

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2019
APPROVED MINUTES

DATE: November 13, 2019
TIME: 4:36 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Derek Smith; Jill Burridge; Steve Gallant; Gail MacDonald; Robert Hughes, CAO; Jeremy Crosby, Deputy CAO and Director of Infrastructure; Kevin Reynolds, Director of Planning, Development and Heritage; Jeremy Pierce, Director of Recreation, Culture, and Events; Kim O'Connell, Director of Finance and Technology; Wendy Watts, Community and Business Engagement Manager; and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Councillor Darren MacDougall

CHAIR: Mayor Steve Ogden

Mayor Ogden took a moment to acknowledge the land upon which we gather is the unceded territory of the Mi'Kmaq people, and we pay our respects to the indigenous Mi'Kmaq people of this territory past, present, and future.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Ogden called the Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and noted that this is the 11th meeting of this Council and next month we will have a full year in.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Jill Burridge and seconded by Councillor Derek Smith that the agenda be approved as circulated.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Derek Smith and seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2019 be approved as circulated.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Mayor Ogden noted that last month there was a presentation about a tree fund program, and we were going to check with watershed coordinator Maddy Crowell to see if she was

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aware of the fund. Jeremy Pierce stated that Ms. Doiron reached out to him and the watershed coordinator Maddy Crowell the day after the presentation. He noted that Maddy was aware of it and is preparing something to access the fund.

Councillor Derek Smith noted that last month he received many positive comments on the Town becoming a Blue Community.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nil

7. SAFETY SERVICES

- a) The report was included in the package. Councillor Smith asked if there were any questions and Councillor Burrige noted that there was something in the Safety Services Minutes about adding another RCMP officer for a PR role. Councillor Smith replied that was just an observation. There will be a need for police services to increase at some point, and one of the things on his wish list would be to have a police officer to work at the schools, and work with the seniors on a regular basis to give a sense of security to the community.

Councillor Gallant noted that we have well trained officers and he didn't think there was a need to hire an extra officer. He noted that there is an officer who is going to do a presentation on drug awareness at the Youth Centre and it is very popular with the kids. Councillor Smith replied that if an officer is giving a talk and a priority one call comes in, he would have to leave to answer the call. If we are looking for additional officers in the future we should consider a PR officer. He reiterated he is thinking about the future – not right away.

Mayor Ogden asked if any further action has been taken regarding crosswalks at Southside Greens on the Kinlock Road, and Councillor Smith replied they have reached out to local MLA James Aylward who said he would bring it to the appropriate department. Infrastructure director Jeremy Crosby added that there is going to be a meeting with the Deputy Minister to talk about some of the concerns we have about not receiving answers to some of these issues. He added that we can't put in the crosswalks without the appropriate authority which we are currently waiting on. Jeremy hopes that once he meets with the Deputy Minister some of these issues will be cleared up.

Councillor Gallant noted that new lights have been installed on the Duffy Road and he noticed that there were six lights. Five of them are amber and one is LED and he wondered if we could get LED for the whole road. Jeremy Crosby replied that Maritime

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Electric has a 10 year replacement program, so the Town will eventually have all LED lights and Robert added that they are three or four years into their 10 year plan.

Councillor Burrige asked if we are creating a list and Councillor Smith noted that we have received requests and we have passed the requests on to the province, because it is the province who owns the roads in Stratford. Jeremy noted that when we request a crosswalk, a requirement is to have a sidewalk on both sides of the crosswalk.

Deputy Mayor Clow asked if the light that was requested for Fullerton's Creek parking lot has been installed and Jeremy replied that they cleared out some branches that had to be taken out before Maritime Electric would install the light. That has been done so the installation of the light will happen very soon.

Deputy Mayor Clow also noted that we discussed using flags or possibly a flashing light at the Kinlock and Stratford intersection because it is a high traffic area. Jeremy replied that the flags have been ordered, but a flashing light would be another request of the province and he felt that the one at Horton Park should be installed first.

b) Street Light Report

Discussed earlier in the agenda.

c) RCMP Report

The report for the month of October 2019 was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that the statistics we get are basically the same each month and there are other issues besides the statistics. Mayor Ogden noted that we could discuss this further at COW and whether or not we could include the statistics on our webpage.

