

## **REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 8, 2019**

### **Approved Minutes**

**DATE:** May 8, 2019  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

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

**REGRETS:** Nil

**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 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Derek Smith and seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

At this time Mayor Ogden noted that for months of June, July, August, and September the Council meetings will start at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. There will be a resolution on this later in the agenda to allow this change.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Jill Burridge and seconded by Councillor Steve Gallant that the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

Mayor Ogden noted that there were some issues regarding the stats for the RCMP under the Safety Services report and he asked if they have been corrected. Councillor Smith replied that the explanation given was that two of the cases were impaired driving by drugs and they can't cover that off in their stats, and corporal Dudley who was in the audience confirmed that was correct.

Mayor Ogden stated that there was some discussion about having the transit stop at Andrews of Stratford, and infrastructure director Jeremy Crosby replied that he contacted the transit company regarding the issue, and is waiting to hear back from them.

**5. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Nil

**6. CARI REPORT**

Kim O'Connell noted that CARI had their first meeting with the new chair Shawn Murphy. Mayor Ogden noted that Mr. Murphy has asked for a meeting and he plans to meet with him in the very near future.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of all correspondence sent and received since the last Council meeting was included in the meeting package.

**8. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Following is a list of meetings and events attended by the Mayor since the last Council meeting:

- Met with a developer regarding a sustainable subdivision schedule proposed change;
- Attended a number of committee meetings – Safety Services, Infrastructure, Diversity and Inclusion and several others;
- Attended a visit with Council at the site of a proposed subdivision;
- Attended the Community Campus Committee meeting;
- Attended a full day Immigration Summit at the Delta – very beneficial session as it provided some insight to some of the issues around immigration;
- Attended the Open House of the new Mosque in Charlottetown;
- Attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Stratford and Area Watershed Group;
- Attended the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM) Meeting in St. Peters Bay;
- Attend the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Flag Raising;

- Youth Council Walk-a-thon – Mayor Ogden explained that as a fundraiser, a group from the Youth Council got sponsors and they walked on the walking track in the gym and on a treadmill at Sobey's. They started at 10 o'clock on Friday and went all night and they finished up at noon on Saturday. They raised approximately \$1500 to help them carry out some of their initiatives. They also took the initiative last Christmas to buy gifts for needy families. It is great to have them so engaged in the community;
- Attended the grand opening of the new Stuff n Such Store;
- Attended the Hike for Hospice kickoff event;
- Attended part of a developer's workshop where they were given the changes to the zoning bylaw;
- Attended the Community Campus Education Workshop and members of the school board were in attendance and there were a lot of great ideas discussed;
- Attended the Active Transportation Committee.

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

The report was included in the package. Robert gave a brief verbal report noting that he has been busy preparing for the Community Campus consultation session. He also noted that he completed the job classifications for the new employees that the Town will be hiring (currently going through the hiring process), and working on the application to be submitted to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the Welcome Centre.

Robert also noted that he has been working to finalize the Code of Conduct Bylaw, the Procedural Bylaw, and the Conflict of Interest Bylaw.

**10. SAFETY SERVICES**

- a) Report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Councillor Smith noted that the meeting was well attended, and the committee has been doing some disaster planning for the community. The RCMP is taking the lead and that is on the high end of things. On the lower end of things, the committee discussed the Red Cross, Town staff, and Citizens on Patrol, as well as the trail system, to see if it could be used if needed.

Currently, the biggest issue right now is speed bumps and traffic flow reduction. As Councillor MacDougall stated, an increase in traffic due to people travelling back and forth to work does not necessarily mean there is speeding. An investigation is needed to try and determine if and where the speeding is taking place. Is it a neighbourhood problem or is it an event area problem. There will be more information to help us make a decision once we do some investigation.

**b) Street Light**

There was a lighting request from Camp Gencheff and that has been approved and Swallow Drive will also be getting a new light.

**c) RCMP Report**

The statistics report for the month of April 2019 was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith noted that the RCMP was quite busy this month with other serious incidents that took them off the road; however, Councillor Smith saw many police cars patrolling which was great to see.

