creation of a Local Governance Reform Committee of Council, the committee has met for their initial meeting. The committee is currently working on the logistics of the committee including staff resources, scheduling and accessibility. Once these details are planned with Staff, next steps will be taken to schedule regular public meetings.

Councillor Sabine Dietz asked if Staff have in fact scheduled a meeting with DTI and the Provincial Government regarding the Sackville Footbridge project. CAO Jamie Burke responded that Staff have already reached out for a meeting with DTI. Based on DTI's response during that initial meeting, Staff will bring the information back to a council meeting for discussion.

Councillor Sabine Dietz asked Staff if a response has been received from Honorable Minister Daniel Allain to the letter sent by Council on the Local Governance Reform White Paper. Clerk Donna Beal responded that no response has been received.

Councillor Bill Evans noted that a follow up email was sent to Council from the Sackville Footbridge group indicating that they are not seeking any financial commitment, only continued support from Council and assistance from Town Staff on setting up meetings with Stakeholders that include DTI.

8. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICES

i) Regional Service Commission

Mayor Shawn Mesheau provided an overview of his report which can be found on Page 20 of the Council Package.

ii) Planning – Lori Bickford

Planner Lori Bickford noted that the Report could be found on page 22 of the Council Package.

#21-189 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT WHEREAS THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK HAS REPEALED ALL REGULATIONS RELATED TO BUILDING STANDARDS, PERMITS, AND INSPECTIONS FROM THE *COMMUNITY PLANNING ACT* AND ADOPTED THEM UNDER THE *BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION ACT*;

AND WHEREAS GHISLAIN BELLIVEAU, MÉLANIE CHIASSON, DENIS FRENETTE, PATRICK GAUDET, JASON LEBLANC, ADRIEN ROBICHAUD, JOSÉE VAUTOUR, AND BILL WRIGHT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION AS BUILDING INSPECTORS;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE APPOINT THE ABOVE-NAMED INSPECTORS AS BUILDING INSPECTORS FOR THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE UNDER SECTION 71 OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE HEREBY GIVES AUTHORITY TO THE BUILDING INSPECTORS TO ISSUE ORDERS AND TO LAY INFORMATION FOR OFFENCES UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE *BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION ACT*. MOTION CARRIED.

9. REPORTS

A) MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shawn Mesheau provided highlights of his Report noting that the report could be found on page 24 of the Council Package.

Councillor Sabine Dietz provided a brief update on the Rural Community Health Group initiatives.

Councillor Bill Evans provided a brief report on the UMNZB Zone 2 meeting that was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

B) CAO'S REPORT

CAO Jamie Burke noted that the CAO Report could be found on page 26 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 – NOVEMBER

#21-190 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BILLS AND

PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021 AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$361,651.55; GENERAL CAPITAL \$388,859.74; UTILITY GOVERNMENT \$78,158.58; UTILITY CAPITAL \$6,989.72; AND SALARIES \$188,659.72. MOTION CARRIED.

ii) Report from Finance and Administration

Councillor Bill Evans noted that the Finance Report could be found on page 30 of the Council Package and gave details of the Report and noted that the Animal Control Reports were also included.

#21-191 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2021, OF \$100,000 FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE GENERAL OPERATING RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-192 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2021, OF \$950,000 FROM THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-193 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER, FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2021, OF \$200,000 FROM THE UTILITY OPERATING BUDGET TO THE UTILITY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

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 39 of the Council Package.

#21-194 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$800.00 TO RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE FROM THE TOWN'S 2021 OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING ONE APPLICATION: PARTNERSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

E) Public Property & Facilities

Councillor Matt Estabrooks provided a brief overview of the Public Property and Facilities report found on page 41 of the Council Package.

#21-195 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN BILL JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL

PARK FROM MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,509.75 HST INCLUDED. MOTION CARRIED.

F) Recreation Programs & Events

Councillor Allison Butcher provided an overview of the Recreation Programs & Events report found on page 44 of the Council Package.

#21-196 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF AS PART OF THE WINTERFEST EVENTS, TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE FROM MAC FIREWORKS, TO PROVIDE A COMMERCIALY-ORGANIZED FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE HELD AT THE BILL JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL PARK ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2022 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2022. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-197 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF FORD LANE FROM THE ENTRANCE TO BILL JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL PARK TO LANSLOWNE STREET ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2022 WITH FROM APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M. WITH A RAIN DATE OF SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2022 TO ACCOMMODATE THE WINTERFEST FIREWORK'S SHOW. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, MATT ESTABROOKS, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-198 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE KAYAK RENTAL EQUIPMENT FROM OUTDOORS NB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,603.26 PLUS HST. MOTION CARRIED.