Councillor Gallant asked if we have six officers working, or are some off sick and Councillor Smith replied that the contract states that if someone is off sick they have 30 days to replace the officer. Councillor Smith also noted that calls to the RCMP are up 200 over last year. The officer in attendance noted that one person is recovering from knee surgery and is working at the office on administrative duties. Councillor Gallant stated that his concern is the response time with one officer on light duty.

Councillor Smith noted that as a Council, we are tasked from time to time to look at programs and services that we have within Stratford. Since being in charge of Safety Services, and also as in previous Councils there have been many questions about police services. In more recent times these enquiries have increased. I believe that we now should think about conducting a police study for the Town. The two main points to be considered are cost and level of service. This study could take a number of months to

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do, but during the process we need to keep our citizens and other levels of government informed.

Councillor Smith stated that if the study should go ahead, it needs to be done professionally. This will enable every party to give a presentation to the committee tasked with this endeavor.

For full disclosure and for the record, Councillor Smith stated that he was an RCMP officer for 30 years. In view of this, he will be asking Council to give consideration as to whether he would be in conflict of interest. He did not want the appearance that bias on his part has tainted the undertaking. Therefore, he is willing to step aside from the endeavor, as well as being its spokesperson.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that at the last meeting with Minister Fox and Councillor MacDougall, he understood that the province was talking about regional policing. If that is the case, we may not need our own study. Mayor Ogden stated that we will follow this up at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor MacDonald asked if a date had been set for the RCMP to move into their new quarters and Jeremy replied that it is supposed to be December 1, 2019. However, there may be some issues that need to be worked out such as communications and security equipment that has to be installed, so it may be the middle of December before they can move in. Councillor MacDonald asked if they are currently working out of Maypoint and Jeremy replied that he believes they are doing some work out of Maypoint. Councillor MacDonald asked if there is any way the RCMP could stay within the boundaries of the Town for a quick response time to calls. The officer in attendance gave a rundown of his day noting that he was in Stratford for the better part of the day. However, he noted that for some of the more complex things he sometimes has to go to Maypoint.

d) Humane Society Report

The report for the month of October 2019 was included in the agenda package.

e) Transit Report

Report was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith stated that we did see a decrease in ridership this past month, but that was due in part to including the Saturday runs. However, the numbers are still good and continue to hold. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that they are giving out free tickets to Charlottetown Rural and Colonel Gray students.

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f) **Fire Company**

Report was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that he and Mayor Ogden attended the Fire Fighters Awards Banquet. He noted that there are a number of fire fighters taking additional courses on their own time, so they have gone above and beyond in their training. Their training has meant that they have gone to other fire departments across North America to give training to other fire fighters. It was also noted that the Town has 40 volunteer fire fighters.

Mayor Ogden noted that it should be noted that these people are volunteers and no matter where they are or what they are doing they go when called and they see some very heart wrenching things. These people are deserving of our thanks and our respect.

Councillor MacDonald asked if there was going to be a grand opening of the new building and Jeremy Crosby replied that it will likely be held in the spring.

g) **Resolution SS004-2019 Transit Fleet Renewal**

Moved by Derek Smith

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow

WHEREAS the City of Charlottetown, on behalf of the Capital Area Transit Coordinating Committee (CATCC), put out an RFP in August 2019 for the purchase of six full-size buses. The total approved budget for this purchase is \$4,554,000 through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), with the Federal government covering 40% of the costs; the Provincial government covering 33.33% of the costs and the Municipal governments covering 26.67%. The Municipal share is split between Charlottetown (75%); Stratford (15%); and Cornwall (10%). The Town of Stratford's total contribution for this project is \$174,261 which will be spread over two fiscal years (2020-2021 and 2021-2022); and

WHEREAS The RFP included three options for bids – six, 35-foot buses; six, 40-foot buses; and a combination of two 40-foot buses and four 35-foot buses. After reviewing both the short-term and long-term operational needs of the transit system, as well as recognizing the rapidly growing demand for the service, the CATCC is recommending proceeding with option 3: two, 40-foot buses and four, 35-foot buses; and

WHEREAS only one bid was received for option 3 and it was from New Flyer. This bid meets all the required specifications, has an excellent track record in Canada and comes in under budget. Total bid was \$3,759,435.10 including HST and delivery. Bid sheet is attached; and

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WHEREAS the CATCC will still need to release an RFP for the fare boxes for the six buses. It is estimated that this will cost an additional \$140,000. Once this purchase is complete, all funds will be expensed, and the project is forecasted to be under budget by approximately \$600,000. These funds would be returned to the ICIP fund transit stream and the CATCC would have the option of reapplying for future transit fleet projects.

