

**Town Council Minutes**  
**July 23, 2009**  
**Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Mayor C. Chisholm, Chair  
Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis  
Councillor S. Cameron  
Councillor L. Chisholm  
Councillor D. Roberts

D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

**Absent with Regrets**

Councillor W. Cormier  
Councillor J. MacPherson

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor S. Cameron  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis  
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

**Tenders**

• Antigonish Stormwater Management (SWM) Services

Mr. K. Proctor, Town Engineer, provided an overview of problems being experienced by residents in the areas of Centennial Drive and Whidden Street. He noted that the degree of stormwater issues vary; however, it is unknown at this time if the problems are related to the Town's infrastructure, an increase in weather systems, problems on homeowner's properties, or a combination thereof. He advised that residents in the lowest elevations are not receiving water on their properties.

He advised that the Terms of Reference has resulted in a proposal to carry out a surface, and perhaps sub-surface stormwater investigation by Horner/ADI at a cost of \$32,000.00. Mr. K. Proctor noted that it will be necessary to seek additional information from residents and that Mr. B. Shaw is currently looking at ways to lessen the impact to residents.

It was noted that a group of approximately 56 of the area residents have formed a Committee, which is being chaired by Mr. D. Barry. Chair, Mayor C. Chisholm advised that the core group would like to meet with the Town from time-to-time to be apprised of what has/will be taking place.

Discussion took place on actions taken since the 1999 flood, information already available which may be of use, what the impact of development of the 'hill' would have to the Town, the importance of establishing what can be done before Winter, reports of larger pipes trying to flow into smaller pipes and information provided by the previous Town Engineer, Mr. K. Riley.

The Chair advised that Councillor W. Cormier had requested that the Town consider putting out a Request for Proposals; however, following brief discussion Council agreed to carry on the current path. The Town Engineer was requested to request a breakdown of costs and staff that would be assigned to each task, as it was noted that completion of the entire project, as proposed, may not be necessary.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

“To approve the expenditure of \$32,000.00 to carry out the proposal by Horner/ADI to investigate improvements to stormwater issues in the area of Centennial Drive and Whidden Street, subject to receiving a breakdown from Horner/ADI of costs and staff assigned to each task.” Motion carried.

- 09 Sidewalk Upgrades – Tender Results/Recommendations to Award

Mr. K. Proctor, Town Engineer, reported that only one tender was received from A. MacNeil Construction, at a cost of \$70,095.00 plus HST, with a four-(4) week completion time. He noted that the bid price, although over the allotted amount for the three areas of work by approximately \$9,000.00, is still under the total overall budget value for the 2009 sidewalk construction activity.

Council then discussed the areas where the work is to be carried out, including Elm Street, Sydney Street parking lot, and the area in front of Farrell’s Ultramar on Main Street, which will include openings for shrubbery, as well as monies budgeted last year for work which was not carried out. Town Engineer, Mr. K. Proctor, noted that a separate call could be made for upgrades to Highland Drive. It was noted that issues surrounding improvements to the properties of Mr. M. Gabrieau and Mr. D. MacDougall have still not been addressed.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That the 09 Sidewalk Upgrade project be awarded to A. MacNeil Construction at a cost of \$70,095.00 plus HST, with a four (4) week completion time frame.” Motion carried.

- 09 Paving Project

Mr. K. Proctor, Town Engineer, reviewed from the approved Capital list, the areas to be paved which include Court, Acadia and Pleasant Streets, Arbor Drive, Brookland Street (to Coady Avenue) and Coady Avenue (to Scarboro Drive). He noted that no response has been received yet on the Town’s P-Cap application for funding, which, if not approved, would increase the Town’s costs for the project by \$20,000.00. Council expressed interest in having Highland Drive and Fairview Street included in the Tender.

Council was advised by K. Proctor, Town Engineer, that two properties have been acquired by Nova Scotia Infrastructure and Renewal for the Canal Bridge replacement; however an agreement has not been reached for the third property, which will now move to expropriation. CAO Kampen noted that given the unknown time-frame for the expropriation, it is not expected that the Town will have to expend all monies earmarked for the project by years’ end; therefore, the Town would likely have additional monies that could be used for paving this year.

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That Tenders be called to pave the areas identified and approved in the 2009/10 Capital Budget as well as Highland Drive and Fairview Street.” Motion carried.

Council expressed their desire to see Highland Drive paved prior to the start of the school year. Town Engineer, Mr. K. Proctor advised that he could not guarantee that this would be done; however, he noted the Town could suggest a priority list.

### **Other Business**

- **Collective Agreement**

CAO D. Kampen advised that contract negotiations have now concluded and a meeting is requested to set to ratify the Agreement for the Public Works Department which now also includes the water/sewer plants staff.

Mr. K. Proctor, Town Engineer, left the meeting at 1:10 PM.

It was agreed to meet on August 4, 2009 at 5:00 PM to review the Collective Agreement.

- **Ms. L. MacGillivray, Maternity Leave – Advertisement for One-Year Term**  
Council was advised by CAO D. Kampen that Ms. MacGillivray’s current position will be advertised for a one-year period with an ad being placed in the local paper next week. Ms. MacGillivray’s expected due date is September 8, 2009.

- **St.F.X. University – Request for Noise By-law Exemption**  
Council reviewed the request from St. F.X. University to be exempt from the Town’s Noise By-law to carry out activities related to ‘Frosh Week’.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That St. F.X. University be exempted from the Town’s Noise By-law to carry out activities related to ‘Frosh Week’ on September 6, 8, and 12, 2009.” Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor S. Cameron

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.