

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2023
Approved Minutes

DATE: May 10, 2023
TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 7:06 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant; Councillors Jill Chandler; Gordie Cox; Ron Dowling; Jody Jackson; Jeff MacDonald (left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.) Jeremy Crosby, CAO; Kim O’Connell, Director of Finance and Technology; Jeremy Pierce, Deputy CAO and Director of Recreation, Culture, and Events; Jeannie Gallant, Director of Infrastructure; Dale McKeigan, Acting Director of Planning; 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 Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 4:30 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. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Jeff MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox that the agenda be approved with the following change: Planning, Development, and Heritage will be moved up in the agenda to become item # 9 and Safety Services will become item # 12.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Jeff MacDonald and seconded by Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant that the regular monthly meeting minutes of April 12, 2023, and the special meeting minutes of March 22, 2023, be approved as circulated.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nil

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

The report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Mayor Ogden reviewed his report as follows:

- Chaired the regular monthly meeting of Town Council and the Committee of the Whole Council, also chaired a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole Council
- Attended a meeting of the Federation of PEI Municipalities held in Souris
- Along with CAO Crosby, Deputy CAO Pierce, and Deputy Mayor Gallant, met with MP Lawrence MacAulay to discuss Stratford's infrastructure needs
- Had the pleasure of attending Easter, Vishu & Eid-al-Fitr celebrations with the Kerala Association of PEI
- Along with staff and Council, attended a presentation on the fundraising feasibility study for the community campus by DCG Philanthropics
- Attended meetings of the Arts and Culture Committee, Infrastructure Committee, Safety Services Committee, and the Planning, Development, and Heritage Committee
- Was very pleased to meet with leading advocates for affordable housing to discuss how Stratford can address this as quickly as possible
- Along with the management team and Council, participated in a meeting with Patrick Costigan, Manager of the FCM Green Municipal Fund to discuss opportunities for Stratford
- Along with CAO Crosby, the management team, and Council, met with MLA Jill Burridge, Minister of Finance and MLA Jenn Redmond, Minister of Workforce, Advanced Learning and Population, to discuss Stratford infrastructure needs and priorities
- Met with members of the Duffy family, along with Councillor Jill Chandler, recreation director Jeremy Pierce, youth program manager Duane Pineau, and community and business engagement manager Wendy Watts, to discuss criteria for the Cheryl Duffy Memorial Bursary
- Together with key staff, met with two individuals interested in starting a new recreational facility in Stratford
- Along with Deputy Mayor Gallant, Councillors, and CAO Crosby, participated in the quarterly meeting with the commanding officer of the RCMP for PEI, C/Supt. Derek Santosuosso
- Attended a public meeting to discuss three growth strategy options for the Shape Stratford initiative, also attended a meeting of all the Shape Stratford groups and

committees: Intermunicipal Committee, Affordable Housing Task Force, Working Group, and Project Team

- With CAO Crosby, attended a meeting of the Capital Area Mayors' and CAOs
- Participated in a virtual meeting of the FCM Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee together with the FCM Rural Forum to hear viewpoints of members across the country about the future of RCMP contract policing
- Together with Council and directors, attended media training
- Interviewed on two occasions by CBC regarding the RCMP retroactive pay impact on municipalities; and earlier regarding the rezoning approved for the Crossroads development
- Spoke and visited with several residents to discuss various issues; and
- Attended internal meetings and looked after the day to day affairs of the Town.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) REPORT

The report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. The CAO gave an overview of his report as follows:

- Attended a meeting with the mayor and residents regarding a development near their property
- Attended the Capital Area Transit Committee meeting
- Attended a training session on the QGIS System as part of our 'Shape Stratford initiative'
- Attended several meetings regarding the Crossroads rezoning application
- Attended a meeting with a consultant and developer regarding the potential for development on the former golf academy property
- Attended a 'Shape Stratford' project team meeting
- Attended a virtual meeting with the Mayor, Council, Fathom Studios, and representatives from the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), regarding their experience with form-based codes
- Had a department head meeting to discuss Town projects and initiatives with the management team
- Attended a meeting with planning staff to discuss items for the monthly Council meeting
- Attended the Town Council meeting
- Attended a meeting with representatives from the Capital Area Transit Committee
- Attended a planning meeting with Maritime Electric representatives and Town staff to discuss the future power needs for the Town
- Met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, staff, and the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay regarding specific Town projects and initiatives
- Attended a meeting with planning staff and developers regarding a proposed development along Jubilee Drive
- Attended a meeting with Stantec regarding the 'Shape Stratford' project

- Attended the monthly Safety Services meeting
- Conducted interviews for the planning navigator position
- Attended the presentation from DCG Philanthropic regarding the community campus fundraising feasibility study
- Attended the Federation of PEI Municipalities Annual Meeting in Souris
- Attended a presentation put on by a representative from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) regarding the Green Municipal Fund
- Conducted interviews for the new town planner position and we hope to have someone in place very soon
- Teleconference meeting with Deputy CAO Jeremy Pierce and a representative from the province regarding the squash courts

In addition to the above, reviewed several funding opportunities, conducted meetings with staff, prepared agendas and material for several of the meetings listed above, reviewed infrastructure projects and timelines, discussed several planning related items, and dealt with various HR related files. Also attended to other Town and Utility related business as required.

9. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

a) Report

Councillor MacDonald noted that the report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. The town planner, Dale McKeigan stated that things are somewhat 'leaner' this year to date than this time last year, and there are a number of variables involved such as interest rates, rising development costs, and labour shortages. Councillor MacDonald added that he did have a conversation with the town planner today who advised him that things are starting to look up.

