

**Regular Camera Council Meeting
November 16, 2020
Location: Various Via Zoom**

Present

Mayor L. Boucher
Deputy Mayor A. Murray
Councillor S. Cameron
Councillor M. Farrell
Councillor D. MacInnis
Councillor D. Roberts

Absent with Regret

Councillor W. Cormier

Also Present

J. Lawrence, CAO
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
M. Barkhouse, Corporate Services
K. Gorman, Communications
K. Proctor, P.Eng.
L. Roy, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
S. Scannell, Community Development

Media
Guests

Call to Order

Mayor L. Boucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and spoke to the 'bubbles' of those in attendance and social distancing and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda as amended." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 19, 2020." Motion carried.

Presentation(s)

- James Street/Gillis Way Request for Quotes (E. Stephenson/S. Scannell)
Mayor L. Boucher welcomed E. Stephenson to the podium.

E. Stephenson provided Council on details to improve a pathway in the area of James Street/Gillis Way. She noted that although a grant to carry out the improvements was not approved staff are subsequently requesting to expend sufficient funds to address existing hazards.

E. Stephenson responded to questions from Council. She noted that a complete re-do of the path would likely cost in the order of \$65,000. Discussion took place. Mayor L. Boucher suggested that funds in the current budget for work on the pathway be set aside to go toward the work in the future.

In response to a query, K. Proctor, P. Eng., responded on the history of the pathway.

“It was Moved and Seconded that staff arrange to have work carried out to remediate the hazards on the existing pathway as presented.” Motion carried.

- Amendment to Occupational Health and Safety Manual (M. Barkhouse)
M. Barkhouse noted she would be requesting two (2) amendments to the Occupational Health & Safety Manual.

M. Barkhouse provided Council with details on the changes to the definition of ‘Management Representative’.

Council was advised on proposed changes to the Committee Structure within the Occupational Health and Safety Manual and M. Barkhouse expanded on the details.

“It was Moved and Seconded that the Town’s Occupational Health and Safety definitions be implemented as proposed.” Motion carried.

Business from the Minutes

There was no Business from the Minutes.

New Business

- Committee Appointments
Mayor L. Boucher welcomed Councillor S. Cameron to the table and congratulated him on his win and spoke briefly on the committee appointments.

“It was Moved and Seconded that the appointments be approved with amendments of W. Cormier to Affordable Housing and inclusion of the Mayor and Councillor D. MacInnis on the recently formed Community Navigator external committee.

It was noted that the various Committees would be made aware of the changes.

- Waterline Replacement; Founders Walk St. FX University
CAO J. Lawrence noted there had been a significant break to a waterline on Founders Walk on St. FX University noting it was not part of the original water budget.

K. Proctor, P. Eng. Spoke to various issues around lines located on St. FX campus, changes made over time, and provided details on work recently carried out.

Council was provided details on what is now proposed, anticipated costs, and details around the area in general.

“It was Moved and Seconded to carry out the waterline replacement on Founders Walk, St. FX University as proposed by staff.” Motion carried.

- Appointment to Town of Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department
“It was Moved and Seconded to appoint J. Myatt to the Town of Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department subject to conditions.” Motion carried.

- December 2020 Council Meeting

“It was Moved and Seconded that the December Council meeting be held on December 14, 2020. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- R.K. MacDonald Foundation Board; Request to Appoint B. MacGillivray as Town Representative

“It was Moved and Seconded to appoint B. MacGillivray as the Town’s representative of the R. K. MacDonald Foundation Board.” Motion carried.

Council provided comment on the appointment.

- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)/Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia (AMANS); Restart Funding Request

CAO J. Lawrence provided details on the NSFM/AMANS Restart Funding Request and the circumstances surrounding the request.

“It was Moved and Seconded to support the NSFM/AMANS restart funding as requested.” Motion carried

Mayor L. Boucher noted that she had sat in on various meetings as Covid unfolded and spoke to the amount of work that administrations of both organizations put in during these challenging times.

- D. Davies Book Sponsorship Request

Mayor L. Boucher noted that the request for sponsorship for a book is not something that Council would typically consider and noted that if it is Council’s will to support the request that any purchase be used in recruitment baskets.

Discussion ensued with a suggestion that the Town be a major sponsor.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council support the request as a major sponsor subject to co-sponsorship with the County, and should the County not be agreeable that the Town provide sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.00.” Motion carried.

- Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Request

Mayor L. Boucher asked for discussion on the VIC request. CAO J. Lawrence stated he could look back to see what funds had been provided in the past. He spoke to where the funds might come from and noted that there are monies available to fund organizations impacted by Covid.

Discussion took place.

“It was Moved and Seconded to approve the request from the Visitor Information Centre in the amount of \$1,617.18 as requested.” Motion carried.

- R.K. MacDonald Board Structure

Mayor L. Boucher provided details on changes proposed to the make-up of the R.K. MacDonald Board and the reasoning behind the request.

Councillor D. MacInnis noted that the recommendation had come about as part of their accreditation process.

“It was Moved and Seconded that Council accept the recommendation on the make-up of the R.K. MacDonald Board and advertise for a community representative to sit on the Board.”
Motion carried.

Staff Reports

- CAO Report

Brief comments were provided on the CAO report.

“It was Moved and Seconded to accept the CAO report as presented.” Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Recreation Committee

Councillor M. Farrell noted she had nothing to report.

- Accessibility Committee

Councillor D. MacInnis noted the Accessibility Committee would be meeting on November 24th and that a Request for Proposals (RFP) had gone out for the Accessibility Committee.

S. Scannell confirmed that Upland Planning and Design was the successful bidder for the Accessibility Committee RFP.

- Police & License Committee

Councillor D. Roberts noted she had nothing to report and would be scheduling a waste management committee meeting in the near future.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee

Deputy Mayor A. Murray noted a meeting was not held. He noted four additional seasonal décor lights have arrived and provided suggestions on how best to utilize the lighting in conjunction with banners along Main Street and spoke further to the décor that would be in place at Town Hall.

Mayor L. Boucher advised Councillor S. Cameron that he would be the new chair of the Fire Committee.

Mayor L. Boucher provided brief comment on why so many committee meetings were not held.

Mayor L. Boucher noted that she has been meeting with St. FX and other partners and that on November 19th there would be two (2) community information sessions hosted by the University.

Mayor L. Boucher noted the Town has been requested to write a letter in support of additional asymptomatic testing for university students as they return in January and provided comment.

“It was Moved and Seconded that the Town write a letter to the Province in support of asymptomatic testing for St. FX University students returning to the Town in January 2021.”
Motion carried.

At 6:54 PM it was Moved and Seconded to adjourn.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer