

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
June 22, 2023
Approved Minutes

DATE: June 22, 2023
TIME: 1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant; Councillors Jill Chandler; Gordie Cox; Ron Dowling; Jody Jackson; Jeff MacDonald (via Zoom); Jeremy Crosby, CAO; Dale McKeigan, Town Planner; Wendy Watts, Community and Business Engagement Manager; and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Nil

CHAIR: Mayor Steve Ogden

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steve Ogden called the Special Council Meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and those viewing via social media.

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.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Gordie Cox and seconded by Councillor Jody Jackson that the agenda be approved as circulated.

3. Resolution SS005-2023 – Noise and Nuisance Bylaw Exemption – 161 Creekside Drive

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant

Seconded by Councillor Jody Jackson

WHEREAS the residents of 161 Creekside Drive are hosting a family wedding on June 24, 2023, on their property and have requested an exemption from the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw to allow the reception to continue until 1:00 am; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 5 Noise and Nuisance Bylaw, Council may approve an application for an exemption from any of the provisions of the bylaw; and

WHEREAS the Town shall provide notification of the event on the Town's notification board and website to give any person opposed to the application an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS the applicant shall contact the immediate property owners to inform them about the event (applicant has indicated that the immediate neighbours have already been notified); and

WHEREAS the Town shall contact the Stratford RCMP regarding this event and the terms and conditions under which the event will be conducted.

BE IT RESOLVED that an exemption from the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw be hereby granted for a wedding and reception being held at 161 Creekside Drive on June 24, 2023, until 1:00 a.m. on June 25, 2023.

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

The Town planner Dale McKeigan noted that we have had a number of these requests over the years and the onus is on the homeowner to notify their neighbours.

Councillor MacDonald stated that it would be his preference to have a letter sent out to neighbours. Dale suggested 200 feet would be his recommendation if letters were to be sent out. The CAO added that currently, the onus is on the property owner, and they bring the information back to the Town once contacting their neighbours.

Councillor Dowling felt that it is best if the property owner can ask their neighbours.

Mayor Ogden stated that we can have a discussion at a future of the committee of the whole if we want to change the way this is done.

Councillor Cox stated that he would like to see this discussed at our next Committee of the Whole meeting. There is someone in his ward who is having an issue with partying on his street.

The CAO asked Councillor Cox to forward the letter of complaint to him because we do have a Noise and Nuisance Bylaw that the RCMP enforces for us.

Question: **CARRIED**

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Steve Ogden, Mayor

Jeremy Crosby, CAO