

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2020

Approved Minutes

DATE: May 13, 2020
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

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

REGRETS: Nil

CHAIR: Mayor Steve Ogden

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Ogden called the Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Gail MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Steve Gallant the agenda be approved as circulated.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Gail MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Steve Gallant that the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2020 to approve the budget be approved. It was moved by Councillor Jill Burridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow that the Regular Monthly Council Minutes of April 8, 2020 be approved.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

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6. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Following is a list of Zoom/virtual meetings attended by the Mayor since the last Council meeting:

- Weekly Covid-19 COW Zoom meetings: April 14, 21, 28, May 5 and May 12, 2020
- High school planning teleconference with provincial officials: April 16
- Zoom meeting with the Newcomers Association and other municipal officers: April 24, May 1, and May 8
- Teleconference with Minister Fox regarding public meetings: April 30
- Call with Dr. Morrison, Chief Public Health Officer: May 4

7. **SAFETY SERVICES**

a) **Report**

No written report.

b) **Street Light Report**

Nil

c) **RCMP**

Councillor Smith noted that the statistics are included in the agenda package and noted that Covid-19 has had an effect on the statistics.

Councillor Smith stated that he wanted to make a few points regarding policing in the Town. The first point is a message from the RCMP – they are extremely grateful for all the thoughts, gifts, and prayers that they received from the people of Stratford during the time of the Nova Scotia incident. They are gracious and humbled by everything they have received. The second point is criminal records check – there will be a new way of doing criminal records check from this point forward because of the backlog that they will have. This might cause delays in the way these checks are done, but there will be a new system in place when they get back online. Also, because of the situation we are facing there are new rules for policing duties, and this is basically for the safety of the officers and the public when dealing with the public and the spread of the virus.

The RCMP has one Stratford member who is trained in emergency situations and they have offered this officer to meet with groups of citizens and Town Hall staff to go over what should be done in the case of an emergency. So that is available to us if we choose to use it.

Councillor Smith noted that there is a new RCMP officer in Stratford and his name is Constable Matthew Muirhead. He is from New Brunswick and he has six years of service

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and is a well-trained officer. Constable Muirhead is bilingual which fills our requirement for the Stratford area. As a point of interest, Constable Muirhead started work on May 1 and as of May 12 had picked up three impaired drivers.

Councillor Smith took a moment to thank the residents of Stratford for their cooperation in obeying the safety guidelines and asked the community to keep up the good work.

Councillor Burrridge noted that there are some residents calling and she would like to get some clarification in regards to gatherings in parks and who is responsible for enforcing the non-compliance. She would like to have clarification so she can tell residents who they should call when they see people not complying with the rules. Councillor Smith replied that the first response is to call the RCMP who will then go to the area and check it out and if required will be forwarded to the Department of Environment for further investigation. Councillor Smith noted that there are only so many RCMP officers on duty at one time and the calls are dealt with on a priority basis with 911 calls being priority one and must be responded to immediately. Jeremy Crosby added that he also sent an email to public health to get clarification, so we can be sure we are all clear on how things should work. He noted that he did get an initial response back yesterday, but he did have additional questions, but he should have some information for Council very soon. Mayor Ogden noted that as soon as we get the clarification it should also be given to residents.

d) Humane Society Report

No written report. Councillor Smith noted that Council did decide to suspend this year's dog license and honour last year's license. We do ask those who have a new dog that they call the Town Centre and get their pet registered. This is to track the dog if he/she gets lost in an effort to help the owner get their pet back.

e) Transit

Ridership is way down and this is to be expected due to Covid-19. For the next few months the numbers will remain low due to the existing situation. Jeremy Crosby added that there is a federal program that the transit service provider is looking into, as it may be able to assist with the staffing of the busses, and he will advise use if he is able to access the funds.

f) Cross Roads Fire Department

The numbers are fairly normal for this time of year (included in the agenda package). Councillor Smith noted that negotiations for the fire hall lease are currently on-going.

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6 **RECREATION, CULTURE, AND EVENTS**

Committees - Councillor Gallant noted that the report was included in the agenda package. The Recreation, Culture, and Events Committee and the sub-committees have not been meeting in person or virtual since early March. The committee members are being kept abreast of what is happening through email updates and we do look forward to holding committee meetings again in the near future.