Mayor Ogden noted that he received an email from Chief Superintendent Ebert who advised him that there were many additional sources brought in because of the bomb threat on Election Day. Councillor Smith agreed that when we need extra resources we get help right away and he was pleased that Mayor Ogden brought that to everyone's attention.

Councillor Clow noted that last week there was an accident on the Charlottetown side of the Hillsborough Bridge and traffic was backed up to Clearview Estates. With the current construction taking place (which will be going on for the entire summer), he felt that we need to come up with a plan to help with the situation. Last year there was a meeting held with the RCMP, Charlottetown Police, Safety Services, Motor Vehicle Branch, and EMS, to try and come up with a plan they could use to allow EMS to get to the accident as soon as possible. Jeremy stated that he attended the meeting and there was supposed to be a follow-up meeting and some information was to come from Transportation and Infrastructure, but we haven't yet received anything. Jeremy will follow up on this issue. Mayor Ogden recalled from the meeting that there was an agreement, in terms of tow trucks, that the closest tow truck to the accident would be used.

Jeremy stated that when something happens on the Charlottetown side of the bridge it is the Charlottetown police who respond, but if it happens on the Stratford side of the bridge it is the RCMP who respond. Councillor Smith stated that it is important to note that the Hillsborough Bridge does not belong to Stratford, it is a provincial highway; however, it does affect Stratford residents. Corporal Dudley noted that it has to be dispatched to the RCMP in order for them to know there was an accident, but once the radios all go to one channel that will no longer be the case. Deputy Mayor Clow felt that they still need to come up with a plan to deal with the backed up traffic. Jeremy will follow-up regarding the information to be received, as well as the follow-up meeting. He added that he received an email from the RCMP because there were some complaints about the traffic and if the incident happens on the Charlottetown side they do not respond unless they are asked to help out.

Corporal Dudley explained how the critical response works and noted that he spent the last week in training on different scenarios, and training continues for crisis negotiators.

Corporal Dudley stated that the Cross Roads Fire Department did a fantastic job working together with the RCMP on the recent tragedy that occurred on the Hillsborough River and ‘hats off’ to the critical stress debrief afterwards.

**d) Humane Society Report**

The report for the month of April 2019 was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith briefly reviewed the report.

**e) Transit Report**

The report for the month of April 2019 was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith stated that there seems to be a correlation between the price of gas and the price of groceries, and the increase in ridership.

Councillor Smith asked Jeremy to comment on the proposals for transit to Ward 3. Jeremy noted that T-3 was the only company that answered the RFP for the on-demand transit and it doesn’t look to be feasible. However, we are still working to try and find a way and asked them what the cost would be for a morning and afternoon run, and he is now waiting to hear back from them. Councillor Smith suggested that maybe one scenario could be using the smaller busses that could then take the people to a hub within Stratford where they could connect with other busses.

**f) Fire Company**

The report for the month of April 2019 was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith reviewed the report. One important thing to note is that the Cross Roads Fire Department obtained a launching site that is accessible during high and low tide, so in the event of a water related emergency they will go directly to the launch point.

**11. RECREATION, CULTURE AND EVENTS**

**a) Report**

Councillor Gallant gave an overview of projects and items being worked on within the recreation, culture and events department:

**Recreation, Culture & Events Committee** – The Recreation, Culture & Events Committee met on April 25. Thoughtful discussions took place pertaining to a revised Public Art Policy, the 2019-20 Recreation, Culture and Events budget, proposed amendments to the Fees Bylaw, planned park development projects for 2019, active transportation and the community campus project.

The committee is presently working on an RFP's for Public Art and the Artist in Residence programs.

A new activity has been planned for Canada Day. A photography event called "A Day in the Life of Stratford." Residents are encouraged to document their day, July 1, and submit their photos for display in the Town Centre throughout the summer. Brady McCloskey, local well-known photographer, will be offering two introductory photography sessions to help residents prepare for the big day. Sessions will be June 11 and 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Southport Room. Pre-registration is required and a registration fee of \$20.00 per person per session. Registration and payments are available online on the new Town of Stratford web page, by phone, with a credit card, 902-569-1995 or in person during regular office hours.

**Community Campus Wellness workshop** – The Town hosted a Community Campus Wellness Workshop on April 30 and more than 45 Stratford residents participated. The workshop was designed to generate ideas and suggestions as to how the potential community campus could be designed. Insight Media led the workshop and will provide a report on the three hour session.