BE IT RESOLVED that, as per the conditions of the Request for Proposals for “Transit Fleet Renewal – Full Size Buses”, the submission from New Flyer for two (2) 40 foot buses and four (4) 35 foot buses totaling \$3,759,431.10 (HST& delivery included be accepted).

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Safety Services Committee.

Councillor Smith noted that we are aware that the decision reached here today will be disappointing news for some, and therefore, he explained how this decision was reached. As we all know the communities in the capital area are seeing rapid growth. Due to this and the demand on the transit system, we were tasked with the expansion of transit services.

The final outcome was, at this time, to go with diesel busses. Cost was a factor. Six new diesel busses will fill our need, but with electric busses, we would need 12 and at a higher cost per unit. Servicing of the electric busses and later the decommissioning of these vehicles would add a much higher cost over the life of their service.

This could be viewed as a cost savings measure on the Town’s part, but I believe that the money we save can be used on other climate control programs. Some examples are the improvement to our walking/bike trails, as well as planting trees within the Town. There is a need for the expansion of the transit service to every area of Stratford. This will allow every resident to have this service and it will cut down on the total number of vehicles now being used.

It is apparent that the growth of Stratford will continue and it is our duty to prepare for this. In the future it is hoped that the technology will be improved so that electric busses will be more cost efficient. We could also be looking at propane and hydrogen fuel as an alternative.

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He hoped that anyone who was disappointed about the path the Town is taking will see that we are doing this not as a cost savings, but a realignment of funds to other climate control programs.

Councillor Burrridge asked if they were 35 foot busses or 45 foot busses and Robert replied that they are 35 foot busses. Jeremy Crosby clarified that these are replacement busses and some of them will have a little bit more capacity.

Mayor Ogden would support whatever we could do to see bus service to ward 3 by April 1, 2020. Jeremy noted that these larger busses are a year off and we have to re-tender on the mini busses, so it may have to be longer than April 1, 2020.

Question: **CARRIED**

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Report was included in the package. Mayor Ogden gave a brief overview of his report noting that the following two meetings were not included his report. He attended a meeting with Minister Fox on November 8, 2019, and he also attended a meeting with PEI Connectors on November 12, 2019.

9. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)**

The report was included in the package. Councillor Burrridge asked Robert what the community endorsement process entailed and Robert replied that that it is the investor's stream of the PNP Program. The province put in place an endorsement process where each potential new immigrant can actually visit the communities where they want to establish themselves and explain what business they are planning to launch, and get the endorsement from that community. Another part of the program is the awarding of points which include language training, education, and business background. However, they are also awarded 25 points if they are endorsed by a community other than Charlottetown, Cornwall or Stratford, and only 10 points if they are endorsed by Charlottetown, Cornwall or Stratford.

Councillor Burrridge asked about the criteria and Mayor Ogden replied that it is an opportunity to meet the entrepreneur and discuss their business. They present their business plan, and we look at whether their business is an actual business or something else. Mayor Ogden stated that he has not seen anything that would negatively impact the Town and that would be his personal criteria. He noted that so far, we have endorsed everyone we have met. Councillor Burrridge wondered at what point you would bring the Sustainability Committee into it. Robert noted that the immigrants also work with

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registered agents and an agent told him that immigrants do want to come to Stratford; however, it is a barrier for them because of the point system. Robert he felt that we should make representation to the province to ask that they review the program.

11. RECREATION, CULTURE AND EVENTS

a) Report

The following is an overview of projects and items being worked on within the recreation, culture and events department:

Recreation, Culture and Events Committee – The committee did not have a quorum; however, those in attendance were updated on the activities and scheduled events.

Arts and Culture Sub-Committee – The committee passed a motion to accept the Interactive Public Art proposal for Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park from Gerald Beaulieu 'Red Winged Black Bird.'

Events Sub Committee - The Events Committee met on October 22 and it was the first meeting of the committee since early summer. Highlights of the meeting included a debriefing of the highly successful Fall Fest held September 27 and 28 at Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park, a review of the critical path for the Remembrance Day Service at the Town Centre, and a preview of Christmas in the Park scheduled for December 5 at Robert Cotton Park.