Councillor MacDonald noted that one item that was discussed was inventory of developable lots in the Town. He noted that this was something that the Town used to do, and he felt that we may look at doing it again in the future so we would have an understanding of what is available on a real time basis.

b) Permit Summary

Included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald gave a brief overview of the summary.

c) Resolution PH011-2023 – VA001-23 – PAL Holdings Inc. – Lot Size Variance Request – 8-10 Barkley Ave – Parcel Number 328583

Moved by Councillor Jeff MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Jill Chandler

WHEREAS an application has been received from PAL Holdings Inc. for a lot size variance to proposed lot 2023-2, a portion of parcel number 328583, located at 10 Barkley Avenue for the purpose of subdividing a semi-detached dwelling; and

WHEREAS the lot size variance request for proposed lot 2023-2 is for 36 ft² (or 8.6%), for a semi-detached dwelling lot located within the Medium Density Residential Zone (R2). The applicant, therefore, is seeking a lot size variance from 4,900 ft² per unit to 4,510 ft² per unit; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 6. Variances from the Development Bylaw:

6.1.1. *Council may authorize a minor Variance not exceeding 10% from the provisions of this Bylaw if the Variance is appropriate in accordance with this Section.*

6.1.2. *Variance applications shall demonstrate **one** of the following be considered against the following tests for justifying a Variance approval:*

(a) the Lot in question has peculiar conditions, including small Lot size, irregular Lot shape, or exceptional topographical conditions, which make it impractical to develop in strict conformity with Bylaw standards;

(b) strict application of all Bylaw standards would impose undue hardship on the Applicant by excluding the Applicant from the same rights and privileges for reasonable Use of his/her Lot as enjoyed by other persons in the same Zone; or

(c) the Variance is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

6.1.3. *Authorization for a Variance shall be documented and recorded in writing.*

6.1.4. *No Variance shall be granted where the difficulty experienced is the result of intentional or negligent conduct of the Applicant in relation to the Property.*

6.1.5. *Where Council deems that a Variance application could have a significant effect on adjacent properties or properties in the general vicinity, Council may require that a public meeting be held; and*

WHEREAS the lot in question is located on Barkley Avenue, which is a developed area of Southport pre-existing the Town, as established in 1995. It is a narrow, dead-end street with small, shallow lots to the South. Variances have been granted along the south side of the street in the past. In 2018, two lot size variances were granted to construct a single dwelling at 22 Barkley Avenue requiring a 22.5% variance, and to construct a semi-detached dwelling at 26 and 28 Barkley Avenue, requiring a 27.6% variance. In 2021, a lot size variance was granted to construct a semi-detached dwelling at 16 Barkley Avenue, requiring a 22% variance; and

WHEREAS in 2021, the applicant reached out to staff to verify a semi-detached dwelling could be constructed on the lot. Staff verified the lot could be developed as a semi-

detached lot as the block contains only 27.3% semi-detached dwelling lots in a block, where up to 40% is permitted within the R2 zone. Staff also evaluated the total lot area available at the time and concluded the lot does have sufficient lot area to meet the requirement of 9,800 ft². The applicant's lawyer explained to staff that although the lot has two parcel descriptions, creating the now proposed "common boundary," the property has been transferred as one lot since 1973. The semi-detached dwelling was designed to sit along the proposed "common boundary" per the existing lot descriptions. The areas of the proposed lots were unknown until after the Dwelling was constructed and a new survey plan was prepared; therefore, no intentional or negligent conduct of the Applicant occurred in relation to the property per section 6.1.4. above; and

WHEREAS The proposed lot 2023-2 meets all other lot requirements including lot coverage, frontage, and front, side, and rear yard setbacks; therefore, no significant effect is expected on adjacent properties, or other properties in the vicinity per section 6.1.5.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council grant approval to an application received from PAL Holdings Inc. for a lot size variance of 36 ft² (or 8.6%) to lot 2023-2 a portion of parcel number 328583 located at 10 Barkley Avenue for the purpose of subdividing a 2-unit semi-detached dwelling.

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

Using the overhead, Councillor MacDonald noted that the drawing shows the area of the current constructed building. This was the survey plan that was completed after the construction had been completed. Councillor MacDonald stated that it is important to note that this is an already constructed building and it is occupied. He also noted that the requirement for the variance only came about when the property was re-surveyed, and it was noted that the minimum lot size was not adhered to, and for Council's consideration, setbacks are still in conformance with the Zoning and Development Bylaw, so there is no unnecessary encroachment upon neighbouring properties.

Councillor MacDonald noted that when you look at 6.1.2 of the Zoning and Development Bylaw, we can only grant this under the bylaw when the lot and the application demonstrates a certain criterion. The lot does have peculiar conditions and Town staff has advised that when the lot was transferred over it would have been transferred as one lot – even though it is technically two lots. When the lot changed ownership, it would have been given its own lot number. It wasn't really recognized that there had

been an imbalance from one lot side to the other until after the survey plan had been completed. There is no malice or ill intent from the applicants. Councillor MacDonald stated that if we were to apply a very strict application of our Zoning and Development Bylaw, it would result in undue hardship for the applicant. A picture of the property was displayed on the overhead, and it was noted that the R2 Zone that is located on Barkley Avenue is still well within the maximum permissible amount of semi-detached dwelling lots on the block. Councillor MacDonald referred to the overhead, noting that it is a very good looking development, and it is in harmony with the existing structures on Barkley Avenue. It is also consistent with the Town's aim to increase the housing supply. There is plenty of room for parking and the duplex itself is a nice building. Councillor MacDonald added that this is the kind of development we want to encourage in our R2 Zones.

Councillor Jackson asked why this was not 'caught' in the development stage and Councillor MacDonald replied that from what he understands, the survey lines and boundaries on Barkley Avenue have shifted over the years and it has been conveyed as one lot together since 1973, and he felt it was a very long standing issue with the lot. Councillor MacDonald felt that the issue with this lot is that it has existed for the last 50 years and for those reasons when it came to the development permit no one was able to catch it because the survey that was on 'the books' at the time accurately reflected what they were looking to build, and they built in accordance with the survey. It was only when it was re-surveyed properly with the actual legal description that the issue came to light. Thankfully it is still within the appropriate amount for setbacks and it's not a building that is too massive for the space; it is not a building that dominates the landscape.