**Stratford Programming** – Maintenance and preparations have begun on the soccer, baseball, and multi-use fields within the Town. The expectation is to have all fields fully operational and open by May 20.

The Town provided space on May 4 to Jenepher Reynolds for a fitness fundraiser for Lennon House. The fundraising event was a full day of fitness and wellness classes for residents of all ages with 100% of the proceeds going to the Lennon House.

**Stratford Parks** – Much like the sport fields, community and neighborhood parks are seeing daily maintenance in anticipation of busy spring, summer, and fall seasons. Stratford staff is repairing and installing equipment, painting signs and fences, and doing general landscaping where required.

## **12. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **a) Report**

Councillor MacDonald noted that the committee did not meet in April and gave a brief verbal report as follows:

- The new submissions for the next five years of gas tax funding will be going to the Finance Committee and Committee of the Whole, and the resolution will follow at the June Council meeting;

- Applications for Investing in Canada Funding were submitted for the first intake of applications which was due April 26, 2019. This round will be for projects that are to be started by the end of 2020;
- The finance department is busy preparing for the year-end audit. We hope to have the auditors start in early June;
- We are currently in the process of scheduling interviews for the financial coordinator position;
- The Utility loan has expired for capital projects that were done in 2018. The amount remaining is \$315,000, and a tender will be going out and will close on the day of the June Council meeting;
- At our next finance meeting there will be a presentation by CIBC - on banker acceptances and interest rate swaps which is an alternative long term financing option that we may use for the financing of the Emergency Services Facility.

### **13. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE**

a) No Report – the committee did not hold a meeting in May.

#### **b) Permit Summary**

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

#### **b) Resolution PH006-2019 – SD002-19 – 7711557 Canada Inc. 7 Lot Subdivision – R2 Zone 262 Stratford road (Conditional Use)**

**Moved by Councillor Jill Burrridge**

**Seconded by Councillor Darren MacDougall**

**WHEREAS** an application has been received from 7711557 Canada Inc. to subdivide parcel number 289447 into 7 lots containing all semi-detached and townhouse units as a conditional use within the Medium Density Zone (R2); and

**WHEREAS** within the Medium Density Zone (R2) a developer is permitted to have up to 40% of the units within the block to be Duplex, Semi-detached, or Townhouse Dwelling units with the remaining to be SFD; and

**WHEREAS** based on the lot requirements within the bylaw this would allow for approx. 14 units in total on the 3.08 acres of land. The developer is requesting a conditional use to allow for 100% of the units within the block to be Duplex, Semi-detached, or Townhouse for a total of 20 units instead of the as of right 14 units; and

**WHEREAS** the total area of the proposed subdivision is approximately 12,483m<sup>2</sup> (3.08 acres) and the Developer is proposing to create 2 two-unit semi-detached, 4 three-unit townhouse and 1 four-unit townhouse for a total of 20 units within the proposed 7 Lots; and

**WHEREAS** the Developer has proposed 1248m<sup>2</sup> (10% of total area) for parkland dedication to the Town of Stratford pursuant to Section 4.9 of the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, not including the 362m<sup>2</sup> proposed for dedication to the Town for stormwater management; and

**WHEREAS** the Recreation Department have reviewed the proposed subdivision and are recommending that parkland should be provided as part of this subdivision as the closest existing park space is almost 1km away; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed stormwater management system is required to be designed to meet DOTIE's approval; and

**WHEREAS** because this proposal is a conditional use Council have asked for letters to be sent to property owners who are immediately adjacent to the proposed subdivision so they can provide their comments on the conditional use; and

**WHEREAS** on March 28, 2019 fifteen notification letters were hand delivered to property owners who are adjacent to the proposed subdivision and as of April 5, 2019, six response letters have been received with none of the responses supporting the conditional use request.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that approval be granted to an application from 7711557 Canada Inc. to subdivide parcel number 289447 into 7 lots containing all semi-detached and townhouse units as a conditional use, located within Medium Density Zone (R2) at 262 Stratford Road subject to the following conditions:

1. Conformance with the Preliminary Plan showing Lots 1 to 7 prepared by CBCL Ltd., Drawing No. 192608.00, dated February 21, 2019.
2. That a stormwater management plan be designed by a licensed engineer using Low Impact Development guidelines approved by both DOTIE and the Town of Stratford.
3. That the proposed 1248m<sup>2</sup> (0.31 acres) parkland area, as shown on the concept plan, be deeded to the Town of Stratford as parkland dedication.
4. That the concept design must meet all the Department of Environment requirements and a plan must be prepared showing how erosion and sedimentation will be controlled and contained during construction.



