

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2022
Approved Minutes

DATE: May 11, 2022

TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 6:34 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Derek Smith; Darren MacDougall; Jill Burridge; Steve Gallant; Gail MacDonald; Jeremy Crosby, CAO; Kevin Reynolds, Director of Planning; Kim O’Connell, Director of Finance and Technology; Jeannie Gallant, Acting Director of Infrastructure; and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Wendy Watts, Community and Business Engagement Manager; and Jeremy Pierce, Director of Recreation, Culture, and Events

GUESTS: Corporal Mike Lutley, RCMP

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 who were 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

No declarations were made.

Councillor Smith noted that although he did seek legal advice regarding the Switch program and was advised he would not be in a conflict of interest, due to his position as a Councillor he has decided to withdraw from the program.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow and seconded by Councillor Derek Smith that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion Carried.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Derek Smith and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow that the Regular Council Minutes of April 13, 2022, be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

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 briefly reviewed the report as follows:

- Nurse's Week May 9 to 15. A shout out to all of our wonderful Nurses who do an amazing job. All the caregivers who give of themselves to take care of others
- Family Violence Week May 9 - 15. This is the 30th Annual Purple Ribbon Campaign Against Violence, and we also remember the Montreal Massacre of December 6, 1989
- Had the pleasure of welcoming Easter Seals Ambassador Vaeda Matheson to Stratford to kick off the Easter Seals fundraising initiative
- Along with the CAO and the recreation director - met with members of the Duffy family to plan an event to honour the late Cheryl Duffy who was instrumental in founding the Stratford Youth Centre
- Attended the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities (FPEIM) semi-annual meeting
- Participated in the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce Annual General meeting
- Along with Council and Staff – participated in the CMHC Housing Supply Challenge discussion
- Met with provincial officials and representatives of a religious group seeking a location for a place of worship
- Was interviewed on two occasions by CBC regarding the rehabilitation of Kelly's Pond and the recent Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (IRAC) decision
- Spoke with several residents to discuss various issues
- Attended internal meetings and looked after the day to day affairs of the Town.

Deputy Mayor Clow asked about the meeting with the curling club and Mayor Ogden stated that the meeting was a fact finding meeting and there will be some further discussion at a later time. The CAO added that they are still interested in locating on the community campus land and they are going to come back with a draft business plan.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) REPORT

The CAO noted that the following meetings and town business that he dealt with during the month of March are as follows:

- Met with the Charlottetown Area Development Corporation (CADC) regarding the waterfront development plan
- Met with John Dewey FPEIM regarding municipal funding
- Attended the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding announcement for Town and Utility projects
- Met with legal counsel regarding the Landfest Company Ltd IRAC decision
- Attending the April Planning Board meeting
- Met with Nevin Jay regarding the Forest Trail Subdivision
- Attended a revenue sharing meeting
- Met with Mayor Ogden and Councillor Burrbridge regarding planning and development matters
- Attended a virtual meeting with representatives from the Canadian Congress on diversity
- Met with Council regarding the midpoint evaluation of the 2017 Prevention and Police Services Model Review
- Held Town Planner interviews
- Attended the March Town Council meeting
- Attended a meeting to discuss the Southport Motel redevelopment proposal
- Attended the PEI Environment Committee meeting
- Met with members of the Sikh community
- Conducted interviews for a forest inventory assistant
- Attended the FPEIM Annual General Meeting
- Attended the CADC Board meeting
- Met with senior executives from the Stratford Credit Union
- Met with representatives from the curling club.

In addition to the above, worked on the waterfront development plan, the community campus plan, planning related matters including several potential developments, departmental plans, the business park expansion, and the Bunbury forest land acquisition. Also worked on HR related issues including the search for a new town planner. In addition, attended to Town and Utility related business as required.

The CAO was pleased to report that Mr. Dale McKeigan was hired as the new Town Planner.

9. SAFETY SERVICES

a) No Report

The committee did not meet in April.