Artist in Residence Programs – A variety of Artist in Residence programs are well underway. Enrollment in the artistic programs ranging from dance to painting has been well supported. The Stratford adult art program classes are held each Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Gertrude Cotton Building. The Stratford Art Club meets each Thursday and guest artist accentuate the program by offering differing perspectives and teaching techniques. Intermediate water colour painting classes run each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Stratford Youth Council – Councillor Gallant noted that he was at the Youth Council last evening with Corporal Dudley, and the PEI Lung Association was there giving a presentation on vaping. Councillor Gallant noted that this information will be used in the drug awareness presentation that he, Corporal Dudley, Duane Pineau, and staff will be doing in a few weeks.

The Youth Council applied for a \$750 Rising Youth Grant to help create homeless survival packages. They would like to distribute these packages to needy individuals on PEI. They will also be fundraising and collecting donation items for this cause. The

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Youth Council will once again be sponsoring some children and families in need over Christmas through the Glen Stewart School program.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony was held recently and everything went well. Mayor Ogden thanked Councillor Gallant and staff for a Remembrance Day Ceremony that was very well done.

Councillor Smith noted that the Friday before Remembrance Day, he, Councillor MacDonald, and Deputy Mayor Clow attended the Remembrance Day services at Andrews of Stratford and it was a well attended event.

Special Mention – Congratulation to the Kings County Baseball League Champions – Stratford Athletics!

b) Resolution RCE003-2019 Picton Beete Subdivision Request

Moved by Councillor Steve MacDonald

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow

WHEREAS a Request for Decision has been received from Don and Pam Newcombe to purchase a section of Town of Stratford owned land, parcel number 996595, to enable their property, parcel number 328757, to be subdivided into 2 lots; and

WHEREAS parcel number 996595 was deeded to the Town when Picton Beete Crescent was built, and is not suitable in size, shape or location for a park; and

WHEREAS the Recreation, Culture & Events Committee has reviewed the request and recommends that approval be granted.

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to convey a portion of parcel number 996595 to Don and Pam Newcombe to enable their property, parcel number 328757, to be subdivided into 2 lots subject to the following conditions:

- That subdivision approval be obtained from the Town;
- That the applicants pay fair market value based on an appraisal; and
- That the applicants pay all legal, survey, and appraisal costs associated with the transaction.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Recreation, Culture, and Events Committee and the Committee of the Whole.

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Councillor Smith noted that the recreation department went around to the surrounding neighbours and no one had any problem with the request.

Question: **CARRIED**

12. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- a) Report was included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald gave a brief overview of the report.

b) Financial Statements

The financial statements were included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald briefly reviewed the statements.

Councillor Burrige asked what the difference was between a grant and a donation and Councillor MacDonald replied that a grant is given every year and donations are applied for by different people and organizations, and if they meet the criteria they are approved.

Councillor Gallant noted that police fines are listed as \$35,000 and our budget is \$60,000. He asked if we will be able to meet that target and Councillor MacDonald replied that if there are enough tickets given out we will.

c) Resolution FT017-2019 – Grants and Donations Bylaw – Bylaw #38 – Revised Schedule A

Moved by Councillor Gail MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith

WHEREAS Council established a Grants and Donations Bylaw, Bylaw # 38, to allow any person, group or organization seeking a municipal grant, donation, in kind service, loan or loan guarantee; and

WHEREAS Schedule A of the bylaw contains the grant amounts that can be amended by simple resolution; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the Grant Program schedule under section 5.2 – Annual Grants to Community Organizations to include Charlottetown Rural Graduation Prizes in the amount of \$600.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Schedule A, as amended to the Grants and Donations Bylaw, Bylaw #38, be hereby approved.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the finance and Technology Committee.

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Councillor Burridge asked why some donations were formal and some are not and Robert explained that the Municipal Government Act requires us to do grants and donations by bylaw. In the past we could do it by simple resolution as long as the money was in the budget.

Question: **CARRIED**

d) Resolution FT018-2019 Tax Rate Group Bylaw – 2nd Reading

Moved by Councillor Gail MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith

WHEREAS Council has identified additional tax rate groups that are used by other municipalities to generate additional tax revenue; and

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford requires additional tax revenue in order to provide all the current services that we offer to our residents and for future expenses required to meet the need of our residents; and

WHEREAS Bylaw #37, the Town of Stratford's Tax Rate Group Bylaw must be amended to add in additional tax rate groups.