5. That proposed public roads shall be designed in accordance with the provincial road standards of the P.E.I. Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy and that a subdivision road agreement shall be executed.
6. That the sewer and water systems shall be designed in accordance with the Stratford Utility Corporation Servicing Standards and that a Utility Agreement shall be executed along with the payment of all applicable capital contribution fees required by the Utility Corporation.
7. That the developer makes an agreement with Canada Post and meets Canada Post's requirements for establishing Community Mail Box(s) in new subdivisions.
8. That all other relative provisions of the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, Bylaw #45 are met.
9. That Preliminary approval shall be valid for a period of 3 years.

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

Councillor Smith stated that he was concerned about going from 40% to 100%, but upon looking at the whole situation, he felt that the piece of land would be better served with houses and he supports the resolution. The trees in the area will be saved and we will get parkland which would be good for the youth in the area.

Kevin stated that some of the items used by planning staff when preparing the recommendation for this application are as follows:

- The official plan policies support this type of development and have been reviewed in depth by staff, and the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee and they are included in the agenda package.
- The access for this subdivision is directly onto a collector road - no increased traffic will occur on local streets in the subdivision – there is no access available to the interior streets.
- Property is located immediately adjacent to the core area of the Town
- Mixed forms of development do exist within the area

One thing that the developer has proposed for this plan is a private covenant that no clearing of trees adjacent to properties located on Jenkins Avenue, to keep the trees and to buffer the area.

Kevin noted that in considering the request, the planning staff and the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee looked at the demand for this form of housing in the community.

Mayor Ogden noted that when you compare the as of right development with the proposed development of seven lots, it actually saves more trees than if they were required to have larger lots. He also noted that with the buffer in place it will protect the development and the surrounding neighbourhood. Mayor Ogden stated that this was a key consideration for him and the fact that it will not be adding traffic because the traffic will be going right on to a main collector.

Councillor Smith noted that these homes are going to be priced as good starter homes or downsizing homes, so for him it was the price of the homes.

Deputy Mayor Clow asked about the covenants regarding the trees not being cut down and Kevin explained that the covenants will be on the survey plan and the building permit. However, he added that if there are safety issues with a tree that could fall on a residence they would be allowed to remove the tree.

Councillor MacDonald asked if we plan to get back to the residents who wrote the letters and Councillor Burrridge replied that we had agreed to send letters explaining our decision once Council made a decision.

Councillor Burrridge stated that there was a very good discussion at planning board and when we received the letters, we went out as Council and walked the site. The letters were read into the planning minutes and they were taken into consideration. Planning has put a lot of thought and effort into the proposal and it was felt to be a smart development.

Mayor Ogden stated that when there is a development, we must treat people with respect and by that he meant that we should let them know about the development from the beginning. If it is affecting residents they should know about it. In this case, he felt we learned rather than sending letters, we could ask for a public meeting. This way the developer has an opportunity to speak to his or her development and can address any concerns. Mayor Ogden believed that in this case the developer tried to work with local residents and responded to their concerns and Councillor Burrridge agreed. She added that in this particular case, if we had the developer speak directly to the residents about the development and all the thought that went into it – it would have been a good thing.

Mayor Ogden asked Kevin if he had any final comments and Kevin noted that even before the application was presented to planning board, the applicant was willing to listen to the recommendations provided by the planning department staff. There were some reconfigurations of some of the lots to better suit the land and we had a good

discussion on the parkland location, as well as a good discussion on the stormwater management. He noted that planning staff spoke with the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Energy, and a lot of pre-engineering work went into the design. We went through all the necessary checks before bringing it forward to Council.

