

**Regular Town Council Minutes  
January 22, 2019  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Mayor L. Boucher  
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts  
Councillor W. Cormier  
Councillor M. Farrell  
Councillor A. Murray  
Councillor D. MacInnis  
Councillor J. MacPherson

**Also Present**

CAO J. Lawrence  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
M. Barkhouse, Corporate Services  
K. Gorman, Communications &  
S. Scannell, Special Projects Coordinator

Media

**Call to Order**

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda with one item removed from the Agenda.”  
Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Minutes of December 18, 2018, Public Hearing Minutes of January 14, 2019, and email poll of January 27, 2019.” Motion carried.

**Presentations and Proclamations**

- William Charles (Bud) MacLean; Certificate of Recognition

It was noted Mr. MacLean was unable to attend, and that the presentation would be moved to the February meeting of Council.

- 2019 African Heritage Month Proclamation

Mayor L. Boucher read and signed the 2019 African Heritage Month Proclamation. She then declared February as African Heritage Month. Members of the Zone 7 African Heritage Month Committee and others were invited to stand and identify themselves. She then invited those in the audience present for the Proclamation to come forward while the Proclamation was read and photos taken.

- The Arts House; M. MacEachern, B. Latwaitis and E. Curley

B. Latwaitis noted that the Art Fair would be back in the Spring. She expanded on various arts that are currently taking place at the Arts House.

E. Curley spoke to the Arts House Vision and went through a list of their partners. He then reviewed the new Courses, Instructors, Spaces and Initiatives being taken on at the Art

Council was provided with attendance statistics and noted that a significant number of attendees are from the Town.

M. MacEachern noted he is strictly a volunteer and spoke to the number of hours he has logged since the first of the month. He noted he is here to ask for financial assistance on behalf of The Arts House and provided details that led to this request.

In response to a question from Councillor W. Cormier, M. MacEachern noted they did a cost analysis on pottery and adjusted the price, and that next year they would be in more of a steady state and that this is a one-time ask. It was noted that they did not received any grants but they do hope to next year.

Councillor M. Farrell spoke to the positive aspect that the Art House brings to the community.

Mayor L. Boucher thanked the trio for their presentation.

### **Business from Minutes**

- Rezoning of 74/76 (PID#s 01227859 and 01228842) Church Street from R1 (Residential First Density) to R3 (Residential Multiple Density)

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the rezoning of 74/76 Church Street and the proposed amendments to Development Agreement DA-98 at 110 St. Ninian Street as recommended.”  
Motion carried.

Mayor L. Boucher acknowledged NSCC Community College student E. Abler who was in the audience. She noted that one of her classes is community development, and that she is here to take notes and do a reflection on them and that she would also be interviewing the Mayor.

### **New Business**

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference;

It was generally agreed that Mayor L. Boucher, Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis, Councillor A. Murray and Councillor D. Roberts would attend this years' conference.

- Divestiture of Lands  
Deferred.

### **New Business**

- Arts House

Brief discussion took place on the presentation by the Arts House and their financial request.

“It was Moved and Seconded to grant the Arts House \$3,000. toward their electric utility bill and \$500 for the purchase of thermostats with the funds coming from Council's discretionary funds.”  
Motion carried.

Councillor D. Roberts spoke on the positive aspect of the group.

## **Correspondence**

- RK MacDonald Guest Home; By-laws

Councillor W. Cormier noted that Council representatives have gone through the By-laws. There was consensus from Council to approve the Bylaws.

- Independent Order of Oddfellows Jewel Lodge #42

Mayor L. Boucher requested the Deputy Clerk provide background details on the request.

CAO J. Lawrence provided further comment.

“It was Moved and Seconded to provide the organization with a rebate for the current year and future taxes by way of a in house adjustment for the difference between commercial and residential tax rates, subject to staff providing Council with details as to the amount of money.” Motion carried.

- Black Educators Association

Council briefly discussed the financial request.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council provide the Black Educators Association with \$300.00 from Council’s discretionary funds for sponsorship of their Spelling BEE.” Motion carried.

- Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN)

J. Beaton noted that moving forward there would be a monthly report and staff member in attendance at the monthly Council meetings, and provided comment on the following

- Updates include the Connector Program – M. Berrigan working on this, target is 50 connectors/connectees, 30 connectors to date, 9 jobs created.
- Investment Ready – only waiting on the status of the REN to move forward.
- Question of broadband - committee in place. Working toward the GAP area. Reponse to S. Scannell.
- Education agreement signed with ST FX/China.

Mayor L. Boucher thanked J. Beaton for the update.

Councillor W. Cormier provided comment on free wi-fi and how he would like to have free wi-fi in the downtown. J. Beaton and CAO J. Lawrence provided responses.

At 6:52 PM J. Beaton concluded his brief presentation.

## **Staff Reports**

- CAO Report

Councillor W. Cormier noted some volunteer organizations have not submitted their final reports for funding received through the Town’s Community Grants Program. The CAO noted final contact with those not in compliance will be letter from him.

- Repurposing of Internal Staffing Position

CAO J. Lawrence provided details on S. Scannell's move to a new position with the Town and provided details on a proposed repurposing of an internal staffing position.

"It was Moved and Seconded to accept the CAO Report and Special Projects & Executive Assistant position as presented." Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

- Recreation

Councillor M. Farrell noted the Challenger ballfield will move forward as soon as possible, and that nominations are now open for Volunteer and Youth Volunteer of the year with a deadline of February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

She further noted that the Special Olympic Cairn was supposed to be moved, but due to weather will be moved in spring.

- Accessibility

Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis noted the Accessibility Committee plans to meet in February.

- Police & License/55+ Provincial Games

Councillor D. Roberts noted the Police & License Committee would be meeting in February. She noted that the 55+ meetings are ongoing, and that they are getting close to having interviews to get the word out about the event.

Councillor D. Roberts read aloud a thank you letter from ACALA's new Coordinator, which noted the various partnerships they have made.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation

Councillor A. Murray stated he had nothing to report. Hope to have presentation to Council next month.

- Waste Management

Councillor J. MacPherson stated he had nothing to report. CAO J. Lawrence indicated he would circulate a story regarding HRM's request to go back to review the ban on plastic bags. Brief discussion took place on a company looking to turn plastic bags into fuel.

- Fire Committee

Councillor W. Cormier indicate he had nothing to report.

- Planning

Mayor L. Boucher noted that WSP is awaiting final details before sending out the discussion papers.

She noted that some new developments haven't made it to the Council table yet, and that things are going well with the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) and are having a positive impact on development.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM