

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 2010

Approved Minutes

DATE: December 8, 2010

TIME: 7:30 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.

PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Steve MacDonald; Diane Griffin; Emile Gallant; Randy Cooper; Steve Ogden; Robert Hughes, CAO; Jeremy Crosby, Manager Public Works and Utility; Ron Fisher, Recreation Director; Kim O'Connell, Manager of Finance and Administration; Vahid Ghomoshchi, Director of Planning; and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Nil

CHAIR: Mayor David Dunphy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Dunphy called the December 8, 2010 Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Steve Ogden and seconded by Councillor Randy Cooper that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

3. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Emile Gallant and seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin that the November 10, 2010 Regular Monthly Council Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

4. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5. CARI REPORT

No Report

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Included in the meeting package for Council to review is a list of all correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Included in the package. Mayor Dunphy gave a brief overview of his report noting that he has met with each individual councillor to discuss the priorities and goals for the next four years.

Mayor Dunphy noted that the Swearing in Ceremony of the new Council held on November 15 was a success, and he thanked staff for organizing the ceremony.

Mayor Dunphy noted that he was a guest on Eastlink TV's 'Island View' on November 16, and the topic for discussion was *what is the future of Stratford?* He noted that Eastlink TV also plans to have mayors from other communities on the show to discuss their particular community.

It was noted that the Town of Stratford will be hosting a Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on Thursday, December 16 at 8:00 a.m., and Mayor Dunphy will be attending as the guest speaker.

8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Included in the package for Council to review. Robert gave a brief overview of his report noting that he has started the 'Sustainability Results Matter' sessions with staff, and reminded Council that if they are available they are encouraged to attend and participate in the sessions.

Robert also noted that the Christmas party to say thank you to our committee volunteers is being held on Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

9. PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTY**a) No Report**

Councillor MacDonald noted that the new committee will hold their first meeting next Thursday.

10. STRATFORD UTILITY CORPORATION**a) No Report**

Councillor Ogden noted that the first meeting of the new committee will be held early in the new year.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the package for Council to review.

11. RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT**a) Report**

Councillor Griffin noted that the new committee has not yet held their first meeting. However, a report has been prepared by the recreation staff and is included in the

package. Councillor Griffin gave a brief overview of the report noting that our recreation staff is coordinating more than 50 recreational activities and events such as the recent Remembrance Day Service. Mayor Dunphy noted that the Remembrance Day Service was well attended and well organized.

It was noted that the annual children's Christmas party was held December 2 and the event was a huge success. Councillor Ogden noted that he attended the children's Christmas party and it was well attended and well organized. He also noted that the youth-can-do event that was held Tuesday evening was well attended. Mayor Dunphy added that he attended the youth can do's '*Best Christmas Pageant Ever*' on Sunday evening and the performance was excellent.

Councillor Griffin asked everyone to mark their calender's for the Winter Carnival which is being held February 25 - 28, 2011.

12. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

a) No Report

Councillor Cooper noted that he has had a few meetings with finance manager Kim O'Connell, and overall things are going well and we are running a healthy surplus. He noted that the first finance meeting of the new committee is scheduled for December 14 at 12:00 noon.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the package. Mayor Dunphy asked about the timeline for the budget process and Councillor Cooper replied that he can't really comment until after the meeting on Tuesday, however, he doesn't see any reason why we should hold things up as long as there are no surprises.

13. PLANNING AND HERITAGE

a) No Report

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that the new committee will hold their first meeting in the new year.

b) Permit Summary

No report.

c) Resolution PH030-2010 - Street Name Request - Strawberry Hill Subdivision

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow
Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin**

WHEREAS Mr. Gordon MacPherson, the Developer of the Strawberry Hill Subdivision has requested a street name for the new streets being constructed within the Subdivision on parcel number 859009; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Committee and the Developer Gordon MacPherson have agreed to the following street name:

- Martindale Cres.

WHEREAS the street name meets the provincial civic address guidelines.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council grant approval to a request from Gordon MacPherson to name the new street being constructed within the Strawberry Hill Subdivision on parcel number 859009 (as shown on the attached map) as follows:

- **Martindale Cres.**

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Planning and Heritage Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) Resolution CW012-2010 Appointment of Committee Members at Large

Moved by Councillor Steve Ogden

Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

WHEREAS Council has established Special Committees in Bylaw #25, the Stratford Committee Bylaw, to advise and assist Council in its deliberations; and

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

WHEREAS the residents are appointed to the Special Committees for a two year term.

BE IT RESOLVED that residents be appointed to the Special Committees for a two year term from December 1, 2010, to November 30, 2012, as follows:

Recreation

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| • member Lea Rand | • member Steve McQuaid |
| • member Ted Lawlor | • member Rosemary Curley |
| • member Pam Dawes | |

Safety Services

- member David McKenna
- member Keith MacLean
- member Michael Spidel
- member Wilf MacDonald
- member Harry MacLellan

Planning and Heritage

- member Rob Deblois
- member Cliff Campbell
- member Norman Lalonde
- member Danielle Gillan

Public Works and Property

- member Malcolm MacKenzie
- member Bill Murphy
- member Teresa Henneberry
- member Doug Murray

Stratford Utility Corporation

- member David Godkin
- member Jeanette MacAulay
- member Monty Gautreau
- member George Inman
- member Wellington Gay

Finance and Administration

- member Carol Anne Duffy
- member Quentin Bevan
- member Keith MacEachern
- member Rick Richard
- member Danny Neuffer

Councillor Gallant asked about the appointments of the Cross Roads Fire Company board members and Mayor Dunphy replied that they can be appointed at our January Council meeting.

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

Question: **CARRIED**

b) Resolution CW013-2010 Committee Bylaw Amendment, Bylaw 25-C

Moved by Councillor Diane Griffin

Seconded by Councillor Randy Cooper

WHEREAS Council felt it desirable to make changes to the Stratford Committee Bylaw, Bylaw #25, by moving the responsibility for 'Environment' from the Safety Services and 'Environment' Committee, to the Stratford Recreation Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Stratford Committee Bylaw Amendment, Bylaw 25C, be read and approved a first time.

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

Councillor Gallant asked if there is a description of the 'environment' component and Mayor Dunphy read the section of the bylaw that addresses to the 'environment' component.

Councillor Gallant asked if watershed would fall under 'environment' and Councillor Griffin replied that this is something that will have to be worked out with public works.

Question: **CARRIED**

15. SAFETY SERVICES

a) No Report

Councillor Gallant noted that the new committee will hold their first meeting in January.

b) Street Light Report

No Report

c) RCMP Report

The RCMP report for the month of November was included in the package.

d) Humane Society Report

No Report

e) Fire Company

No Report

f) Transit Report

Included in the meeting package. Councillor Gallant noted that we are now waiting for the official report on the regional transit study.

Councillor Gallant stated that the Citizens on Patrol report will also be included in future packages. Councillor Ogden asked how Citizens on Patrol compares to Neighbourhood Watch and Councillor Gallant replied that the Citizens on Patrol is a group of volunteer residents who patrol the town on weekends, and if they see anything they feel warrants a call to the RCMP they call and report it. However, it is important to note that they do not get out of their car or intervene in any way.

Deputy Mayor Clow explained that the Neighbourhood Watch is a community program and the RCMP can oversee it and advise them, but the residents take ownership of it.

Mayor Dunphy noted that during his door to door campaign many residents expressed concern regarding a lot of safety issues such as speeding and street lights. Deputy Mayor Clow suggested inviting the RCMP to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for some discussion.

Councillor Ogden asked about the installation of stop signs and Councillor Gallant explained that stop signs are the responsibility of the province, and although we can put in requests, the final decision is made by the province.

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a) No Report

Mayor Dunphy noted that the committee members will be appointed in January and a meeting will be held shortly thereafter.

Mayor Dunphy noted that a service station, as well as a *House of Excellence* are slated to come to Stratford in the very near future, and this is good news for the Town.

17. HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

It was noted that a HR committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m.

18. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Seniors Complex

Councillor MacDonald noted that all units are occupied and things are going well at the complex. He noted that the new committee will hold their first meeting next week.

Mayor Dunphy asked about the waiting list for the complex and Councillor MacDonald replied that there are about 25 people on the waiting list, but noted that when a unit is vacant, we sometimes have to go down quite far on the list before we can fill it.

Mayor Dunphy stated that one of the needs that came forth when he was going door to door was affordable housing for seniors. Councillor MacDonald stated that he and Kim O'Connell met with a representative from CMHC and they were advised that there is no program to subsidize the housing once it is built. Mayor Dunphy stated that this is an issue he wants to keep on top of, as there may be possibilities we haven't yet considered.

b) Land Acquisition Committee

No Report. Deputy Mayor Clow stated that we are in the process of getting together with Faye MacKinnon to try and purchase some land around the Town Centre.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that he attended the FPEIM annual meeting in Tignish, along with Councillor Ogden and Councillor MacDonald, and he would recommend that councillors view the presentations on the FPEIM website. He noted there is an orientation for new councillors, as well as a presentation on conflict of interest by Karen Campbell, who is the solicitor for the City of Charlottetown.

Mayor Dunphy took a moment to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2011.

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

David Dunphy, Mayor

Robert Hughes, CAO