Question: **CARRIED**

**c) Resolution PH007-2019 – Committee Member Appointment**

**Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge**

**Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith**

**WHEREAS** Council has established Special Committees and Sub-Committees to those Special Committees in Bylaw #33, the Stratford Committee Bylaw, to advise and assist Council in its deliberations; and

**WHEREAS** the Bylaw provides for the appointment of residents by Council to provide public input to Council in its deliberations; and

**WHEREAS** Andrea Simpson has resigned from the Committee; and

**WHEREAS** the Planning, Development, and Heritage Committee is now in need of a member; and

**WHEREAS** Aaron MacDougall has agreed to serve as a member of the Committee.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Aaron MacDougall be appointed to the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee for the two year term ending November 30, 2020.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

**14. INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

*Wastewater Treatment Plant* – during the month of April, the facility has been experiencing higher than normal flows due to the amount of rain, snow melt, and the fact that the ground is still thawing out. There has been extensive runoff, and flooded basements have been pumping into our system. Based on the higher than normal flows our effluent quality

has been above the recommended guidelines. Now that the rain has stopped and the frost is out of the ground, the system is returning to normal and the results are improving.

*Wastewater Collection System to the Charlottetown Pollution Control Plant* – all five tender packages have closed – pipework on the Stratford side (package A), pipework on the Charlottetown side (package B), the directional drilled pipework (package C), sewage pumping station (package D), and pipework on the bridge (package E). The tender results are being reviewed. However, the project is significantly over budget and Council needs time to review the information prior to deciding on how to proceed.

*Cross Roads Community Centre Energy Upgrades* – things have been progressing well with all the structural steel in place. The roof is being installed, exterior finish is being installed, brick work has started, and the site work and parking lot construction should resume soon. With all the wet weather and frost in the ground, the project is approximately a month behind schedule. This shouldn't be an issue, as we had a buffer built into our deadline to get the fire company moved into the building a little later if we must. There is one issue that you need to be aware of that could negatively affect things. Currently, there is a plumber strike and all of the plumbers on this job are unionized, as is the general contractor MacLean's Construction. If the strike is prolonged it could affect the schedule further. Hopefully, the strike is resolved soon and the project proceeds as planned.

*Extension of Michael Thomas Way* – Duffy Construction is to begin work as soon as the site is dry, and the work is to be completed by the end of June.

*Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Strategy* – 155 of the 516 manhole trays have been put in place to date, decreasing the flow into the sewer system. A wireless Doppler radar sensing flow meter has been purchased and installed on Keppoch Road to obtain additional flow data through the area. A digital push camera for sewer systems has been purchased. The camera will enable inspection of laterals to identify cross connections such as foundation drains and roof drains.

*Gym Reception Desk* – The project is 95% complete with just minor finishing touches remaining; however, deficiencies have been noted and will be addressed in the coming weeks.

**Battery Point Room** - Cudmore Electric has installed two USB/power ports and an HDMI cable port in the boardroom table and installed a TV box for power/HDMI on the wall where a TV will be mounted. This will allow laptops to connect to the monitor for presentations.

**Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program** – Fifteen applications were submitted on April 26, 2019, and Stantec Consulting is currently working on the Climate Lens Assessments that are required for five of the projects included in the submissions.

**Georgetown Road Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane** - Earthform is returning to the site to complete the landscaping and to seal coat of asphalt, and any other deficiencies that need to be addressed.

Infrastructure maintenance staff has been busy preparing equipment, parks, trails and buildings for the upcoming summer season. They have also been busy getting the six new speed radar signs assembled and ready for installation. We will be reviewing speeding complaints and traffic data prior to selecting the locations.

Utility staff is busy checking equipment at the wastewater treatment facility in preparation for the spring turnover that occurs every year. They have also been busy with the water school presentations.

During the month of April there were no major issues with the water distribution system or the sanitary collection system.

Councillor Smith noted that the house near Andrews of Stratford has been purchased by the province. Deputy Mayor Clow added that it is supposed to be demolished and it is a good thing because there has always been concern about the driveway coming out onto the Trans Canada Highway.

There was a short discussion on the wastewater treatment plant and Deputy Mayor Clow noted that the plan is still to take our wastewater to Charlottetown. One Councillor asked if we still had the original plans that were drawn up to build our own plant and Jeremy replied that we do, but we will have more information once we have our discussion with the province. Mayor Ogden agreed that it is important that we need to meet to discuss the wastewater issue with the province.