Councillor Smith stated that before he starts his report he has an announce to make.

He wished to inform the public that the Town of Stratford is encouraging the public to feed the bees this year. In order to do this the Town has asked homeowners not to mow their lawns for the month of May. However, as the chairperson of Safety Services, he pointed out that if you don't cut your lawn you should wear long pants and long sleeved shirts, as well as boots when you walk in the long grass. This is because there are deer ticks on PEI, and it is a known fact that these deer ticks may carry Lyme Disease. In short, help the bees in the best way possible, but also look after your family's health.

b) Street Lights

There are still a number of requests coming in and they will be reviewed by the Safety Services Committee.

c) RCMP Report

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

Councillor Smith stated that there was a total of nine traffic collisions and six of those had reportable damages. In speaking with Corporal Lutley he doesn't believe there are any trouble spots but felt the Esso corner is an area to keep an eye on.

There were 54 tickets issued for the month of April. The RCMP received six calls under the Mental Health Act and three were brought to the hospital for further assessment.

The RCMP responded to 12 reports of theft under \$5000 in the month of April. Two of the files are still under investigation, five are unfounded, four have insufficient evidence to proceed and one was solved.

There were 72 index checks for the month of April. The RCMP also responded to 13 false alarm calls.

Corporal Lutley was asked to explain a wellbeing check and he replied that sometimes family members who do not live on the Island can't reach a family member for an extended period of time, and due to their concern they ask that we check on them.

Councillor Smith noted that Edward Smith is our new clerk and is now working full time at the Stratford detachment.

Corporal Lutley noted that the new Commanding Officer is coming from Newfoundland, and he is expected to be here by late summer or early fall.

Councillor Gallant asked about the Capture Program – Corporal Lutley noted that Constable Sanders is the lead on the capture program, and he continues to work with Ottawa to make it a reality. It is a work in progress, and it is a priority for the RCMP to get the program off the ground.

E-Watch was explained by Councillor Steve Gallant. He noted that we should also have it in Stratford, and Corporal Lutley agreed that the more cameras we have the better. Mayor Ogden asked the chair of Safety Services to add it to their next meeting agenda and go from there. He also asked Corporal Lutley to attend the Safety Services meeting if he was available, and Councillor Gallant could also attend. Councillor Smith noted that he will add it to his agenda to get the process started.

Corporal Lutley noted that Officer Cabana has been to the school and spoke with both staff and students about bicycle safety and informed them that children are legally allowed to drive bikes on the sidewalks – especially the younger children.

Councillor Gallant stated that the visibility has gone up quite a bit and it is great to see.

d) Humane Society Report

The report for the month of April was included in the agenda package. It was a standard month for the Humane Society.

e) Transit

The transit graph report for the month of April was included in the agenda package. Councillor Smith stated that with the price of gas he felt the numbers would be higher. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that a lot of people are walking and biking now.

f) Cross Roads Fire Department

The report for the month of April was included in the agenda package. Also included in the package is the fire chief's report which Councillor Smith reviewed.

g) Resolution SS002 – 2022 Temporary Speed Hump Policy - Adoption

Moved by Councillor Derek Smith

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow

WHEREAS The Town of Stratford is committed to the safety and well-being of its' residents; and

WHEREAS we strive to ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect our residents; and

WHEREAS a Speed Hump Policy has been created to provide a consistent and fair approach to installing speed humps.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Speed Hump Policy, Policy # 2022-SS-01, be hereby adopted.

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

Councillor Gail MacDonald referred to a section in the policy where it states that it could take up to a month to have a street hump installed once a request has been received. She felt that perhaps we shouldn't limit ourselves to a month as it may not be long enough. The CAO replied that it would depend on the type of speed hump a resident is requesting. If it was a permanent speed hump that could take longer than a month. However, this policy just refers to non-permanent speed humps. For a non-permanent speed hump, an assessment is done, and a decision could be made within a few weeks. Councillor Smith added that we also encourage the public to contact the RCMP if there is speeding in an area.