G) Public Safety

Deputy Mayor Andrew Black provided an overview of the Public Safety report found on page 46 of the Council Package.

#21-199 MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) SETS OF STAR-FIELD LION BUNKER GEAR AND FIVE (5) SETS OF HAIX FIREFIGHTING BOOTS FROM SAFETY SOURCE FIRE INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,045.00 HST INCLUDED. MOTION CARRIED.

H) Policy/By-Law

Assistant Clerk Becky Goodwin noted that the Policy/By-Law report could be found on page 50 of the Council Package.

#21-200 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT COUNCIL REQUEST THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO REVIEW THE ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW CHANGES AS IT RELATES TO CATS AND REPORT BACK FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-201 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL GIVE SECOND READING SECTION BY SECTION TO BY-LAW NO. 282 TOWN OF SACKVILLE FLYER BY-LAW.

Public notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Sackville proposes to enact the following By-Law:

By-Law No. 282, A By-Law Respecting Flyer Distribution in the Town of Sackville

Section 1 – Definitions

Section 2 – Application

Section 3 – General

Section 4 – Enforcement

Section 5 – Effective Date. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-202 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GIVE THIRD AND FINAL READING TO BY-LAW NO. 282 TOWN OF SACKVILLE FLYER BY-LAW. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-203 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 262C, A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 262, A BY-LAW TO REGULATE STREET TRAFFIC. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-204 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ THAT COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING IN NAME ONLY TO BY-LAW NO. 283, A BY-LAW REGULATING PARKS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE. 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.

#21-205 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AS MEMBERS OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ERIC TUSZ-KING FOR A ONE YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JANUARY 1, 2023; KATE DESROCHERS AND TRACEY WADE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JANUARY 1, 2024; DOUG BLISS, CORINNE CASH, ADAM CHEESEMAN, BARB CLAYTON, SAMARA EATON, RICHARD ELLIOT AND AMANDA MARLIN FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING ON JANUARY 1, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

#21-206 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER THAT COUNCIL PROVIDE SUITABLE WALL SPACE AND COVER THE COST OF INSTALLATION OF A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE HISTORY OF SACKVILLE ON CERAMIC TILES BY ARTIST INDU VARMA. MOTION CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Local Governance Reform

Councillor Sabine Dietz noted that on December 9, 2021, Radio Canada released a report that indicated that Minister Daniel Allain noted that Municipalities could submit alternate proposals to the White Paper recommendations by December 17, 2021. CAO Jamie Burke responded that a formal request to re-evaluate the boundaries was submitted to the Minister, however if Council wishes to submit an official counter proposal that would include financial justifications for the new boundary, it will need to be submitted immediately. Treasurer Michael Beal added that currently, the data available is very limited and would make it difficult to include a full financial report to support an alternate proposal.

#21-207 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL BE ORGANIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS AN ALTERNATE PROPOSAL TO THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE REFORM WHITE PAPER. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDREW BLACK AND COUNCILLORS ALLISON BUTCHER, SABINE DIETZ, BILL EVANS, KENNETH HICKS AND MICHAEL TOWER. NAY VOTE RECORDED BY COUNCILLOR MATT ESTABROOKS. MOTION CARRIED.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Erica Butler asked if Council was in an agreement yet on what type of boundary they would like to see. Mayor Shawn Mesheau responded that no, there has not been any detailed discussion or agreement.

Erica Butler asked why the meeting to discuss an alternate proposal would be held in-camera. CAO Jamie Burke noted that the discussion could include topics relating to legal, human resources and land transactions. Mr. Burke noted that the motion would come forward during the public portion of the meeting and Council would look to post the alternate proposal publicly.

Dorchester Mayor, Debbie Wiggins-Colwell spoke to Council that Dorchester Council is also concerned and currently working on a letter to Honorable Minister Daniel Allain regarding the Local Governance White Paper and thanked Mayor and Council for working on an alternate proposal to the White Paper.

12. ADJOURN

#21-208 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KENNETH HICKS THAT COUNCIL ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor

Clerk

Assistant Clerk