Closures - During these unfortunate and unprecedented times, Stratford has taken precautionary measures to support stopping the spread of the coronavirus by closing facilities around Town. Playgrounds, tennis courts, multi-use courts, Town Centre gymnasium, community centres, and the skate park have all been temporarily closed. The Town looks forward to re-opening each of these locations, along with sport fields in the coming weeks and months.

Events - Planning for Canada Day 2020 was well underway with groups, organizations, businesses, and suppliers all contacted and confirmed prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. On May 4, Heritage Canada announced that all Canada Day celebrations must be virtual and must comply with all COVID-19 restrictions. All planning to date had to be changed and re-worked to ensure public safety. Canada Day 2020 will be very different from what we offered in pre-COVID-19 times. The Town of Stratford is working diligently to re-plan Canada Day to make it a memorable event. Likewise, future events such as Fall Fest and Remembrance Day have begun contingency planning in the event that large outdoor gatherings are still not permitted.

Stratford Youth Centre - The Stratford Youth Centre has focused on engaging its 59 youth members online since our pandemic closure in March. A number of programs were switched to online through email, social media and Zoom; however, with warmer weather approaching, it is becoming more and more difficult to keep youth engaged online. They are spending more time outside and away from their screens, which is a great thing to see.

Trails - The numerous trails within Stratford have been well utilized over the past couple of months. More and more people are out walking, running, and biking, and it is wonderful to see the Stratford trail system being so readily utilized and appreciated by Stratford residents.

Staff has been doing some maintenance and painting to the Town Centre while they have the opportunity to do so.

b) Resolution REC002-2020 – Fullerton’s Creek Conservation Park Multi-Use Building and Natural Playground Tender Award

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Moved by Councillor Steve Gallant
Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith

WHEREAS the Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park Multi-Use Building tender closed on January 15, 2020 and the Natural Playground tender closed on April 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS the following tenders were received for the Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park Multi-Use Building (HST excluded):

Contractor/Company	Tender Price (HST Excluded)
MacLean's Construction	\$235,000
WMM Ltd.	\$131,600
Sperra	\$168,600

AND WHEREAS the following tender was received for the Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park Natural Playground (HST excluded):

Contractor/Company	Tender Price (HST Excluded)
Cobequid Trail Consulting	\$100,000

AND WHEREAS this is a joint initiative with the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Government of Canada through the Investing in Canada Program (ICIP); and

WHEREAS a capital budget of \$240,000 was approved for the Fullerton's Creek Conservation Park Multi-Use Building & Natural Playground project of which the Town's portion is \$64,720 with the remainder being funded by the Federal and Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the remaining \$8,400 will be used for to safeguard future expenses related to the project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town accept the bid of \$131,600 by WMM Ltd. for the construction of the Multi-Use Building and the bid of \$100,000 by the Cobequid Trail Consulting for the design and construction of the Natural Playground.

WHEREAS the remaining \$8,400 will be used for to safeguard future expenses related to the project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town accept the bid of \$131,600 by WMM Ltd. for the construction of the Multi-Use Building and the bid of \$100,000 by the Cobequid Trail Consulting for the design and construction of the Natural Playground.

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Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of Recreation, Culture and Events Committee via email poll.

Councillor MacDonald asked if the Town has used Cobequid Trail Consulting in the past and Councillor Gallant replied that it is the same company that did the playground equipment for Glen Stewart School. Councillor BurrIDGE added that it is also the company that built the Bonshaw Park.

Councillor MacDonald noted that the price seems extremely reasonable (\$100,000) for both design and construction, and Jeremy Pierce stated that the \$100,000 includes the design, the consultation that we will have with the community, and the construction.

Councillor Gallant stated that he had been at the grand opening of the Glen Stewart Playground and he was very impressed with their equipment and the way it is used. It is a little different, but the kids really seemed to enjoy the playground. Councillor Smith asked if the public art that is going into Fullerton's Marsh was part of this same contract and Councillor Smith replied that would be a different contact. Jeremy Pierce added that the public art piece currently being created is by artist Gerald Beaulieu.

For clarification, Councillor BurrIDGE noted that each year we allot \$15,000 to an art piece within the Town, and she asked if this \$15,000 was from this year or last year, and Jeremy Pierce replied that it was from last year. He added that we currently have \$15,000 for another art project this year.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that every year we put money in the budget for upgrades to the playgrounds. Jeremy Pierce agreed that we have a park development budget within our operations, and also some capital money for various parks. He added that we do have various projects earmarked for this year, including Clearview Park.

Mayor Ogden wondered if we had any references for WM&M, or do we know anything about their track record? Jeremy Crosby replied that we have done quite a bit of work with this company in the past and they are very well qualified to do the work.

Question: **CARRIED**

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b) Resolution REC003-2020 - Pondside Park Multi-Use Court Upgrade Tender Award

Moved by Councillor Steve Gallant

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow

WHEREAS the Pondside Park Multi-Use Court Upgrade tender closed on December 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS the following lone tender was received for the Pondside Park Multi-Use Court Upgrade (HST excluded):

Contractor/Company	Tender Price (HST Excluded)
Island Coastal	\$114,085

AND WHEREAS this is a joint initiative with the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Government of Canada through the Investing in Canada Program (ICIP); and

AND WHEREAS a capital budget of \$115,000 was approved for the Pondside Park Multi-Use Court Upgrade project of which the Town's portion is \$60,200 with the remainder being funded by the federal and provincial government.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town accept the bid of \$114,085 by Island Coastal for the construction of the Pondside Park Multi-Use Court.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of Recreation, Culture and Events Committee via email poll.

Councillor Smith understands this project is more for older children and adults to use and Jeremy Pierce replied that the multi-use court would have something for people of all ages. Councillor Smith asked if it would be fair to say this is the first one of its' kind in Stratford, and if it is a success, we could look at adding more to the parks around Stratford. Jeremy replied that it would be fair to say it is the first one of its' kind in Stratford, and added that something that is multi-functional tends to be well received.

Councillor Burrridge asked if there was a site plan to indicate where the pad will be placed in Pondside Park and Jeremy Pierce replied that the existing site (an aging pad) where we have the outdoor rink in the winter is going to be decommissioned and we will replace the surface and put up

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new fencing and add the five basketball nets. It will be designed so that two basketball games can be going on at the same time, or one basketball game and a road hockey game. It will also be utilized in the winter as an outdoor skating rink. Councillor Burrridge asked if lighting was included as an additional option in the tender package, but unfortunately it came in at approximately \$21,500. However, we have the engineering specifications, so it can be added in the future. Temporary lighting was set up this past winter and that could be a possibility again for the fall. Councillor Burrridge noted that we did have a few complaints about the lighting, and Jeremy noted that we will take it into consideration.

Mayor Ogden noted that the big issue for him at Pondside Park is the parking. He felt that it needed to be paved and he would like Council to look at it as part of next year's budget.

Question: **CARRIED**

6. **FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

a) Report

Included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald noted that staff has been busy with the following tasks:

- April Utility bills are out so staff has been busy processing payments and helping customers get set up with E-billing; we currently have 371 customers registered.
- The 2020/21 budget numbers have been incorporated into Townsuite.
- Senior's audit is underway.
- Update capital project and operating initiatives spreadsheet for 2020/21.
- Employee portal is set up in Townsuite and we are working on getting staff and council switched over to the portal so all paystubs can be accessed electronically.
- Working on year end for the Town, the Utility, and the Stratford Business Park.
- Working on asset management.
- Attending many weekly Zoom meetings with managers and staff.
- Working on operational plans for the Town office.
- The Unsightly Bylaw brochure was updated and will be included in the Town's welcome packages and we will have some on hand at the office.
- Phones have been busy with questions about Renew PEI phase in plan, unsightly premises, and complaints.
- Summer staff is starting and they are being set up in the system for payroll.
- Working on ordering Covid-19 supplies such as cleaning products and social distancing signage.

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- The dog canvasser program was reviewed and it will not be going ahead in 2020 due to Covid-19. We are going to analyze the program and consider changes for future years.
- Researching essential worker program specifications to see if any of our workers qualify for the program.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the agenda package. Councillor MacDonald briefly reviewed the financial statements.

7. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND HERITAGE

a) Report

Councillor BurrIDGE noted that staff is reviewing applications for the planning technician. This position will be 36 weeks - permanent part time, and we are hoping to hold some virtual interviews for the position next week. Also on the work plan is an official plan review, and the town planner Blaine Yatabe is setting up a framework document. Staff members from other departments have been asked for their comments on certain sections and they hope to have a framework draft approved next week that will then be forwarded to the planning board and Council for review and comments. Permit submissions are being accepted and processed so they can be given to developers once we are allowed to do so. Councillor BurrIDGE noted that 20 applications were received in the planning department this week. We are still waiting for direction from the province regarding public meetings, as they are quite important for some developments in order for them to move forward with their projects. We hope to be allowed to have some virtual meetings, along with written submissions to make sure consultation is all inclusive. Councillor BurrIDGE added that planning staff is also working on an operational plan for the department in preparation of the office re-opening.

Mayor Ogden plans to put a call into Minister Thompson, and asked Robert if he had a response from the provincial government regarding clarification of how we can meet the requirements of a public meeting under the Municipal Government Act (MGA). Robert replied that he did speak to the manager of Municipal Affairs and was told it was Agriculture and Land's responsibility to make any amendments, so he has a call into the provincial planner and he should hear back from him today.

b) Permit Summary

The permit summary was included in the agenda package and the director of planning gave an overview of the summary noting that he is anticipating that we will catch up to where we were this time last year. However, he is uncertain what the end of May will look like.

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c) **Resolution PH008-2020 – Bylaw #50 – A – General Amendments – Town of Stratford**
Building Bylaw #50 - 2nd Reading

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge

Seconded by Councillor Derek Smith

WHEREAS since the Building Bylaw, Bylaw #50 has been approved, the Province has since approved the Building Code Act Regulations, and the latest version of these Regulations have created a couple of conflicts with our Building Bylaw #50 which need to be corrected.

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw #50-A, a Bylaw to amend the Building Bylaw #50, be hereby read and approved a second time.

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

Question: **CARRIED**

d) **Resolution PH009-2020 – Bylaw #50 – A – General Amendments – Town of Stratford**
Building Bylaw #50 – Adoption

Moved by Councillor Jill Burridge

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow

WHEREAS Bylaw #50-A, a Bylaw to amend the Building Bylaw #50 was given first reading and approved by Council on April 8th, 2020; and

WHEREAS Bylaw #50-A, a Bylaw to amend the Building Bylaw #50 was given second reading and approved by Council on May 13th, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that Building Bylaw Amendment, Bylaw #50-A, 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 Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

8. INFRASTRUCTURE

a) **Report**

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

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Wastewater Treatment Plant Update – the annual spring turnover of the lagoon system has started, and some odours are beginning to be noticed. We are still exploring the option of removing the sludge from cell#2 which could help reduce some of the odour issues. Thankfully, this should be the last year residents will have to deal with odour issues coming from the lagoons.

Wastewater Collection System to the Charlottetown Pollution Control Plant – Work continues on the pump station, with approximately 60% of the structure's shell complete. Birch Hill is completing the expansion joint replacement on the bridge, while structural work under the bridge is being done in preparation for pipe installation. The directional drilling contractor, Nella arrived from Quebec and will begin the horizontal directional drilled pipe installation this week, and it is anticipated to take five to six weeks.

Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Strategy – Twelve manholes were repaired to prevent the infiltration of groundwater into the sewer system, and 200 manholes were inspected to identify where further repairs are needed. Manhole tray liners continue to be installed in manhole covers to prevent surface inflow into the manholes.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Update

Sewer Lift Station Upgrades – Coles has completed the preliminary design report. Their findings indicate extensive upgrades required to the gravity mains along Kinlock Road and from the intersection of Keppoch and Stratford Road to the Bayside pump station, to divert flows from Pondside to Bayside. They also indicate the need to upgrade the forcemains from the Corish and Bayside stations. This results in approximately 4200 meters of pipe replacement to proceed with this change, which was not anticipated. After some department discussions, Coles has been asked to assess the possibility of pumping Corish station directly into the trunk main at MacKinnon Drive. This would result in approximately 2500 meters of new pipe along with the upgrades to the Corish station.

Water Station Upgrades – CBCL has begun the design for the upgrades. A start up meeting and site visit was complete in April to kick-start the project.

SCADA Software and System Control Upgrades – this project is now complete.

Hearing Loop System for Council Chambers – Installation and set-up of four assisted listening devices for the council chambers will be complete this month. The system will include four receivers and a transmitter.

Trans Canada Trail - A grant of \$1000 was received from Trans Canada Trail to be used toward trail maintenance activities. This money may be used to purchase grooming equipment for the trails.