Councillor Burrridge felt that there should be a distinction between the permanent and temporary speed humps, and after a brief discussion the mover and seconder agreed to a friendly amendment to add the word "temporary" to the resolution and the policy for clarification purposes. The CAO noted that the purpose of the policy was to have more information from the residents to help us with our assessments.

The CAO noted that if a resident is looking for a speed hump and contacts a Councillor, they can direct the resident to contact the main office to obtain the paperwork that needs to be completed, or they can go to the Town's website to access the form.

Deputy Mayor Clow asked if the province makes the final decision on permanent speed humps, and the CAO replied that a request for a permanent speed hump would need to be assessed by the province, because they do have the final decision. The CAO noted that we have approximately 26 temporary speed humps and we have been adding more each year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 'Temporary' Speed Hump Policy, Policy # 2022-SS-01, be hereby adopted.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Safety Services Committee.
Question: **CARRIED (as Amended)**

10. RECREATION, CULTURE AND EVENTS

a) Report

The report was included in the agenda package. The following is an overview of projects and items being worked on within the recreation department.

Recreation, Culture, and Events – the committee met on April 28 to discuss topics such as the 2022 capital budget, the waterfront park, the community campus, and the spring and summer maintenance. Also discussed were the gym and fitness centre full re-opening and program updates.

Arts and Culture – the Arts and Culture Sub Committee will hold a special session on May 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

The interactive public art piece for Pondside Park the “Leap” by Stratford artist Gerald Beaulieu is set to be installed later in May. The piece will be a wonderful addition to Pondside Park and will be located at the entrance of the park near Kelly’s Pond. It will be visible to travelers on the Keppoch Road.

Arts and Culture Spring Programming

- Spring 2022 adult art programming (online only)
- The youth art programming *Let’s Get Creative* is an in-person program
- Intermediate watercolour painting class runs from April 9 to June 11, 2022
- Drawing class began on April 4
- Brush stop pre-school program continues until June 7 every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Youth art classes for ages 6-9 and 10-14 operates from April 23 to June 25, 2022.

Events – the next Events Sub-Committee meeting will be held on May 19, 2022. The committee is actively planning Canada Day Celebrations in collaboration with the Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee.

2022 Canada Day Schedule of Events

There will be a full slate of events for Canada Day posted on the Town’s website.

“A Day in the Life of Stratford” Photography Event July 1, 2022

For 24 hours, people are asked to document a moment in the daily life of Stratford. Up to 10 JPEG Photos can be submitted to tcraig@townofstratford.ca by July 4, or on the

Facebook Event Page. Submitted photos will be on public display in the Town Centre's front foyer for the summer and on the Town's Facebook page.

Stratford Youth Centre and Council – The youth centre has three interns from the Youth Worker Program of College de l'sle who will be working for six weeks to assist with the youth centre staff until June 4, 2022. For the month of May, the youth centre will be adding drop-in sessions on Tuesdays while the interns are available.

The Youth Centre Fishing Club will run for five weeks in April and May. The program is open to youth members and their parents. The Youth Centre Garden Club will start meeting in May and will plan and maintain the youth centre garden plot located in the community gardens. All food grown will be donated once it is harvested.

The youth centre will be selling their annual 'Kick Off' summer raffle tickets in May and June. Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and there will be three prizes – first prize is a \$500 Sobey's Gift Card, second prize is a \$250 Sobey's Gift Card, and third prize is a \$100 Sobey's Gift Card.

As a second fundraiser, the youth centre will be collecting donations of gently used items for the month of May to be sold at their annual community yard sale and flea market, which is being held on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Programs – spring/summer program registration is open (summer camp and flag football) and Intro to Sports and U4 soccer registration will open June 1, 2022.

Parks and Sports Fields – Upper MacNeill Field and Bunbury ballfield opened on May 3 and Kinlock field opened on May 4, 2022. Lower MacNeill ballfield remains closed to provide more time for the ground to get firm and for the grass to grow.