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw #37-A, a Bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Tax Rate Group Bylaw, Bylaw #37, be hereby read and approved a second time.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee and the Committee of the Whole

Question: **CARRIED**

e) Resolution FT019 – 2019 Amendment to Bylaw #37, Tax Rate Group Bylaw – Adoption

Moved by Councillor Gail MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Jill Burridge

WHEREAS Bylaw #37-A, a Bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Tax Rate Group Bylaw, Bylaw #37, was read and approved a first time on October 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS Bylaw #37-A, a Bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Tax Rate Group Bylaw, Bylaw #37, was read and approved a second time on November 13, 2019; and

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BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw #37-A, a Bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Tax Rate Group Bylaw, Bylaw #37, be hereby adopted and that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal of the Town thereto and to be formally declare the said bylaw passed.

Discussion: Councillor Smith congratulated Councillor MacDonald on this file noting that it was much needed. Councillor MacDonald thanked Councillor Smith, and thanked the finance director Kim O'Connell for all her help on the file.

Question: **CARRIED**

Mayor Ogden noted that Charlottetown has initiated discussion on properties that are vacant and we may want to do the same thing. He would like this issue to be considered by the planning department and the finance department.

13. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

a) Report

The report was included in the package.

b) Permit Summary

The permit summary was included in the package and was reviewed by Councillor Burridge.

c) Resolution PH020-2019 – Marc and Greg MacDonald – Commercial Development – 171 Shakespeare Drive

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge

Seconded by Councillor Steve Gallant

WHEREAS an application has been received from Marc and Greg MacDonald to construct a 23,940 sq. ft. Commercial Building on Lot 18-1, parcel number 1099860 (approx. 2 acres) which is located at 171 Shakespeare Drive; and

WHEREAS the 23,940 sq. ft. Commercial Building will be fully serviced with municipal sewer and water and contain surface parking for 121 vehicles; and

WHEREAS this development is located within the Town Centre Core Area (TCCA) and it must be designed in accordance with the Design Standards for the TCC Zone. All aspects of the conceptual design plans submitted have been reviewed and meet the design guidelines for the TCC Zone.

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BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to an application received from Marc and Greg MacDonald to construct a 23,940 sq. ft. Commercial Building Lot 18-1, on parcel number 1099860 (approx. 2 acres) which is located at 171 Shakespeare Drive subject to the following:

1. Conformance with the conceptual drawings attached to the application submitted to the Town.
2. A detailed servicing plan must be submitted for approval to the Stratford Utility Corporation.
3. A detailed stormwater management plan must be prepared by a qualified engineer and approved by both the Town of Stratford and DOTIE.
4. A detailed landscaping plan must be submitted by a qualified expert outlining the details and quantities of the materials to be used.
5. A detailed Erosion and Sedimentation plan must be prepared showing how erosion and sedimentation will be controlled and contained during construction.
6. All other relevant provisions of the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw #45 are met.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee.

Councillor Burrridge noted that the site plan and renderings are included in the agenda package for review. She asked about the businesses that will occupy the building, and Kevin replied that we do know of two tenants and they are Reactive Health and Harbourside Engineering; however, there could be as many as 11 tenants in total in the building depending on how much space a tenant wants. Kevin noted that it is a commercial building in a commercial zone similar to some of the other ones we have seen across the highway.

Mayor Ogden asked if this development was directly across from the Marshall MacPherson development and Kevin replied that it would be at least a full lot away from the driveway.

Mayor Ogden asked if TIE would be looking at the traffic implications and Kevin replied that they won't be looking at volume – they will be looking at safe access location. Shakespeare Drive is a local collector street so there will be no issue with the volume of traffic that is going to be generated from this site.

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Councillor BurrIDGE noted that they cut back a little on the parking spaces to save some trees in the back.

Councillor MacDonald asked how many parking spaces will there be and Councillor BurrIDGE replied 121. Councillor MacDonald stated that they are anticipating lots of business and she is a little concerned about the one entrance into a fairly large business. She asked if a traffic study would be done before approval. Councillor MacDonald noted that they appear to want to call the building Stratford Centre and she wondered if that would cause any confusion with the Stratford Town Centre. For clarification Kevin noted that it is Reactive Health Stratford Centre, and that is the same name that they have at their current location on the Stratford Road.

