

Council Minutes
July 19, 2010
Council Chambers

Present

Mayor C. Chisholm
Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Councillor S. Cameron
Councillor W. Cormier
Councillor J. MacPherson
Councillor D. Roberts

D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Day, Planner

Delegates and Community Members
I. Kadray, Developer
Media
M. MacDonald, Observer

Absent

Councillor D. MacInnis

Call to Order

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts
Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron
Seconded by Councillor W. Cormier
"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting (Closed), June 14, 2010; Council Meeting (Closed), June 21, 2010; Council Meeting (Regular), July 21, 2010; and E-mail Poll, June 29, 2010; be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting July 1, 2010, (Closed) be approved as amended noting that Councillors J. MacPherson and D. Roberts were not in attendance.

Presentations

- Mr. S. Day, Planner re, DA 2.09 re 62 Hawthorne Street, Development Agreement
Mr. S. Day, Planner, provided an overview of the amended Development Agreement before Council. He noted that some of the amendments were made as a result of a Public Hearing with the community.

Key amendments to the proposed Development Agreement now include:

- On-site resident manager (this clause may be removed should the building change to co-operative or condominium development);

- An elevator is to be installed in the building;
- Parking area to be paved;
- Inclusion of a clause respecting trees;
- Rose bushes to be planted to thwart trespassing;
- Containment and berm to be built re: storm melt;
- Details on waste management to be clarified; and
- If permitted, an undertaking respecting noise as a cause to vacate tenants.

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“That Council approve Development Agreement DA2.09 re 62 Hawthorne Street as amended.”
Motion carried with Councillor W. Cormier and Councillor J. MacPherson voting against.

Councillor W. Cormier noted that as Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, it was his responsibility to bring forth the motion regarding the Development Agreement, he could not vote in favor of the Agreement until such time as a final response was received regarding the inclusion of ‘Noise’ as a reason to vacate and, therefore, would be voting against the Motion.

- Mr. R. MacIsaac, Customer Service Representative, National Philatelic Centre
Mr. R. MacIsaac, Mr. M. Moeller, Ms. N. MacLean, and others were in attendance representing the National Philatelic Centre (Antigonish). Mr. R. MacIsaac provided information on the pending loss of jobs at the National Philatelic Centre (Antigonish) should Canada Post proceed with their plans. He noted that he would like the Town to adopt a resolution in this regard and noted that examples of resolutions were included with the information packages provided to Council.

Mayor C. Chisholm advised that it was Council’s intent to pass the Resolution later this evening, with Councillor J. MacPherson noting that the Resolution is also with the Town’ Caucus which would be forwarded to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to be adopted at their 2010 Fall Conference in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Mr. R. MacIsaac thanked Council and the delegates left the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Business from Minutes

There was no Business from the Minutes.

Correspondence

- Health Association re Declaring September as “Continuing Care Month”

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That Council declare September 2010, as “Continuing Care Month.” Motion carried.

- M&M Meat Shops and Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of Canada re Proclamation of September 16, 2010, as National Family Dinner Night

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“That Council declare September 16, 2010, as National Family Dinner Night.” Motion carried.

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities re 2011 Canadian Census

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That CAO D. Kampen write a letter to the Minister of Industry Tony Clement and Member of Parliament Peter MacKay indicating the Town does not support the alteration of the format of the 2011 Canadian Census and replace the mandatory long-form questionnaire with a voluntary household survey.” Motion carried.

- Mayor B. Stead, Town of Wolfville, re Participation in Health Promotion and Protection Research re Alcohol Harms at the Municipal Level

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That Council support the effort of Mayor B. Stead, Town of Wolfville, in having the Chief Public Health Officer for the Province of Nova Scotia to have an audience with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities at either the 2011 Spring Workshop or 2010 Fall Conference.” Motion carried.

Staff Reports

- Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Report

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That the CAO Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

- Comptrollers Report

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the Comptrollers Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

- Electric Utility Manager Report

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the Electric Utility Manager Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

- Engineer’s Report

The Engineer’s Report was not available.

- Planning and Building Services Department Report

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That the Planning and Building Services Department Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

- Recreation Report

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“That the Recreation Report be received for information.” Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

D. Roberts noted that she had accompanied the Judges on their tour of the area to judge the Town for Communities in Bloom on behalf of Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm. She further noted that she believes the judges were quite impressed with the tour, luncheon, and the Town’s

partnerships, and expects the Town will receive good comments from their report.

Mayor C. Chisholm thanked Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm for all of her hard work in preparation for the Communities in Bloom judging.

Councillor J. MacPherson noted that also in preparation for the Communities in Bloom judging, the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department had 13 members and three (3) trucks out cleaning up the downtown in the early morning hours prior to the judging. He noted that they collected 24 bags of garbage and commended them for their efforts.

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That the Town write to the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department Members to thank them for their efforts in cleaning up the downtown in preparation for the Communities in Bloom judging.”

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm thanked CAO D. Kampen for the tremendous amount of work she did in preparation for the Judges visit. She further thanked Ms. M. Kampen for her valuable assistance with the preparation of the Community Profile Binders for the judges visit.

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“That the Mayor write a letter of appreciation to Ms. M. Kampen for her assistance in preparing the Community Profile Binders for the Communities in Bloom judging.” Motion carried.

- Planning Advisory Committee
Councillor W. Cormier stated he had nothing to report.

- Public Properties and Streets Committee
Councillor S. Cameron stated he had nothing to report.

Policy

- Personnel Policy - Repeal

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“That the Town Repeal the Personnel Policy.” Motion carried.

- Procedural Policy – Unsightly Premises and Other Hazards – General Provisions – Repeal

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the Town Repeal the Procedural Policy – Unsightly Premises and Other Hazards – General Provisions.” Motion carried.

- **Resolutions**

Moved by Councillor J. MacPherson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

**Resolution 2010-07-19: Contact Centres
And National Philatelic Centre**

“WHEREAS Canada Post is a vital social and economic contributor to all communities and municipalities, and especially to the people in rural Canada;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post has announced that it is contracting out its Contact Centres and the National Philatelic within the next five (5) years to a private company;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post will eliminate all term positions at all the centres, and completely shut down the centres in Ottawa, Ontario, and Edmonton, Alberta, by 2011. And the eventual closures of the National Philatelic Centre and all four (4) other Contact Centres across Canada after 2012. These other closures are after 2012 because job security in the Collective Agreements protects the permanent employees “only” until 2012 when negotiations begin again;

AND WHEREAS this action by Canada Post will result in the loss of 350 jobs in Fredericton, New Brunswick; Ottawa, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Edmonton, Alberta; and a further 65 jobs in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, where the National Philatelic Centre is located;

AND WHEREAS the spin-off affect of these job losses will contribute to the elimination of other jobs and reduction of hours of other businesses within the community because of the lost spending power of the contact centre employees;

AND WHEREAS the National Philatelic Centre is renowned for its specialized services and contributes to the preservation of Canada’s history and culture, and being recognized worldwide;

AND WHEREAS the sell-off of the centres makes no economic sense, especially given Canada Post has had profits consecutively for 15 years and a profit of \$281 million in 2009 alone;

AND WHEREAS the privatization of these centres accelerates the beginning of privatization of Canada’s postal services and constitutes a threat to universal access to postal services and will be especially devastating to rural mail delivery if allowed to continue. Canada Post is a Public Service – owned by the Government of Canada and the people of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities communicate its strong objection to Canada Post’s decision by writing to the Canada Post Board of Directors and request an immediate reversal of the decision;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities also write the Members of Parliament and all of the Federal Government including the Minister Responsible for Canada Post to take whatever action is necessary to have this decision reversed.” Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

**Resolution 2010-07-19-A: Canadian Postal Service Charter
And Cuts To Public Postal Service And Jobs**

“WHEREAS Canada Post plans on cutting thousands of jobs in hundreds of communities across the country by modernizing and reviewing its operations and privatizing philatelic and call centres;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post is also cutting services by eliminating rural mail box delivery, closing post offices, removing street letter boxes, and other means;

AND WHEREAS these cuts are indicative of a Canada Post that increasingly puts commercial interests before the public interest;

AND WHEREAS the Government’s “Canadian Postal Service Charter” does not adequately protect the public interest or the public nature of our post office, especially when Canada Post is considering cuts to public postal service or privatizing part of its operations (e.g., post offices, call centres, etc.);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Antigonish write a letter to Mr. Rob Merrifield, Minister Responsible for Canada Post and request that his office:

1. Instruct Canada Post to stop cutting public postal service and jobs and start acting like the public service people want it to be
 2. Consult with the public, municipalities, members of Parliament, postal unions, and other major stakeholders to dramatically improve the “Canadian Postal Service Charter.”
- Motion carried

Moved by Councillor W. Cormier
Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

RESOLUTION 2010-07-19-B: PEOPLE’S POSTAL DECLARATION

“WHEREAS Canada Post is spending \$2.5 billion on new plants, vehicles, equipment, and other items to modernize our public post offices;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation is expecting to save millions annually from modernization, largely through productivity gains that pave the way for Canada Post to eliminate thousands of jobs in communities all across the country;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post is also making cuts to service by closing post offices, eliminating rural home delivery, removing street letter boxes, and other means;

AND WHEREAS the gains flowing from postal modernization could be used to preserve and improve public postal services and jobs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Antigonish agrees to sign the “People’s Postal Declaration” which calls upon Canada Post to:

1. Share the benefits of postal modernization with the people who own Canada Post – the public

2. Pursue more socially responsible objectives as it transforms our post office for the future.” Motion carried.

Other Business

There was no Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor J. MacPherson

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.