Fullerton's multipurpose field opened Tuesday, May 3, and the Keppoch field will open May 11. The Pondsides tennis court nets are set up with Kinlock courts expected to open later this week.

Active Transportation – the Stratford trails are becoming more of a destination for walkers, hikers, and bikers and they are in good condition around the Town. A new lookout is nearing completion on the new active transportation trail on the Keppoch Road and it will provide activists with panoramas of Kinlock Beach and the Northumberland Strait.

Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards – a reminder to everyone that the deadline for nominations is June 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

There was a brief discussion on the waterfront park, and it was noted that the official name of the park will be the Michael Thomas Waterfront Park.

11. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

a) Report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Councillor MacDonald highlighted some items that staff is currently working on:

- Working on government claim forms for year-end
- New Deal audit is in progress
- Working on MCEG Grant for capital purchases for year-end 2022
- Working on year-end and audit file
- Reviewing information for the revenue sharing meeting
- Reviewing fire dues information from other municipalities for future meetings with the fire company
- Working on utility disconnects – the next round of disconnects will be the week of May 24, 2022
- Working with the infrastructure department on land sale from the Town to the business park
- Staff is also busy with day to day duties.

The finance director Kim O'Connell noted that there was an announcement that the provincial government passed legislation that they are going to reduce the provincial portion of the property tax bill for CPI. However, the municipal side will remain the same so it will not affect the Town's budget.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the agenda package for Council to review. Councillor MacDonald reviewed the statements for both March and April 2022.

12. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

a) The report was included in the agenda package for Council to review. Councillor Burrridge noted that there was a discussion at the committee meeting on the application for the subdivision off of Mason Road.

Also discussed was the home occupation in regard to the official plan and the bylaw. The planning director Kevin Reynolds noted that the golf simulator conversation from last month sparked a further investigation into our home occupation bylaw and the planning team is looking at it. There was a line in our old bylaw that gave a little more flexibility to Council on home occupations, but it wasn't carried through to the new bylaw. The planning team asked for some direction from the Planning Board which they received, and they will continue their research. Councillor Gallant asked if Council is losing flexibility because a section of the old bylaw was not carried over and Councillor Burrridge replied

that in the old bylaw it was very defining, and Councillor MacDonald picked up on it. There was a line that said *business and professional uses which in the opinion of Council would not create a nuisance such as traffic generation, noise, and hours of operation*. When they developed the new bylaw they took that line out, and they specifically listed what could be a home occupation. Councillor Burrridge noted that the planning director is going to research what other communities are doing and come back with some examples for both Planning Board and Council.

The Housing Supply Challenge – Councillor Burrridge stated that we opened it up to the Planning Board and there has been some consultation taking place as part of that project which is a unique opportunity for Stratford. She noted that our application has been short listed, but even if our application doesn't go through all the way, the conversations that it spurred are great for our community and we can use it in our official plan review.

Mayor Ogden noted that the Housing Supply Challenge briefing that was given was excellent. He noted that the information and analysis that was provided was very 'eye opening.' Mayor Ogden wondered if the slides from that meeting could be made available to all of the Councillors, and Councillor Burrridge replied that they did a lot of great work, and it was absolutely eye opening. She noted that the meeting that was setup was for Council and the Planning Board, but it may have been a timing thing because there wasn't a great turnout. However, Councillor Burrridge stated that we could try to find another date. She added that the consultations need to be concluded by the end of May so all the information can be gathered and submitted by the June 15, 2022, deadline.

Deputy Mayor Clow asked if the golf simulator business was shut down and the planning director replied that the owners have submitted a formal application to the Town. He noted that when we discussed the resolution at last month's meeting we were pointed to a section of the bylaw that had changed, and we were under the assumption it was still under the old regulations. However, when we looked closer, the section that actually gives Council the authority to consider uses that do not create such things as issues with noise, traffic generation, and hours of operation had been removed from the bylaw. In the old bylaw Council could consider uses that are not listed, but since that clause was removed Council does not have that ability any longer. If you do not have a business that is currently listed in the bylaw – then technically you cannot get a home occupation permit. The planning director added that we felt that the way the official plan is written may have been, in fact, in error. The official plan intended for the Town to be more flexible and give more opportunities for home occupations to exist within the community. He added that we have agreed to take it to the Planning Board to ask if they want us to look into the issue further and see what other jurisdictions are doing and bring the information back with potential recommendations to amending the bylaw. The planning

director stated that in some jurisdictions they list what is not allowed such as retail. He added that if we do choose to open up the process, we will need to have public consultation with the residents to see if they are also in favour of it.

Councillor Gallant asked if we have received any complaints about the golf simulator business and the planning director replied that no formal complaints have been received. Councillor Gallant stated that we know a business is operating in our Town illegally and we are just going to 'let it go,' and Kevin replied that we are reviewing the bylaw to see if we should be amending it or not. Mayor Ogden added that our approach to bylaw enforcement has always been complaint driven. If we receive a complaint we act upon it; we don't actively go out and try to find violations. The golf simulator business has come forward with an application and we are doing our research, so unless we have complaints they will continue to operate because we don't have the resources to go out on a proactive basis.

Councillor Burrridge reiterated that Dale McKeigan has been hired as our new town planner, and it is great to have the extra resource in the planning department.

b) Permit Summary

Included in the agenda package.

c) Resolution PH018-2022 – A002-22 General Text Amendments Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw #45-K – 2nd Reading

Moved by Councillor Jill Burrridge

Seconded by Councillor Darren MacDougall

WHEREAS several text amendments to the Zoning and Development Bylaw #45 have been identified to bring Child Care Facilities up to date with the PEI Government *Early Learning and Child Care Act*. as well as minor text amendments are required to aid in clarification to Section 11.3.6 - Medium Density Residential Zone (R2) for lot coverage, and other text amendments bringing updated language to improve the Zoning and Development Bylaw #45; and

WHEREAS a public meeting was held on March 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., and due to current COVID-19 gathering restrictions, this public meeting was limited to 25 people but was also live-streamed on the Town's Facebook and YouTube. Residents were given until March 30, 2022, to submit their comments; and

WHEREAS no comments were received from the public regarding the required text amendments.

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw #45-K, a bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, Bylaw #45, be hereby read and approved a second time.

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

Question: **CARRIED**

d) Resolution PH019-2022 – A002-22 General Text Amendments Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw #45-K – Adoption

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge

Seconded by Councillor Darren MacDougall

WHEREAS Bylaw #45-K, a bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, Bylaw #45, was read and approved a first time on April 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS Bylaw #45-K, a bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, Bylaw #45, was read and approved a second time on May 11, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw #45-K, a bylaw to amend the Town of Stratford Zoning and Development Bylaw, Bylaw #45, 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: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Heritage Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

e) Resolution PH020-2022 – New Street Name Request – Trans Canada Highway Roundabout Connecting Streets

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge

Seconded by Councillor Gary Clow

WHEREAS a new roundabout constructed on the Trans-Canada Highway will add two new streets constructed to connect Mackinnon Drive and Shakespeare Drive to the Trans-Canada Highway; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Sub-Committee has suggested the following street name:

- Lottie Way – Connecting to MacKinnon (South Side TCH)
- Lorne Drive – Connecting to Shakespeare (North Side TCH)

WHERE Around 1930, the land on which the road will be built was bought by Lorne and Lottie Kelly. He farmed the property until the mid-1950s.

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to the following street name for connection between Mackinnon Drive and Shakespeare Drive:

- Lottie Way – Connecting to MacKinnon (South Side TCH)
- Lorne Drive – Connecting to Shakespeare (North Side TCH)

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

Question: **CARRIED**

13. INFRASTRUCTURE

a) Report

The report was included in the package. Deputy Mayor Clow highlighted some of the items from the report:

Keppoch Road Multi-Use Trail – the contractor will be returning to the site to complete the landscaping and repairs in the next couple of weeks.