Question: **CARRIED**

d) Resolution PH021 - 2019 – Reddin Meadows Zoning Request to PURD – Stratford Road

Moved by Councillor Jill BurrIDGE

Seconded by Derek Smith

WHEREAS an application has been received from Reddin Meadows to rezone parcel numbers 1061175, 1061167 and 329011, (approx. 14.01 acres in total) from the Low Density Residential Zone (R1) to the Planned Unit Residential Development Zone (PURD); and

WHEREAS a detailed rezoning proposal has been prepared by Rob LeBlanc of Fathon Studios (formerly Ekistics); and

WHEREAS a Traffic Impact Study has been conducted. (attached); and

WHEREAS pursuant to the Provincial Planning Act and Section 3 of the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, Council must hold a Public Meeting in order to receive comments from the public on the proposed application; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a public meeting be scheduled to solicit input from residents on an application to rezone parcel numbers 1061175, 1061167 and 329011, (approx. 14.01 acres in total) from the Low Density Residential Zone (R1) to the Planned Unit Residential Development Zone (PURD) on November 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee.

Councillor BurrIDGE noted that there is a detailed report included in the agenda package and she hoped everyone had time to review it. There is a very detailed traffic study included in the package as well.

Councillor Smith noted that they presented a plan to residents six months ago. He asked if anything has changed, and Councillor BurrIDGE noted that they were originally going to go with a sustainable subdivision, but they decided to try to rezone to PURD and do the development that way. Councillor Smith stated that he does like the idea of the ponds for collectors.

Councillor BurrIDGE noted that this resolution is just to hold a public meeting at this point.

Mayor Ogden noted that the traffic data is not broken down by street and he felt that the developer should have that data available for the public meeting. Councillor BurrIDGE noted that the planning director identified that as an issue and had them gather some further information on Reddin Heights for presentation purposes. Kevin noted that there will be an increase in traffic, but it does not directly relate to a decrease in safety, and we have to rely on the professionals when they tell us that.

Councillor Smith hoped that we have some taxation put in place so that someone doesn't come in and buy up 10 of these homes and make them Airbnb. Mayor Ogden noted that the whole short term rental issue is something we will need to discuss as a Council, and the planning committee should also discuss it and make recommendations in terms of how we should approach it.

We are seeking input on this proposal and Councillor BurrIDGE noted that it did go to the Planning Committee and there was a lot of discussion, but everyone was in favour of a public meeting.

Kevin noted that there may be reconsiderations or redesigns proposed at the public meeting. He also explained what has been done to advise all the residents in the area of the open house. Councillor MacDonald asked if it will include all of Reddin Heights residents and Kevin replied that we

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will identify the three properties in question and the GIS will grab all properties within 500 feet of the boundaries of those properties. Kevin stated that he can't guarantee that we will get everyone on Millennium Drive or Reddin Heights. Councillor Smith asked if people, who are going to be affected by the traffic flow, will they receive a letter and Councillor MacDonald agreed that as a courtesy we should send them letters and Kevin replied that we can ensure they get included.

Mayor Ogden stated that it needs to be made clear at the public meeting what is the role of the Town and what is the role of the developer. We need to keep in mind the character of the existing neighbourhoods, as well as trying to make more housing available in Stratford because we are in a bit of a crisis regarding housing availability.

Question: **CARRIED**

14. INFRASTRUCTURE

a) Report

Deputy Mayor Gary Clow noted that some of the items being worked on by the infrastructure department are as follows:

Wastewater Collection System to the Charlottetown Pollution Control Plant – Birch Hill Construction will complete the installation of the dual forcemain along the Charlottetown side of the bridge this week then being installing along the Stratford side of the bridge. Excavation has begun at the treatment plant site for the pump station and Nella Drilling will begin the directional drilled portion of the pipe installation later this week, with an expectation that it will be complete in five weeks. This work will begin at the Charlottetown Pollution Control Plant and they will work back toward the Trans Canada Highway. Jeremy stated that we just had a update that there have been some complications with the traffic flow, and Nella Drilling had to have an answer early this week whether or not we can get around those traffic issues. They didn't have the answer they needed right away, and they wanted to have their crews in here and back before Christmas. What they are going to do is delay the drilling until spring, but it will not affect our schedule or the completion of the project. It will give us more time to work with the Department of Highways to make sure we have adequate traffic flow through those areas and Jeremy felt it would be a better time of year to do the work.

Emergency Services Facility - the work on the emergency services facility is almost complete. The fire department has already moved in and is working out of the building. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that he would like the Mayor, Council and staff to have a tour of the building once it is fully complete.