Councillor Cox noted that if someone is building a structure such as this one - are they supposed to contact residents within 500 feet of the build, and Councillor MacDonald replied that there is nothing in our bylaw that would require them to send out notices. The town planner added that under the variant section of the bylaw, if it was greater than 10% then it would be necessary to send out letters. Otherwise, Council has the right to approve anything under 10%.

Councillor Cox noted that a homeowner in the vicinity of this build contacted him, and he didn't know the correct answer at the time. He will now know for any future inquiries.

For clarity, Councillor Chandler stated that she understood it was the applicant who discovered the discrepancy. Councillor MacDonald stated that it was actually the surveyor who was hired by the applicant who discovered the discrepancy.

Deputy Mayor Gallant asked if there were any other problems with homes next to the build, and the town planner replied that there are still a few lots vacant on Barkley Avenue and most of those lots go back a few years, and a lot of them are sub-standard sized lots. So, depending on whether you want to put a home or possibly a semi-detached as we have here, it will most likely require a variance. As you have seen in the past there have been multiple variances approved by Council, and it may be the same going forward. You would need to look at the size of the house going on the lot because you don't want to over build the size of the lot.

In regard to what Councillor Cox had noted about a homeowner in the vicinity Mayor Ogden asked if it was just a question or was it a negative, and Councillor Cox replied that it was a negative because they were of the belief that people in the area would be contacted to let them know that this build was happening. Councillor MacDonald noted that there are times when an applicant is required to give notice to neighbouring properties as noted by the town planner. He added that it is our hope that our agendas are sent out far enough in advance so residents can look at the agenda and see if there are any developments taking place. The town planner asked Council to keep in mind that every zone has a list of permitted uses, and they are as of right uses, so there is no requirement for notifications to be sent out to the public because they meet the intended permitted use that is in that zone. However, when there is a variance that exceeds 10% notification letters are sent to adjacent land owners.

Councillor Chandler stated that she is having a hard time picturing exactly where this build is located and added that there is another duplex that was built in recent years on the corner – would that build have required a variance at that time. She felt that it may have been unique to that area, and she asked if letters of notification would have been required. The

town planner replied that he is unable to answer that question, as he was not working with the Town at that time. Mayor Ogden noted that it is an R2 Zone and duplexes are allowed and up to 40% of buildings can be semi-detached. Councillor Chandler wondered if that earlier build required a similar variance. Councillor MacDonald replied that in 2018 the variance that was requested was 22.5% and he felt that notifications would have been sent in this instance. He also noted that in 2021 there was a 22% variance at 16 Barkley Avenue and neighbours should have received notifications. There was also a 27.6% variance at 26 and 28 Barkley Avenue and again notifications would have been sent.

Councillor Jackson stated that at our last meeting we decided that in the core area, Council will be giving up their viewpoint on these issues. He noted that it bothers him a bit that this issue was not caught, but again, it was less than 10%. However, being hands off concerns him because we can't answer our residents when things are not clear to them. Councillor Jackson stated that it is a bit frustrating and concerning going forward. For clarification, Councillor MacDonald asked if Councillor Jackson is concerned about potential issues in the two new zones and Councillor Jackson replied that his concern is Council's inability to 'weigh in' on issues. He noted that if we are coming back after something is built and they are requesting a variance because we missed it – it speaks to the level of detail that he thinks we should be looking at when we are approving these developments. Councillor Jackson stated that this particular issue speaks to the fear of what could be missed. He added that he thinks zoning and surveying should be at our fingertips.

The town planner stated that he understands Councillor Jackson's concerns but noted that we will have a very regimented checklist that is going to be consistent across the board for both of those two zones. The checklist that staff has developed will take care of the standardization of everything. However, any variances that deviate from the checklist will go to the planning board and then through to Council. Mayor Ogden asked if this would be for all variances and the town planner replied that it would be for any variances that deviate from the checklist.

The CAO added that when they originally came in for the application, it was for a duplex on the lot. They were not originally going to sub-divide it down the middle, so it did meet all of the requirements and didn't require any variances. Once they came back afterwards to sub-divide it into two

pieces, that is when it became an issue. So, it is not that it was really missed – it is when they came back to sub-divide it afterwards that we needed to put the variance in place. As the town planner had noted, the lines are skewed a bit on that property, so it is a unique situation.

Councillor MacDonald stated that in general, if we are talking about variances and if we are talking about development in these new zones, it is always important that we are accountable to the citizens who we serve and that is what our job is as Councillors. Councillor MacDonald felt it was fair to say we are giving up some of the granular control regarding development in the new zones, because the guidelines are fairly robust in those new zones as noted by the town planner. If people look to step outside those guidelines, I expect it will come under very intense scrutiny at the Council table, and he felt that should be our guiding principle going forward.

Question: **CARRIED**

10. RECREATION, CULTURE AND EVENTS

- a) The report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Councillor Jill Chandler reviewed the report as follows:

Committees – the April Recreation, Culture, and Events Committee meeting was re-scheduled to May 23, 2023.

Arts and Culture – the Arts and Culture Committee met on April 13, 2023, with agenda items that included artist bursaries, callouts for teaching artists, potential 2023 cultural capital projects, and potential Public Art Policy amendments.

Stratford Youth Centre & Council – the youth centre is preparing for an online auction and spring flea market. Both are key fundraisers for the centre and raise funds for equipment, programs, and community initiatives. Councillor Chandler took a moment to remind everyone that we received a request from our youth and family coordinator Duane Pineau that perhaps as Councillors we might want to help the youth with their auction items. The on-line auction goes live on May 29, 2023. Youth members are also actively preparing a lobby for a crosswalk installation at Bunbury Road to safely allow youth, seniors, and Cotton Centre guests to cross the roadway to access the sidewalk. Planning is underway for the first Cheryl Duffy Service Award. Two \$500 awards will be awarded to youth center members, past or present, who are accepted to post-secondary institutions. The awards will be presented in late June.