Pondside Watershed Restoration – McCullough Environmental Engineering continues to work on the design and plans for the restoration work. As the permit to lower the ponds has not yet been received, it may be June before this occurs. Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group (SAWIG) continues to provide support and input on the project, as well as the PEI Invasive Species Council.

Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Strategy – the department continues to monitor the sanitary sewer infrastructure to identify areas where repairs are needed to reduce the surface and ground water from infiltrating the system.

New Water Reservoir – staff has identified inaccuracies in pipe sizes used in the model by the consultant. The model and report are being reviewed by the consultant to confirm the findings of the size of the new reservoir required. Once complete, an RFP will be issued for design services.

Community Campus Site Servicing – CBCL is working on the design of the water, sewer, storm, electrical, roads, and active transportation for the campus. They anticipate being ready for tender in July, with the expectation that construction will begin in August.

Infrastructure staff has been busy with the following:

- Spring cleanup of properties, flower beds, and trails is ongoing
- Tools and equipment have been moved into the dry storage building at 21 Hollis Avenue
- Hiring process for summer staff positions
- Hiring process for part-time custodian position
- Tender preparation for capital equipment and vehicle purchases
- Preparation of workplans for the 2022/23 fiscal year
- Bylaw complaints and investigations are ongoing
- Water system sampling and maintenance is ongoing; and
- Water and sewer inspections and water turn-ons for development is on-going.

During the month of April there were no major sewer or water emergencies. A check valve in the Calloway pump station failed and resulted in the pumps not being able to pump out the chamber. The issue was resolved temporarily and will be permanently corrected by the end of the day on Monday, May 9, 2022.

b) Resolution INC003-2022 – Municipal Strategic Component of the Canada Community Building Fund

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow

Seconded by Councillor Darren MacDougall

WHEREAS the Bunbury Sewage Pump Station Upgrade was approved in the capital budget for \$350,000, contingent on funding, and has been selected for submission for funding under the Municipal Strategic Component (MSC) of the Canada Community Building Fund; and

WHEREAS the Stratford Utility is applying to the MSC program for funding in the amount of \$175,000, as priority #1 under this program, to be reviewed in May by the Project Review Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the application for funding for \$175,000 under the Municipal Strategic Component of the Canada Community Building Fund be approved. In addition, Council understands and commits that it will be responsible for its' designated share of the eligible costs of the project and will assume responsibility for any and all operating and maintenance costs resulting from the project.

Discussion: Acting infrastructure director Jeannie Gallant noted that this was part of the Town's capital budget, so it was not taken to the committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

15. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

- a) The report was included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDougall noted that he had technical difficulties at the last meeting but has since reviewed the report. He gave an overview of the report noting that there was an update on the municipal natural assets initiative. Using the funding from the Climate Challenge fund, a recent graduate was hired to help us with the project, and she will help coordinate with the consultant that we will be hiring.

Councillor MacDougall noted that there was an update on the Switch Program, which continues to be heavily utilized by our residents.

There was also an update on the Bunbury Forest; the community campus; the sustainable procurement project and the Kelly's Pond watershed restoration. Other items discussed by the committee were the business community strategic planning; and the climate change/resiliency and net zero funding opportunities.

Councillor Smith noted that there is a new ice cream shop called 'What's the Scoop' in the Town, and it is doing extremely well.

b) Resolution SC001-2022 – Switch Program Bylaw Amendment – 1st Reading

Moved by Councillor Darren MacDougall

Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith

WHEREAS the Switch program currently has a requirement to register a lien on each property participating in the program; and

WHEREAS after careful review of section 162 subsection (4) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) where it states: *All unpaid municipal utility charges and accrued interest, or other expenses or costs incurred by a municipality in relation to a property or levied on a property, constitute a lien on the real property in respect of which the service was provided, the expenditure was made, or the charge was levied, that has priority over every claim, privilege, or encumbrance of every person, except the Crown, against that property until payment in full is made; and*

WHEREAS by removing the requirement to register the lien on the property this provides less of a barrier for residents to participate in the program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Bylaw # 52-A, a bylaw to amend the Switch Program Bylaw (Bylaw # 52), be hereby read and approved a first time.

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

Question: **CARRIED**

16. ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

- a) No Report. Mayor Ogden noted that we haven't been able to get a quorum recently in order to hold a meeting. He did note that we are preparing to meet with Premier Dennis King, the Minister of Finance Darlene Compton, and our local MLA James Aylward.

17. HUMAN RESOURCES

Nil

18. INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil

19. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Community Seniors

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that the spring maintenance is being completed at the complex and a review of the capital items on the replacement plan will be scheduled for this year.

The draft financial statements are ready to be reviewed by the Seniors Committee and Council.

Deputy Mayor Clow also noted that we have received a call from the North Shore Seniors asking us to send people their way to fill vacant units.

b) Community Campus Implementation Committee

Resolution CC001-2022 Adoption of the Community Campus Master Plan

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow

WHEREAS in 2018, the long-term vision for the community campus was unveiled to more than 150 residents at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS in 2019, the Community Campus Planning Committee further engaged the community about desired elements and amenities for the Campus; and

WHEREAS Council has been laying the groundwork for improvements by advocating to the province for new school infrastructure while also adding capacity to its current recreational facilities. The consultant has completed the planning process to provide the amenities that the growing town needs: such as schools, sports facilities, and gathering places—all nestled together in a Community Campus on 170 acres of land purchased by the Town; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this Community Campus Plan is to develop a site plan with all elements and amenities laid out in accordance with their relationship to one another. Rather than just being a utilitarian space, to which students, residents, and families drive to pursue singular activities, the Campus should become the heart of civic life in Stratford. Its form and function will be able to evolve to continuously be a relevant public space for the use of the people. The Campus should be able to grow over time and to adapt to changes in philosophies of work, education, and recreation as they emerge over time; and

WHEREAS Upland Planning + Design was engaged to develop a plan for the community campus area lands, including engaging citizens in the design to establish a community vision for a future community campus; and

WHEREAS the resulting Community Campus Plan will provide the Town of Stratford with a plan to help guide the design and development of the campus that will include a high school, recreational/cultural facilities, active transportation network, sport fields and additional community development space.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Community Campus Plan prepared by Upland Planning & Design be hereby adopted.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Community Campus Implementation Committee. Councillor BurrIDGE noted that this is a conceptual master plan and there is a lot of detail, but there is also a lot of flexibility. People will now be able to see how it will proceed over time. It is a plan and now we can understand the footprint at this point in time. Upland has done a fantastic job and has laid out the pieces in the most logical way.

Mayor Ogden noted that the committee members were experts in their different fields, as well as the involvement of residents, and that is likely why the plan is so acceptable. It is something to work towards into the future.

Councillor Gallant added that it is a great vision by the committee and a win-win for the Town.

There was a brief discussion on the Town not having an ice surface and Councillor Burrridge noted that when the Town was first formed it was a bedroom community, and right beside Charlottetown. However, it has since grown to 11,000 people.

20. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE

a) Resolution CW006 – 2022 Committee Member Appointment

**Moved by Councillor Jill Burrridge
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow**

WHEREAS Council has established Standing Committees and Sub-Committees to those Standing Committees in Bylaw #47, the Council Procedural 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 the Heritage Sub- Committee has a vacancy.

BE IT RESOLVED that Natalie Munn be appointed to the Heritage Sub-Committee for the remainder of the two-year term ending November 30, 2022.

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

Question: **CARRIED**

21. PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ogden noted that May 31 is World Non-Smoking Day, and he would like to encourage residents to observe this day.

22. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

23. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Steve Ogden

Jeremy Crosby, CAO