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Provincial Active Transportation Fund - RFPs are being prepared for the extension of sidewalk and bicycle lanes along Georgetown Road to Keppoch Road, and for the installation of a multi-purpose path along Keppoch Road from Kinlock Road to Georgetown Road. The project is contingent on 50% funding through the Provincial Active Transportation Fund.

Fullerton's Washroom Facility - WM&M was the low bid, at \$131,600, and they are prepared to begin construction by the end of May.

Fullerton's Natural Playground - Only one submission was received from the request for proposal from Cobequid Trail Consulting partnered with Glenn Group Ltd. The proposal met the budget of \$100,000 and is being recommended for award. The proposed schedule is to obtain substantial completion within six months of starting on the project.

In addition to the above, the infrastructure staff has been busy with the following items:

- Damaged section of sidewalk at Town Centre has been replaced;
- Approximately 19 sewer lift stations have been cleaned and the remainder will be done in the following weeks;
- Water valve exercising program has started;
- All locker rooms and washrooms at Town Hall are painted, except for the ceilings;
- Currently soliciting pricing for further painting of doors, door frames, lockers, walls around track, etc.
- Sneeze/germ guards are now in place on four desks at Town Centre. Gym reception, planning reception, and front reception desks have been all outfitted with Lexan glass.
- Additional security cameras are now in place and operational at town Hall;
- Speed humps will begin to be deployed next week when we have additional staff available. Social distancing will be practiced throughout, but a minimum of three persons will be required to safely put them in place.

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

Councillor Burrige noted that she is receiving a lot of calls for *Children Playing* signs, speed humps, and speeding in sub-divisions. She hadn't been aware that the *Children Playing* sign was not installed by the provincial government. It is a private installation, and you must ask for permission from the government to install it.

9. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)**

Mayor Ogden noted that we have been holding regular COW Zoom meetings because committees are not meeting in person or virtually at this time. Robert added that the minute of these meeting are being posted on our website on the Covid-19 section.

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10. SUSTAINABILITY

Councillor MacDougall noted that the last sustainability meeting was held on March 1 due to Covid-19. We have recently reached out to the committee members and we will be engaging them on a few issues to get their input. We have also created a community resource page on our website to provide residents with information on essential services during Covid-19.

A consultant was engaged to develop a conceptual plan for the next phase of our business park. An RFP is being drafted for waterfront park development and waterfront core area zoning review, and an Expression of Interest is being drafted for a provincial sustainable communities program.

Councillor MacDougall noted that there were several video conferences with the representatives of the PACE Program and we agreed on an additional organizational structure, and the development of the FCM Funding Application for the program.

11. ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

Mayor Ogden noted that the Accountability and Engagement Committee has not met for the past few months due to Covid-19. He noted that we recently received the draft results of the Town's annual resident survey. Robert added that once we review the survey for mistakes, we will be send it back to the consultant and they will send us a final copy.

Mayor Ogden noted that the performance indicators and strategic plan are on hold until we can resume regular committee meetings. Councillor Burrridge stated that although we didn't have the key performance indicators set, she thought at minimum, we might put out the strategic plan to the residents. She thought the idea was to do a short version of the strategic plan without the key performance indicators. Robert noted that when we released the information on the budget, we also released a draft version of the strategic plan for residents to comment on. Councillor Burrridge suggested that maybe it is something we could promote separately and Robert replied that we could.

12. HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolution HR001-2020 Working Alone Policy

Moved by Deputy Mayor Clow

Seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald

WHEREAS The Town of Stratford is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our employees; and

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WHEREAS we strive to ensure that all appropriate safeguards are enacted to protect our employees who must work alone or in isolation; and

WHEREAS this policy has been created to provide a consistent approach to this type of work.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Working Alone Policy, Policy # 2020-HR-01, be hereby adopted.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

13. INQUIRIES BY COUNCIL

Councillor MacDonald asked when the electronic sign might be operational and Jeremy replied that it should be functional very soon.

Councillor MacDonald took a moment to acknowledge that this week is National Police Week and thanked them both for all they do for Islanders.

Mayor Ogden noted that our nurses go above and beyond and we really appreciate everything they do. To our police force and to all police forces on PEI, we also appreciate everything they do to keep us safe.

14. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Seniors

Councillor MacDonald noted that the landscaping and gardening contract has been awarded to Cutting Edge for the 2020 season. We have asked that the mulch be replaced with red rock, so the cost is a little higher than last year, but it is for safety reasons. The rock will last much longer than the mulch and it meets health and safety guidelines. Councillor MacDonald noted that spring maintenance has started and the complex is fully rented.

b) Community Campus Committee

Councillor Burrige noted that we are continuing negotiations on the land and we hope to receive an update this week. She noted that the Town did submit an Expression of Interest for the Canada Games Arena earlier this spring noting that they wanted an Olympic size ice surface with a facility that would seat 1000 people. We had a strong submission with support from Pownal Minor Hockey Association, Ringette PEI, and Speed Skates PEI. However, they sent regrets and informed us that that the facility will be going to Rustico, and although we are disappointed, we would like to congratulate Rustico on winning the bid.

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Councillor BurrIDGE noted that there was a meeting with provincial representatives from the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Energy who will be building the school, and their plan was to get Sherwood up and running and then move on to the Stratford high school. Ideally, their plan is to open the school in 2024, and this is a schedule they hope to keep.

Councillor Smith agreed that people are disappointed that we didn't get the Canada Games rink; however, he noted that we are still getting the community campus which will include an ice surface. Councillor BurrIDGE agreed that in our community campus plan there is a rink planned, but we are striving for the campus to also be a wellness centre.

Deputy Mayor Clow asked when we will get back to residents to get some further input from them on the community campus project and Councillor BurrIDGE replied that moving forward the consultation with residents will be a big piece of the project. She added that we did have a lot of consultation on the design and quite a few people attended the workshops. The next piece of consultation will be taking from those workshops and showing residents options on how we can proceed - how aggressive we want to proceed, and the tax implications.

Councillor MacDougall took a moment to commend Jeremy Pierce, Recreation Director and Robert Hughes, CAO for putting together the proposal for the Canada Games Rink. He felt it was a very compelling proposal and they both did a fantastic job. He also congratulated the folks in Rustico who will surely enjoy the facility.

Councillor MacDougall asked if the Town was able to identify any other provincial or federal funding that might be available and Councillor BurrIDGE replied that we still have the ISF funding for the wellness centre in our application. Jeremy Crosby added that someone he spoke with had indicated to him that there would be some further ISF funding coming out to try and stimulate the economy, and we are hoping to hear more on that soon.

Mayor Ogden stated that he was also disappointed that the Canada Games Rink will not be coming to Stratford. He thanked both Jeremy Pierce and Robert Hughes for all their excellent work on the submission which he felt was very strong.

Councillor Gallant noted that he also is disappointed, but took a moment to congratulate Rustico. He noted that we will keep moving forward and work hard towards our community campus, and we will have a rink as well.

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c) Virtual Presentation to Ryan Llewellyn

Today we are pleased to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and tremendous accomplishment of Stratford resident Ryan Llewellyn. Ryan competed in February at the IKA Culinary Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany as the only Islander to be a part of the Culinary Youth Team Canada, which is based out of Holland College's Culinary Institute of Canada. He graduated from the culinary arts program at Holland College in 2019.

Over the course of 10 months, Ryan and his eight fellow Canadian teammates trained five days a week, preparing their menus for two competitions. In the IKA Buffet competition they had to feed 12 people, and in the Restaurant of Nations competition, they had to feed 60 people.

Each team starts a competition with 100 points and a goal of not losing any points. Throughout the competitions the teams are competing from behind a glass wall so that the public and judges can watch. Each teammate on the team has a specific task and schedule to stick to during the competition, all of which are practiced over and over beforehand.

Just prior to the competition beginning, Ryan's cooking partner was unable to compete because of illness and half-way through one competition he was told that their meal's timing was different than what they had planned, so they quickly had to adjust with judges watching their every move. But he and the Canadian team came together, accommodating for the timing and preparing a meal that kept them above 90 points, and earning gold in both competitions. Overall, the team from Canada placed fourth out of 24 teams, and only four of those teams earned a double-gold. This was the first time a Canadian junior culinary team has ranked that high.

Ryan is the son of Derek and Margie Llewellyn, and brother of his twin Matthew. Congratulations to Ryan on this amazing accomplishment. We will be making a future presentation to Ryan on behalf of council at a later date.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Steve Ogden

Robert Hughes CAO