Spring Planning – Stratford and area baseball, softball, soccer, flag football, and cricket players will be back on their respective fields this week. Fields are being opened earlier than prior years thanks to the good weather. Spring maintenance will continue in the coming weeks at these fields and various community and neighbourhood parks.

Sport courts for tennis, pickleball, and basketball are open around the community. Courts are available on a first come, first serve basis. Tennis programming and lessons are available at Pondside Park.

Capital Projects – the Town is working on several capital projects related to the recreation department. Some of the projects include a mini baseball/softball field, playground installation and acquisition of furniture for the Gertrude Cotton Centre. Additional projects will continue throughout the summer.

Adult Art Programming – spring classes are underway with most programs operating at full capacity.

Programs – registration is open for Stratford summer camp which will run from July 4 to September 1, 2023. The Town is in the midst of hiring the camp supervisor and will be hiring camp counselors in the coming weeks. The camp accommodates 25-30 children per week over a nine week period and offers recreational, cultural, and art programs each week.

The Town will be offering Intro to Sports (3-5 year olds) and U4 soccer (born in 2019) in July and August. Registration for these programs will open on June 1, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Gallant asked about the baseball field at Fullerton's Marsh and the recreation director replied that the field is presently with the consultant (CBCL), who is currently in the design process. On June 1, 2023, we will put out a call for contractors to develop the field and hopefully it will be ready by mid-June or the end of June depending on the scope of the work. The recreation director added that the field will be used for introduction to baseball, softball, and t-ball for the younger groups. Essentially, it will be used all the way up to U13 for both male and female sports.

Councillor Dowling noted that he has had some residents ask him why there are no garbage cans in the parks or along the waterfront trail. Another issue that was brought to his attention was a bench close to the ponds on the waterfront trails was affected by Fiona. He added that he knows staff will get to these items, but he just wanted to put them on the 'radar.' Another item is the ponds – they are not large ponds, but it is a

natural area, and it is a habitat for a lot of different species, and right now the ponds are in bad shape.

The recreation director noted that for the past few years with the decommissioning of the wastewater treatment plant – much of the trail has been blocked off by fencing, but this year the fencing is down, and we know that people are using the trail and we hope to soon have a boardwalk there and we will be adding garbage cans to the area. The recreation director added that we currently have eight bins that we had commissioned last year through the Reach Foundation that are set to go out. We also know that our environmental sustainability coordinator Maddy Crowell and Katie Sonier, along with our infrastructure department are working on the various ponds around the Town because they have been impacted by storms and developments.

Councillor Dowling noted that the waterfront trail he was referencing was the one in Cotton Park and he does realize that there is work underway of what will be the boardwalk and we are all looking forward to that.

Deputy Mayor Gallant noted that he helped sponsor Brielle Matheson who was on the Ringette U16 PEI Team that was in Regina last month and won six of the nine games she played and ended up winning gold in the consolation round. She also came in ninth overall out of 18 teams.

11. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

a) The report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Councillor Dowling reviewed the report as follows:

- The Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) audit was completed
- Attended a presentation on the Green Municipal Funding programs
- Still working on Fiona disaster claims up to March 31, 2023, and working with the insurance adjustor regarding the damage to Town properties
- Attend the 'Shape Stratford' information session
- Water disconnects were done last week and two properties had to be disconnected. One property remains disconnected
- Reviewing the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) affordable funding for development and discussing programs with the province and other municipalities
- Working on year end audit file
- Updating Fees Schedule 'A' for the introduction of new rates
- Updating the Meal Allowance Policy – an e-mail poll was sent to the Finance Committee, and they recommended that the changes be approved

- April utility bills are due May 11, 2023; and
- Staff is busy with day to day tasks.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the agenda package for Council to review. The statements were briefly reviewed.

c) Resolution FT010-2023 – Travel and Meal Allowance Policy - Amendment

Moved by Councillor Ron Dowling

Seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford has a Travel and Meal Allowance Policy that has not been updated since 2010; and

WHEREAS overall prices have increased in the past 13 years, it was recommended that the policy be amended to keep up with the rising prices as follows:

- \$10 per day for breakfast to \$20 per day for breakfast
- \$15 per day for lunch to \$25 per day for lunch
- \$25 per day for supper to \$45 per day for supper

AND WHEREAS the local travel was set at \$6.00/day flat fee in 2010, it was recommended that it be increased to \$8.00/day flat rate.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Travel and Meal Allowance Policy Amendment, Policy # 2023-FT-01, be hereby adopted.

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

Councillor Dowling noted that this rate increase is consistent with other jurisdictions around the province and the region.

Councillor Chandler asked for clarification on the flat rate fee, and the finance director Kim O'Connell replied that sometimes an employee needs to use their own vehicle for Town business because another employee is using the Town vehicle. She added that the flat rate fee is added to the T-4's whereas the mileage rate is not.

Question: **CARRIED**

12. SAFETY SERVICES

a) Report

Report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Councillor Jackson reviewed the Safety Services report noting that there was an update from Citizens on Patrol, and they are continuing to recruit new members. If anyone else is interested in becoming a member, please contact the Town for more information.

In regard to Hurricane Fiona, the province is back doing roadside cleanup of debris. Councillor Jackson asked residents to please ensure that the debris is off the roadway and also in manageable size pieces.

b) RCMP

The report for the month of April was included in the agenda package. Councillor Jackson stated that the RCMP member was not available to attend the Safety Services meeting as there was an accident on the bridge.

The committee had a follow-up discussion on the E-Watch program. However, they felt that they needed more information before they could make a recommendation. Councillor Jackson stated that he would like to see this item moved to the top of the staff workplan. He added that it will be on the next Safety Services Committee agenda for further discussion and hopefully a recommendation from the committee to move forward to explore the issue with our business community.

Councillor Chandler referred to the section 'other occurrence' that is listed in the reports. She noted that other occurrences make up approximately 29% of incidents and she would like some clarity on these incidents.

Councillor Chandler noted that when we have the report of traffic collisions and we can see the streets where they have occurred - do we have a month by month or year by year accumulation of this information, and if so, do we have more detailed information. For example, if we saw last month there were three collisions on Kinlock Road, do we know what section of the Kinlock Road so we can see if there are patterns or trends. We could extrapolate that information and use it in the future when we are approaching other partners in regard to infrastructure in regard to our roads and sidewalks.

The CAO felt that we should be able to receive this information from the RCMP and added that he believes that they do share this type of information with the Provincial Department of Transportation on a regular basis.

The CAO noted that Corporal Weatherbie would have been in attendance this evening, but he was not feeling well.

Councillor Jackson stated that there was a reference to mischief in the RCMP report and he noted that there was insufficient evidence to proceed, and he wanted to ask Corporal Weatherbie if these acts of mischief were in respect to the can throwing incidents. He noted that there were 15 instances of mischief and 11 or 12 had insufficient evidence to proceed, and we can ask Corporal Weatherbie at the next meeting if these incidents are related to the can throwing.

c) Lighting

It was noted that Maritime Electric is about 90% complete with the conversion to LED lights and we are already seeing a decrease in consumption costs.

d) Humane Society Report

The report for the month of April was included in the agenda package. Councillor Jackson stated that our community and business engagement manager has put out some information that residents should not be feeding wildlife.

It was also noted that the 'doggie bags' are not compostable (even if it states they are) and should always go in the waste.

e) Transit

The report for the month of April was included in the agenda package. Councillor Jackson stated that numbers remain strong. He noted that both March and April were the two highest months we have ever had.

Two new runs started on April 24, 2023. One is at 10:00 a.m. and the second one is at 2:00 p.m. and these runs were put in place based on our ridership.

f) Cross Roads Fire Department

The report for the month of April was included in the agenda package. Councillor Jackson noted that he did follow-up with the Cross Roads Fire Department Board regarding the cost of callouts for lift assists. This was an issue we had discussed previously, and this is when the fire company is called to help Island EMS or another provider when they need extra help with lifting a patient. Councillor Jackson noted that the reason we are discussing it is because every time the Cross Roads Fire Department gets a call to assist, the cost is anywhere from \$600 to \$1000 based on the callout fee. Councillor Dowling had mentioned last month that we should discuss the issue at the fire company board meeting. We did bring it up at the board meeting and the 'take-away' from that was that

the fire company board is going to discuss it with the PEI Firefighters Association. Councillor Jackson noted that the firefighters in attendance, and to their credit, believe it is something that is absolutely vital, and they don't want to stop doing it. However, they would like some recognition for the costs that are incurred. So, we did bring it forward to the board and they are going to follow-up on the issue.

Mayor Ogden asked Councillor Jackson if there would be any way to quantify the costs and how much time the fire company spends assisting because he would be happy to take it to the provincial government and make the argument that there needs to be compensation. Councillor Jackson replied that we know based on the statistics that we receive that there may be 10, 15, or 20 callouts in the run of a year – that are actually tracked, and he would appreciate it if the mayor would bring it forward to the province because it is an issue. For clarification, Mayor Ogden noted that when there is a request for a lift assist it is a whole callout and many firefighters, if not all, respond when only one or two would be required. Unfortunately, there is no way to change the way the callout works, as everyone is notified simultaneously and everyone who can responds to the call. Councillor Jackson stated that it is not about the numbers for them – they just want to be there to help.

Councillor Cox noted that where the service centre (Stratford Emergency Services Building) is located there are going to be some complaints because you have a lot of residential on the Stratford Road. He noted that some people are questioning if the sirens need to be on when EMS is responding to a call at 11 o'clock at night when people are trying to sleep. Councillor Cox stated that he didn't know the answer to the inquiries, but obviously it goes to safety. Councillor Jackson replied that the EMS has no idea what they are responding to when they receive a call, and they need to get there fast, and they need to get their safely. Deputy Mayor Gallant stated that paramedics always have the sirens going – if they didn't have the sirens going it would be a liability issue.

Councillor Jackson stated that at the last meeting there was some discussion on the general growth projections of the Town and what that means for fire service and what that means for equipment. He added that they will be looking to replace aging trucks in the coming years. He felt that we need to keep the lines of communication open to what their needs will be when we start to consider what Stratford will look like in 10 or 15 years.

Councillor Jackson briefly reviewed the statistics that were included in the agenda package.

Councillor Cox also wanted to remind everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors to help eliminate false alarms.

g) Resolution SS003-2023 Noise and Nuisance Bylaw Amendment 30-C – 2nd Reading

Moved by Councillor Jody Jackson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant

WHEREAS the provincial legislation for the Highway Traffic Act was revised in May 2022 to modify the clause previously stating that *A person who is riding a bicycle shall not ride on a sidewalk*, to allow the council of a municipality having jurisdiction over a sidewalk to impose a bylaw, to allow riding or use of bicycles by children on a sidewalk or any portion of a sidewalk; and

WHEREAS the Act defines children as persons 12 years of age or under.

BE IT RESOLVED that attached Bylaw # 30-C, a Bylaw to amend the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw, Bylaw # 30, be hereby read and approved a second time.

Discussion: Nil

Question: **CARRIED**

h) Resolution SS004-2023 Noise and Nuisance Bylaw Amendment 30-C – Adoption

Moved by Councillor Jody Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Jill Chandler

WHEREAS Council read and approved the attached Bylaw Amendment #30-C, a Bylaw to amend the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw, Bylaw #30, for the first time on April 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS Council read and approved the attached Bylaw Amendment #30-C, a Bylaw to amend the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw, Bylaw #30, for the second time on May 10, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Bylaw Amendment, Bylaw #30-C, A Bylaw to amend the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw, Bylaw #30, 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 declared the said Bylaw passed.

Discussion: Nil

Question: **CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Gallant noted that he and Councillor Jackson received some complaints about speeding on the Mason Road and the Bunbury Road and the RCMP acted on it, and it was good to see the stationary radar set up.

13. INFRASTRUCTURE

- a) Report** - The report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant gave an overview of the report as follows:

Hurricane Fiona tree debris cleanup continues with the province having removed all debris from the stockpile on Keppoch Road and continue to remove debris from the stockpile on Myrtle Street. The Town continues efforts of trail maintenance to repair damage caused by machinery on the trails during the cleanup efforts. The Town's contractor has been returning to some areas for ground reinstatement and further assessment of leaning trees, and uprooted stumps still need to be removed in some areas.

Construction of the multi-purpose path along Kinlock Road has begun and it is anticipated that it will be completed by the end of June. The eight (8) foot wide (2.43 metres) paved trail will extend from JK Beauty Lane to the Trans Canada Highway intersection, improving the connectivity of the active transportation in this busy area.

Three bids were received for the construction work on the community campus. A resolution will be read later in the agenda recommending that the contract be awarded to the low bidder – Island Coastal Services Limited. Work is expected to begin in the coming weeks.

Two bids were submitted for the upgrades to the Bunbury sewage lift station. Both bids were significantly over the approved budget. We are working with the consultant to determine the best option to move forward, which may involve reducing the scope of work and/or sourcing some materials ourselves. The information will be brought to the committee for discussion and recommendation.

The tender for the upgrades to the Corish sewage lift station closed on May 4, 2023. The results will be taken to the committee for discussion and recommendation.

As we wait to hear if we were successful with obtaining the provincial Active Transportation Fund for the 'Waterfront Gathering and Event' space, the drawings are being finalized for tendering as soon as we hear.

Greatario continues with the design of the new water reservoir and is expected to begin construction later this spring.

A tender has been issued for the paving of the Trans Canada Trail from Mason Road to Fullerton's Park and closed today - May 10, 2023.

The infrastructure staff has been busy with the following:

- Ongoing maintenance at Town owned properties and trails
- Property grounds cleanup continues
- Sidewalks and trails have been swept clean of winter sanding
- Interviews for summer positions are being held with a few positions already filled
- Bylaw complaints and investigations are ongoing and increasing - as they tend to do this time of year - even more so as a result of Fiona damage
- Data collection is underway for review of temporary speed hump installation and four requests have been received to date
- Tender for the purchase of an electric vehicle was issued with no bids submitted
- Sewer and water infrastructure maintenance and inspection is ongoing
- All sewer lift stations have been cleaned, and damage to manhole covers and water valve boxes from snow plows are being repaired; and
- Water and sewer inspections and water turn-ons for new development is ongoing.

During the month of April there were no sewer or water emergencies.

Councillor Dowling asked if it was unusual to not receive any replies on a tender for an electric vehicle and what is the process going forward. The infrastructure director Jeannie Woodard replied that it was unusual that we didn't receive any bids. She noted that we also had it in our budget last year and tendered it but did not receive any bids. She added that we had increased the budget this year and we were hopeful, and we also contacted some dealerships and we thought we were going to get some interest, so we were disappointed when we received no bids. The infrastructure director felt that the supply is not there and to commit to a price would be difficult for the suppliers and the dealers. Moving forward, we are not certain at this point what we are going to do, but there will be a discussion to try and come up with a plan. Councillor Dowling noted that he is not entirely familiar with the process of electrification of existing vehicles, and he wondered if that was something that was considered. The infrastructure director replied that the Town has not done any research in that area, and she is not sure how the costs would compare, but it is something we could look into.

Councillor Jackson stated that there is a company in the business park that does convert Toyota Corolla's and that may be an option to look into; although he was not sure what they have for inventory. Councillor Jackson also mentioned that a good used electric vehicle may be an option and the infrastructure director agreed that is something we can consider. She added that our tenders to date have been for new vehicles, but maybe the next step would be to consider acquiring a used vehicle.

Councillor Dowling noted that there is a business in the Town that converts vehicles into small trucks which might be beneficial depending upon the usage. He also noted that there may be another company off of the Stratford Road and he clarified he is not advocating for one business over another, but the signage leads him to believe that they take vehicles and electrify them. The infrastructure director noted that she is not familiar with the business on Stratford Road; however, some staff members did tour the facility on Myrtle Street, and they do convert Toyota Corolla's into small pickup trucks. It was noted that the trucks only have two seats so it is a little bit limited to what we might use it for as we are trying to source out a vehicle that would accommodate four to five people. However, it was felt that we could consider supporting the business at some point in our budgeting as their cost is certainly feasible.

For clarification, Councillor Chandler stated that no one responded to the RFP last year or this year for a new electric vehicle and the infrastructure director replied that is correct. She noted that we can discuss whether we want to consider sourcing out a used vehicle. We could change the specifications in the tender and put it back out. She added the specifications were similar to the hybrid we have now except it would be a fully electric vehicle.

Councillor Jackson noted that he meant to bring this issue up under Safety Services, but he will bring it up now as it is a safety issue. He noted that he continues to get calls and emails from residents regarding active transportation/sidewalk infrastructure. Councillor Jackson stated that it has been a long standing issue with speeding and safety for pedestrians. He noted that one point that was made was access to transit. The closest transit to Rosebank Road is at the top of Keppoch Road. When we get the results of the active transportation study, if the Rosebank Road is not on top of the list, we should try to get residents closer to transit. Councillor Jackson stated that if Rosebank is not at the top when the study comes out, he will advocate for it to be moved up because of the continued concerns. Councillor Chandler stated that she continues to get correspondence from residents in the area and they are expressing their frustration because it has been a long standing concern. She added that any concrete information that we could give would be helpful. Mayor Ogden added that it is a budget item, so we would need to look at next year. He added that one of the considerations of the active transportation study is the distance from transit and he looks forward to the report, as he felt it would help answer a lot of questions for us.

Mayor Ogden noted that it was the intention to de-politicize the whole idea of where we put sidewalks and active transportation trails, so we really need to think about our approach. We want to be sure we put the active transportation trails where they are most needed and where there is the most risk.

Councillor Chandler added that when it comes to Rosebank Road and the residents who live on the water side of Keppoch Road, we have not given them a safe way to cross the road to get to the sidewalk that exists along Keppoch Road.

Councillor Dowling noted that in relation to the process for selection of work whether it be active transportation, sidewalks, or lighting – he assumed that there is a specific criterion that is followed by staff. Where they have an ‘end score or rating’ in relation to each of the areas where there have been requests for improvements which would bring us to a budget consideration each year. He asked the director if there is a ranking process in place. He noted that if there was, we could look ahead when we receive a call from a resident and advise them where they are in the ranking system. Councillor Dowling added that it would still depend on what was approved in the budget, but it would give residents an idea of where they were in the rankings. The infrastructure director stated our consultant Upland is considering all types of factors, so they can come up with a plan for us that will prioritize where the needs are for specific infrastructure. They are currently working on the draft plan that will be presented the second week of June and there will be a public consultation. She noted that what we are hoping to get from this is the guidance – the plan of the top priorities. We are all waiting to see what the plan will look like, and as Councillor Dowling alluded to, we could let residents know where they are on the priority list.

Councillor Chandler asked if the consultant is using their public engagement strategy to gather information and the infrastructure director replied that is correct. Councillor Chandler noted that if the people who participated in the target group didn’t bring up Rosebank Road, or their pop-up sessions didn’t engage with specific areas – those areas would not necessarily have been highlighted. However, correspondence received over the years would show the concern, and she asked if it would be factored in. The infrastructure director replied that they have had discussions with members of the staff who provided input. They are also working with RCMP data, and the Provincial Department of Transportation, so any data that would highlight the issues on Rosebank Road they will have, and that data will be incorporated into their review whether or not they have heard directly from the residents.

b) Resolution INC004-2023 – Community Campus Site Servicing

Moved by Deputy Mayor Steve Gallant
Seconded by Councillor Jody Jackson

WHEREAS three tenders were received on April 18, 2023, for the construction of the Community Campus Site Servicing project which consists of the construction of the main road to span from Bunbury Road to Hollis Avenue, and a shorter section extending

midway through the campus toward Mason Road for a future connection; sewer, water, and storm systems; underground electrical and lantern style light fixtures; and a 3-meter wide asphalt trail along the roads. The tender results were as follows:

Contractor	Bid Excluding HST
Island Coastal Services Ltd.	\$9,987,105.46
Birch Hill Construction Ltd.	\$13,964,730.00
Chapman Bros Construction Ltd.	\$15,820,929.30

AND WHEREAS as part of the funding there are plans for the construction of a 100kW solar array on the campus. This will be tendered separately later this year; and

WHEREAS funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$10,258,046.80 has been obtained, and the capital budget amount approved for the construction and site supervision of the complete Community Campus project is \$15,064,724.00; and

WHEREAS the engineering construction management and inspection fees for the complete Community Campus project is estimated to be \$78,400.00 excluding HST, for an estimated project total of \$10,065,505.50 excluding HST, with a remaining budget value of \$4,999,218.54 to complete the solar array portion of the project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the construction of the Community Campus Site Servicing be awarded to Island Coastal Services Ltd. in the amount of \$9,987,105.46 (HST excluded).

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

Councillor Cox stated that he finds the difference in the bids a bit alarming. The infrastructure director noted that one of the biggest factors in the discrepancy is the schedule that was proposed. Island Coastal Services schedule was twice as long as the higher bidder, so it was half the amount of time, which means they would have more resources on the project which puts the price up.

Councillor Jackson stated that he was excited to see the healthy budget for the solar array.

Question: **CARRIED**

14. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

a) **Resolution CW010-2023 – Prioritizing Municipal Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions**

**Moved by Councillor Jody Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Gordie Cox**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has made the decision in the 2023 Budget to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS these extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and

WHEREAS local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

WHEREAS going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stratford, Prince Edward Island, joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our community safe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Stratford, Prince Edward Island conveys this support in writing to local Members of Parliament.

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

Mayor Ogden noted that the resolution is self-explanatory. He stated that he was interviewed by CBC, and it is very clear that we had a contract, and it was changed without our input. In a growing Town like Stratford where we have a significant infrastructure gap – this takes another portion of money away that we could be using for the benefit of our citizens. Hopefully, the government will re-think this approach.

Deputy Mayor Gallant noted that this does not reflect on the membership and Mayor Ogden agreed that it is no reflection on our officers and added that we received very good value from the RCMP members that we have. Our officers are dedicated professional officers and we respect and appreciate their service and would not want this to reflect on them in any way. This is an issue with the federal government that is their employer. Deputy Mayor Gallant noted that the RCMP has been without a contract for approximately six years.

Councillor Chandler stated that she is in full support of prioritizing communication going forward. In regard to the past contract and the retroactive pay that we are facing, she has read different comments from different municipalities about their readiness or understanding of what may be coming – and she was curious to know how much was the discrepancy adding that she was not asking for specific numbers just some clarification. The CAO replied that the negotiated amount is about 3.6%. We did have some information indicating that it was going to be around 2%. The CAO noted that he attended a meeting earlier today with representatives from Public Safety Canada and provincial representatives from Public Safety and it was all about contract negotiations. The representative that was there did argue on our behalf, but Public Safety Canada is taking a very strong stance on the issue. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) are negotiating, but the deadline is coming up (May 15, 2023) on whether or not we want to choose to pay it out over two years or pay the full amount. The CAO added that we have put out a resolution to include information that we need to have contract negotiations in the future, and we need to get that message out.