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Cotton Park Lighting – quotes are being obtained for electrical design services for lighting the one kilometer trail at Cotton Park. Light standards will include electrical outlets to accommodate decorating for fall/Christmas celebrations. A budget of \$50,000 has been allocated for this year of which we hope approximately 300 meters of lighting can be installed as phase 1. The remainder of the trail is to be completed in phases in future budget years.

Councillor Smith touched on the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Andrews of Stratford and Deputy Mayor Clow noted that he had the honour of laying the wreath on behalf of Mayor Ogden and the Town.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that he, Councillor Gallant, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Burrridge did a tour of Blooming House.

Deputy Mayor Clow stated that he and Councillor MacDonald attended the 2019 Simmons Medal and Lecture at the Confederation Centre and Senator Murray Sinclair was the recipient of this year's award and he gave a fantastic lecture.

Councillor Smith made two observations – people have adapted to the bridge very well which shows that people can adapt to change. He also wondered how many people are staying in Stratford because of the bridge and are shopping locally. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that he has seen people parking at Sobey's and taking the transit to Charlottetown and some are doing their shopping in Stratford. He added that if you drive by Sobey's early in the morning you will see a lot of cars in the parking lot because people are parking there and taking transit.

Robert noted that he received a call from No Frills and they are experiencing the opposite impact because you can't turn left coming where they normally would to go into No Frills.

Councillor Burrridge noted that she has received a lot of emails and there are some petitions going around about active transportation. She would like to know what the plan is as it stands now, and what can we do as a Town to advocate on behalf of our residents who are looking for that active transportation.

Councillor Smith stated that it is his understand that the path across the bridge is a good thing, but the intersections on either side of the bridge need to be redesigned, so when a bicycle does cross they have safe passage through the intersections. Jeremy Crosby noted that there was an active transportation plan that was prepared and the Town was involved with it along with some other groups – Cycling PEI, Department of

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Transportation, Trails, and the City of Charlottetown. The plan has been finalized and Jeremy believes it is being presented to the Minister of Transportation. The final option that everyone agreed on was having a trail and a multi-use path on the Harbourside of the bridge and it would be completely separated from the traffic. Councillor Smith is correct about the intersection on either end and there are plans in place – the City of Charlottetown has a whole redesign that is going to take place at the Tim Horton's intersection, and also at the intersection at the Esso. There has to be some accommodation when cyclists come to the intersections. Jeremy stated that the original plan is for 2023, but he believes there is a push on to get it moved up, but he can't confirm it at this point.

Mayor Ogden noted that the best thing we can do is speak directly to the Minister of Communities, the Minister of Infrastructure, and the Minister of Transportation to really make the case for having safe passage for anyone using the bridge. Regardless of when the improvements are going to be made to the intersections, the people are using the bridge now and it's not safe. It's incumbent to all levels of government to make it as safe as possible. Mayor Ogden stated that he will personally initiate the discussions with the Ministers involved, as well as our MLA's to ask them to advocate with the Ministers as well. Councillor BurrIDGE added that the City of Charlottetown should also be included in the discussions and Mayor Ogden agreed.

Councillor Gallant asked if we could look at getting some lights at the entrance and exit of Cotton Park. Jeremy Pierce noted that it is a busy area and very dark in the evenings and with the older populations we have had some concerns brought to us. Deputy Mayor Clow stated that he will put it on the agenda for the next Safety Services meeting. It was suggested that as a stop gap measure maybe we could bring in the people we had at Fullerton's Marsh for special events.

15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) Resolution CW024 – 2019 – Appointment of CADC Board Member

Moved by Deputy Mayor Clow

Seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald

WHEREAS on October 8, 2019, the Executive Council approved the re-establishment of CADC to be governed by a private sector board of directors consisting of up to two members from the City of Charlottetown, one from the Town of Stratford, and up to seven from the province; and

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WHEREAS Michael Fleischmann, a member of the Town's Sustainability Committee, has agreed to serve as the Town of Stratford's representative.

BE IT RESOLVED that Michael Fleischmann be hereby appointed as the Town's representative on the CADC Board until the next Annual Meeting.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.
Councillor Smith noted that many people were considered for the position, but Michael was a good selection.

