

**Public Properties and Streets Minutes**  
**July 27, 2011**  
**Council Chambers**

**Present**

Councillor S. Cameron, Chair  
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts  
Councillor J. MacPherson

Mayor C. Chisholm  
K. Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts  
Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the Agenda be approved with additions.” Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson  
Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm

“That the Minutes of the Public Properties and Streets meeting held on May 11, 2011, be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

**Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**Business from Minutes**

- Snow Removal Policy/Ice Control Sidewalk By-law (September 2011)  
This matter was deferred.

- Litter Cans

Discussion took place on the location of new recycling stations, a recent request to have one placed at the new Library, dismay with the length of time it is taking to get them in place, and benches/smoke receptacles. K. Proctor, P.Eng., stated that he requires the locations to be specific in order for the bases to be poured and to ensure they do not interfere with something else or required to be moved. He acknowledged he was given a list but that it was not specific enough. He further stated that he had advised the CAO of this. K. Proctor, P.Eng. agreed to distribute a list of where the recycling receptacles are to be placed. Interim CAO T. Wadden agreed to obtain further specifics on the location for the recycling stations.

- Bike Lanes

Copies of a new Road Safety information card was distributed and it was noted that the law now requires you leave one (1) metre of space when passing a cyclist. It was generally agreed that that ‘share the road’ signs be placed on main arterial streets and that educational material be placed in the Talk of the Town.

- Whidden Bridge

K. Proctor, P.Eng. advised that he was hopeful that the expansion joints could be installed on the Whidden bridge this coming Monday or Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, weather depending. He noted that it would be necessary to close the bridge and detour traffic in order to carry out the work.

- Line Painting

The Chair advised that he had observed those who were carrying out line painting did not appear to be doing so in a safe manner. K. Proctor, P.Eng. detailed issues and discussions he has had with the line painters. He further noted that the summer students were carrying out line painting in Town-owned parking lots.

Brief reference was made to a new type of paint being used for this type of work.

- Rip-Rap at 97 Highland Drive

The Chair noted that the property owner of 97 Highland Drive had expressed his appreciation for the rip-rap work carried out.

## **New Business**

- Tenders (Various)

K. Proctor, P.Eng. noted that the paving project has reached substantial completion, with some claims of damage being made, which the contractor will have to deal with. He further noted that there were some complaints with some of the paving was carried out through the night.

K. Proctor, P.Eng. that the sidewalk tender – 137 Hawthorne Street to Pine Street, has been completed and work is now being carried out on College Street.

- Canal Bridge

K. Proctor, P.Eng. noted that the bailey bridge at east Main Street is now being taken down and that some deficiencies will have to be dealt with. Councillor J. MacPherson made reference to graffiti below the bridge and the fear it will spread. K. Proctor, P.Eng. noted that some residents in the area of the new bridge will likely seek some good will work to be carried out.

- James River Dam

K. Proctor, P.Eng. advised that some equipment is being upgraded at the Water Treatment plant and that a camera installed has confirmed people are fishing in the restricted area. He further noted that regulatory bodies have been made aware of the situation. K. Proctor, P.Eng. noted the need for regular meetings of the James River Stewardship Board.

- Intersection St. Ninian and Church Streets (Councillor J. MacPherson)

Councillor J. MacPherson noted that the right hand lane of the intersection at St. Ninian and Church Streets is very rough and in need of work. K. Proctor, P.Eng. advised that the work cannot be carried out until such time as staff have access to sheet asphalt.

- Monthly Report

Discussion took place on the Engineering Department monthly report and it was generally agreed that the Report should be briefer with fewer details and acronyms, and generally outline activities undertaken during a given month and anything unusual. Interim CAO T. Wadden noted that the Report is to the CAO, not to Council.

- Paving Re Fatima Street

Councillor J. MacPherson noted that he had been approached by a resident regarding the need for Fatima Street to be paved. K. Proctor, P.Eng. acknowledged the need for paving and brief discussion took place on the length of the street and cost.

- 62 Hawthorne Street

K. Proctor, P.Eng. stated that the developer is carrying out work without the benefit of a signed development agreement or municipal services permit at 62 Hawthorne Street. Discussion took place on the location and cost of providing services for the development, and it was generally agreed that servicing would be put in place as originally planned. K. Proctor, P.Eng., noted that he had advised both past CAO D. Kampen and the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee regarding the costs of relocating the services.

- Fence at Columbus Field

Brief discussion took place on the need for the fence at Columbus Field to be painted. Interim CAO T. Wadden noted that without us knowing the proper procedure for painting metal fences that it would likely have to go to tender. Interim CAO T. Wadden also noted that the Saddlespan tent has holes in it, is from the same project and of the same age.

- Hawthorne Street Services

K. Proctor, P.Eng. outlined issues surrounding water service/quality, particularly to two (2) dwellings on Hawthorne Street and old infrastructure that is still in place in the area. He noted that Infrastructure improvements planned for the near future are expecting to resolve the issues.

- 57 Thompson Street

K. Proctor, P.Eng. noted that the Nova Scotia Department of Environment had been advised of a problem to the rear of 57 Thompson Street. He noted the lateral has been repaired and vegetation removed. Some material (stone) is still needed to be placed in the area.

### **Other Business**

- Canal Bridge (previously discussed)

- Garbage at Columbus Field

Brief discussion took place on garbage at Columbus Field and who is responsible for cleaning it up

- Whidden Street Storm Water Project

K. Proctor, P.Eng. noted that Mr. D. Berry is making enquiries on the status of the project. He further noted that the Town has not be advised as to whether homeowners in that area have undertaken work to their properties as promised.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. Roberts

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.