Councillor Chandler asked if the project in question was the fact that there was a variance from the originally alluded to 2% to 3.6% or is the main challenge that it is happening at all. The CAO replied that from the FCM and FPEIM standpoint, it was because we were not invited to the table for the negotiations. There was no discussion or limited discussion with the municipalities across Canada. However, the CAO felt that a compromise

could have been made if they had come back to the municipalities and said what we estimated and what you actually need to pay are different, and maybe reimburse the difference, but he doesn't think they are going to even look at that difference.

Councillor Dowling noted that because the RCMP has unionization - whereas in the past they didn't – this increase is going to be carried forward to the higher cost to all municipalities that are served by the RCMP in future, including any further negotiated increases. Councillor Dowling felt that this may cause some municipalities to look at other options for policing services and that may cause them to lose some contracts 'down the road.' He added that he is not speaking from Stratford's experience nor is he suggesting that we look at other options. However, we will watch other municipalities that may make the decision to look at other options and what benefits might be derived from that. This is a decision that the RCMP Administration and national body has made in relation to the hard line stance they have taken in relation to these unexpected increases for all municipalities. Again, Councillor Dowling noted that he is not speaking about the Stratford experience.

Question: **CARRIED**

b) Resolution CW011-2023 – Correspondence Policy

Moved by Councillor Ron Dowling

Seconded by Councillor Jody Jackson

WHEREAS in 2003 a policy was drafted to deal with incoming and outgoing Town Correspondence; and

WHEREAS it was determined that the current policy is outdated and should be repealed and replaced with the attached updated Correspondence Policy.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached updated Correspondence Policy, Policy # CW011-2023, be hereby approved and that Policy # 2003-FA-01, be hereby repealed.

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

Question: **CARRIED**

15. SUSTAINABILITY

a) Report

Councillor Gordie Cox gave an overview of his report as follows:

There was a brief update on a recent meeting with members of the Stratford business community. This was the first time that an attempt was made for an in-person meeting since before Covid, and the discussion was facilitated with a report summary to follow. It is hoped that this meeting will be a catalyst towards getting some renewed energy and regular activity amongst the business community and further consultation will be held soon through an online survey to the business community.

A discussion was held about lawn naturalization after a recent inquiry from a resident. Councillor Cox noted that the committee had a very good discussion on the issue at the May 3, 2023, meeting. Staff provided some background information and shared some resources, including some examples found in other municipalities. The overall discussion was positive though it was recognized that this is something that requires a more in-depth look before any decisions could be made. Staff agreed to discuss the issue further internally but did advise that any potential for proceeding would be anticipated to take up to 12 months to complete and is not currently on anyone's immediate workplan.

A community fridge is planned to be opened later this month and will be operated by 'Gifts from the Heart.' It is located next to the Stratford Public Library on Hopeton Road. A food drive will be held Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Mike and Andreea's No Frills, and we encourage residents to come out and support this initiative.

Pondside watershed restoration work will be getting underway this spring with Moore's Pond work being completed. At this time, it is not clear as to when Kelly's Pond work will proceed, as it will be completed in tandem with a project that the province needs to complete under the Keppoch Road.

Residents are reminded that they can continue to access a free home energy audit, as well as assistance to navigate their financing, rebates, and energy projects through the Switch Stratford Program. However, all funds to finance projects have been utilized.

The Residential Tree Planting Program is currently underway with 50 trees being planted this spring on properties in Stratford.

Water School (also known as Water's Cool) had 12 days of classes in Stratford for Stratford and Charlottetown students, and a further four days of programming in Cornwall. Approximately 700 grade 5 students benefited from this water conservation program this year.

Staff is busy under the sustainability file with a variety of projects underway, and we look forward to welcoming a few summer students as well to assist with the workload.

Councillor Jackson noted that the Stratford and Area Watershed Improvement Group (SAWIG) membership drive will take place next Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Cotton Park. He added that it is also a great way of supporting the watershed group.

Deputy Mayor Gallant asked about the community fridge and the community and business engagement manager Wendy Watts replied that Gifts from the Heart is waiting for Maritime Electric to hook the building up to power. They won't be ready to go until they have electricity. Councillor Cox felt that he is looking forward to having the community fridge in our Town. The community and business engagement manager noted that once she has more information on the community fridge, she will pass it along to Council. Mayor Ogden took a moment to commend Wendy for all the work she has done in regard to the community fridge.

16. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- a) No Report – there was no meeting since the last Council meeting

Mayor Ogden stated that there were meetings with the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay and our two MLAs for Stratford, and he felt they were both very positive meetings. He felt that we need to maintain these relationships as they are very important.

Councillor Jackson asked when we could expect to see the results of the resident survey and the community and business engagement manager replied that they are currently working through the data, and she felt the consultant would be ready to do a presentation by mid-June.

Councillor Chandler noted that with the recent transit survey, Council was able to see the actual responses outside of the presentation, and she asked if Council will get to see the actual comments from the resident survey in addition to the presentation. The community and business engagement manager replied that we do have access to all of the data. She noted that the consultant will highlight trends that they are noticing at the presentation, but we do receive all of the comments.

17. HUMAN RESOURCES

Nil

18. INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil

19. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Senior's Complex

- Kitchen cabinets have arrived, and the work will start the first week of June
- Hallway and common room carpet have been installed and looks great
- Request for tender for building assessment and capital replacement plan update has been sent out and will close on May 25, 2023
- Senior working paper file is with the auditors; and
- We currently have 22 people on the waiting list.

Deputy Mayor Gallant felt that it would be great if 'down the road' we could have another building like the one on Mutch Drive, in conjunction with Canada Mortgage and Housing (CMHC) to help look after our seniors. Mayor Ogden noted that this was one of the issues we discussed with the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, and he was quite interested in the fact that our current agreement with CMHC will expire in 2025, and that we would like to have it renewed. We would also like to use the same model going forward with a new facility somewhere in the Town because it is definitely needed.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Nil

21. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

22. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

23. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Steve Ogden

Jeremy Crosby, CAO