Mayor Ogden asked if there was any word on when the round-a-bout at Glen Stewart will start and Deputy Mayor Clow replied that he believes they are waiting until school is out. Mayor Ogden felt that the loss of the CGI parking spots is going to be a major issue and we want to ensure they have the parking that they require.

Resident Bus Gay asked Mayor Ogden to advise Council that he is working with MLA James Aylward to try and get the turn off lane at the Esso.

**15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Robert noted that now that meetings are open we will start posting the Committee of the Whole minutes at the next meeting.

**16. SUSTAINABILITY**

Councillor MacDougall noted that the committee did not meet in May. He stated that the resumes for the new Engagement and Research Technician position were reviewed and four candidates were identified as suitable and interviews are being set up. There will be a further update on this next month.

Mayor Ogden noted that the Women's Institute is doing the roadside cleanup and there will be a barbeque for those who participated in the cleanup.

Mayor Ogden noted that in regards to the website, the new person will be asked to take it on as part of their duties and make it more business oriented. Stratford is open for business and we want to reflect that.

**17. ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENGAGEMENT**

- a) Report was included in the agenda package. Mayor Ogden noted that the website went live last Tuesday and it is great to see it operational. Any comments or suggestions anyone has that they feel would be useful in providing service to our residents please pass them on to Wendy.

It was noted that the Town survey presentation will be next Friday afternoon, and Council, staff, and the Accountability and Engagement Committee are invited to attend.

**18. HUMAN RESOURCES**

No Report

**19. OTHER COMMITTEES**

**a) Stratford Seniors Complex**

Councillor MacDonald noted that there was no meeting in April. However, she did state that Cutting Edge was hired to do the gardening, and the blue bags are being rejected again, so we will need to remind the tenants to sort their blue bag items properly.

20. **PROCLAMATIONS**

**CMHA Mental Health Week**

**Whereas** CMHA Mental Health Week promotes mental health awareness through education campaigns, activities and events held across PEI and offers practical ways to maintain and improve mental health and support recovery from mental illness; and

**Whereas** during Mental Health Week the Canadian Mental Health Association is asking everyone to **Get Loud about What Mental Health Really is**. One in five Canadians live with mental health problems, mental illnesses or addiction. But the reality is five in five of us have mental health just like we all have physical health; and

**Whereas** the Canadian Mental Health Association supports and encourages good mental health; we can all benefit from celebrating, promoting, and acknowledging the role that good mental health plays in living a full and meaning full life. Everyone deserves to feel well, whatever their mental health experience and we all need a support system to lean on.

**Therefore be it Resolved** that I Steve Ogden, Mayor of Stratford, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 to 12, 2019 as **CMHA Mental Health Week** and I encourage all residents of Stratford to join me and **Get Loud about What Mental Health Really Is**.

21. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Summer Hours for Council Meetings**

It was moved by Councillor Derek Smith and seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald that the summer hours for the Stratford Town Council meetings for the months of June, July, August, and September and will start at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

**b) Business Opening**

Councillor Smith noted that there are two new businesses opening at Kinlock Crossing (old Home Hardware building) on May 9, and they are Sunlife Financial and Premier Insurance. He noted that they are two separate businesses working out of one office, and there will be an Open House tomorrow (May 9) between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and Council was invited to drop by to say welcome.

Councillor Derek Smith wanted to ‘call out’ to the four male soccer players who have been named the PEI Representatives for this coming year and they are William Campbell, Shaurya Badana, Lachlan MacEachern, and Lucas LeClair – all from the Stratford Soccer Club and will represent the province in the upcoming soccer season in Nova Scotia league and in the national competitions in Canada.

Mayor Ogden noted that in regards to the planning decision - *Resolution PH006-2019 – SD002-19 – 7711557 Canada Inc. 7 Lot Subdivision – R2 Zone 262 Stratford road (Conditional Use)*, reply letters will be sent to those residents who sent letters to the planning department and will explain Council’s decision on the resolution.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**Mayor Steve Ogden**

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**Robert Hughes CAO**