Question: **CARRIED**

b) Resolution CW025– 2019 – Birchwood Intermediate School – Approval of a Funding Request for a Water Fill Station

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge

Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith

WHEREAS Birchwood Intermediate School Administration and the Home and School Association are working collaboratively to address replacing the water fountains – which were installed when the school was built - with bottle refill stations; and

WHEREAS the School Administration and the Home and School Association have requested funding from the Town of Stratford in the amount of \$1500 in order to fund a bottle refill station; and

WHEREAS the majority of the students who attend Birchwood are from Stratford; and

WHEREAS the reduction of the use of bottled water fits within Stratford's Sustainability Objective and Blue Community Commitment.

BE IT RESOLVED that the request for \$1500 for a bottle refill station be approved.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Burridge asked if there was a formal application in the amount of \$1500 received, because she thought that the amount was just an amount brought up in conversation. Robert noted that there was a request made by email and he did some research on prices of bottle refill stations

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and they range in price from \$700 to \$4000. We agreed on the \$1500 with the decision to let them procure the bottle refill station and installation.

Question: **CARRIED**

16. SUSTAINABILITY

- a) The report was included in the package. In Councillor MacDougall's absence, Vice-chair Councillor MacDonald briefly reviewed the report. She noted that we reviewed our appointment to the CADC Board, and the committee briefly discussed the PACE program. Councillor MacDonald noted that we obtained a legal opinion that the Municipal Government Act (MGA) allows us to proceed with the PACE program in the Town.

Councillor Smith noted that he attended the meeting and about 89% of the meeting was business related as opposed to sustainability.

Mayor Ogden stated that he had received a comment from a member of the committee who felt that the committee should be split into two committees. We want to ensure that all business is sustainable from a business perspective, but also from an environmental perspective. We also want to make sure that environmental initiatives consider the impact on businesses. We discussed the issue and the decision was made to keep the two as one committee.

Councillor Burridge asked what the website business assistant was and Wendy explained that it is an ad on to the website and she described how it worked. Councillor Burridge noted that when she was on the website she didn't see a business profile and she suggested that it might be something we could build and add to our website.

17. ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

- a) No Report
- b) **Resolution AE004 – 2019 Enforcement and Summary Proceedings Bylaw, Bylaw #49 – 1st Reading**

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge
Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith

WHEREAS the existing Summary Proceedings Bylaw, Bylaw # 34 enables municipal offence tickets to be issued for offences against the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw (Bylaw No. 30), Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw (Bylaw No. 22), and the Animal Control Bylaw (Bylaw No. 26); and

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WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act enables an expanded list of bylaw infractions to be dealt with through the issuance of a summary offence ticket Noise and Nuisance Bylaw (Bylaw # 30), the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw, (Bylaw # 22), the Animal Control Bylaw (Bylaw # 26), the Smoke Free Bylaw (Bylaw # 42), the Zoning and Development Bylaw (Bylaw # 45), the Building Bylaw (Bylaw # 32), the Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw (Bylaw # 35); and

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act also contains additional provisions governing the appointment and duties of enforcement officers.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Enforcement and Summary Proceedings Bylaw, Bylaw #49, which replaces the existing Summary Proceedings Bylaw, Bylaw # 34, be hereby read and approved a first time.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

18. HUMAN RESOURCES

No Report. The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2019.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Meeting go in-camera.

19. INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Land Negotiation Issue

There was a lengthy discussion on some land negotiations; however, no action items or resolutions came out of the discussion.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the meeting come out of camera.

Councillor Smith noted that last Saturday Mr. Don Cherry from Hockey Night in Canada made statements on national television about Remembrance Day. Although everyone has the right to their opinion Councillor Smith wanted to state for the record that he was strongly opposed to some of the things he had said.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Nil

21. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Community Seniors

Councillor MacDonald noted that at their October 8th meeting they didn't have a quorum, so they had a discussion meeting. The committee met again on November 12

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and the seniors budget was approved by the board and will go to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for approval. Councillor MacDonald also noted that we are still waiting on approval from CMHC on the next three year capital replacement plan for the building.

Councillor Gallant asked Councillor MacDonald if we still had a waiting list and she replied that we do. Councillor Gallant asked if there are any other options for seniors to stay in the community and Councillor Gallant noted that there was a one two-bedroom apartment at St. John House but that has since been filled. Robert stated that in his discussions with Social Development and Housing Department, we originally put in an application to build an affordable housing complex, and he asked them earlier today in a meeting would they designate a certain number of those for seniors so we could make sure that population continues to be looked after.

b) Community Campus Report

No Report

22. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

23. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Steve Ogden

Robert Hughes CAO