

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2011

Approved Minutes

DATE: June 8, 2011
TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 6:22 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Steve MacDonald; Diane Griffin; Steve Ogden; Emile Gallant; Randy Cooper; Robert Hughes, CAO; Jeremy Crosby, Manager Public Works and Utility; Joanne Weir, Assistant 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 Dunphy called the Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, and extended a special welcome to the grade five Stratford Elementary School students and their parents.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of 16 b) Exemption to the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw.

3. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Cooper seconded by Deputy Mayor Clow that the May 11, 2011 Regular Monthly Council Meeting Minutes and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2011 be approved as circulated.

4. PRESENTATION

Presentation by Billy Ramsay to the water conservation calendar contest winners. Mayor Dunphy took a moment to thank all the grade five students who entered the contest. He noted that he attended one of Billy's presentations and he learned a lot, and he hopes that the students learned a lot as well.

Mayor Dunphy - On behalf of the Town of Stratford and myself, it is a great honour to welcome the grade five students from Stratford Elementary School and their families here this afternoon. This vision of our Town 'Stratford' is very clear - sustainable community. The decision has been made, the framework is in place, and we are all on our way to becoming a more sustainable place to live, work and play. It is not enough to have a vision alone. We can have the seeds of sustainability, but in order for them to grow they must be

planted somewhere in someone. In order for these seeds to take root they must be cared for and watered regularly, but remember when watering the seeds to water in the early morning or late evening because we don't want to lose any water.

The seeds must be planted in fertile ground and the fertile ground must possess certain characteristics. It must be certain of its purpose. It must be willing to share its resources and it must be passionate about achieving its goal.

You students here today are the fertile ground in which the seeds have been planted. You are chosen to be here today because we know that you can affect change. We believe that you can carry the message of water conservation better than anyone and we want you to know we believe in all of you.

Today we want to honour you for your achievement in winning the water conservation art contest. Your artwork sends a message loud and clear that conserving water is important. Along with your reward comes a great responsibility and we are counting on you to help deliver this message. The message isn't just sharing with as many people as you can, although that is important, rather it is a style of life that you model in front of others that will have the greatest impact - leading by example. It is a lifetime commitment of striving to change for the good of the environment in which we live. The result of your commitment will be far reaching - passing it on from generation to generation.

Congratulations boys and girls for a job well done. We are very proud of you and, as a way of honouring you, we have here this evening a framed piece of your artwork. Each piece of artwork will represent a month in next year's school calendar. A calendar will be given to each child in Glen Stewart Elementary and Stratford Elementary before the end of this school year. As well, there will be additional calendars available for the public here at the Town Centre.

The winning artwork will be displayed on the overhead screen as Billy Ramsay and Councillor Steve Ogden, Chair of the Utility Corporation, make the presentations to the students.

The winning artwork for the month of:

July - Maria Mullally	August - Amanda Lipton	September - Kaitlyn Bowlan
October - Cecelia Potter	November - Gillian BarBrick	December - Fred Chun
January - Cal Trainer	February - Katherine McEwen	April - Kristen Binns
May - Tati Kelly	June - Katrina Gallant	

Each year there is one drawing that stands out for its unique message and is chosen for the cover of the calendar. This year's winner of the calendar cover, as well as the month of March, is **Siobhan Bergin**.

Congratulations boys and girls on a job well done! Mayor Dunphy also thanked Billy Ramsay for doing such an awesome job!

Photographer Winston Maund took photos of the presentations. Following the presentations refreshments and cake were served to the students and their families and some additional photos were taken.

5. **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Bus Gay stated that he feels the new council is doing a great job and the people who work for the town are doing a top notch job. Bus gave a brief overview of some of the projects he had been working on that are now complete, and some projects that he is currently working on - such as a turning lane onto Stratford Road at the bridge intersection. Bus stated that we only have one seniors housing unit that is funded by CMHC, but we need a larger one and he would like to see something done about this.

Mayor Dunphy thanked Bus noting that he is a tireless volunteer in the community who received the MacIntyre-MacDougall Senior Volunteer of the Year Award in 2009 for everything he has done for the community. Mayor Dunphy noted that seniors housing is very important to him as well, and Council will continue to work on this issue. Councillor Ogden also took a moment to thank Bus noting that he is a wonderful resource for the Town and he has contributed immensely in the community. He also noted that Bus is a great neighbour.

6. **CARI REPORT**

Included in the package for Council to review.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

included in the package for Council to review. Mayor Dunphy gave an overview of his report noting that since the last Council meeting he attended the following events and meetings.

- guest speaker at the Charlottetown and Area Chamber of Commerce 'Stratford Breakfast' hosted by the Town of Stratford. It was a great event and there was a great turn out.
- attended the 'Sustainable Stratford - Results Matter' planning session.
- attended the TD Green Streets / Stratford Watershed Improvement Group Launch at Clearview Estates.
- accompanied Billy Ramsay to Stratford Elementary School to acknowledge the winners and honourable mentions of the Water Conservation Calendar Artwork contest for 2011-2012. Mayor Dunphy noted that Billy does an awesome job with the students.
- attended the Charlottetown Labour and Employment Law Seminar sponsored by Stewart McKelvey.
- attended the FCM in Halifax.

- attended an event on June 1 with Councillor Ogden at the Cotton Centre. Tim Donovan is doing a tour of hope for people with Multiple Sclerosis to raise awareness and educate Canadians of the need for Chronic Cerebro-Spinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI) treatment in Canada.

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Included in the package for Council to review. Robert noted that the Act Review Committee continues to meet every two weeks and we are making good progress. The next Revenue Sharing Committee meeting is scheduled for next Friday and the sub-committee approach seems to be working and we are making progress.

Robert stated that there is an EMO session planned and if any of Council wishes to attend to let him know and he will send them the date and time of the session.

Approval was received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on the RFP for the Active Transportation Plan. The RFP was advertized and will close on June 17, and we will be able to get that project underway.

10. PUBLIC WORKS

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor MacDonald gave an overview of the report.

Stratford Public Library - public works is in the process of completing some upgrades to the library. These upgrades include a new front door, flooring, and the accommodation for additional computer work stations.

Stratford Municipal Complex -repairs are continuing on the exterior of the building.

Sidewalk Construction 2011 - the Town will be constructing new sidewalks this summer. The two sections that are currently being considered are on the Keppoch Road from Skye Lane to Bonavista Avenue and a section of the Mason Road. These projects are completed in cooperation with the Prince Edward Island Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Construction will likely begin in late July.

Tea Hill Park Building - construction is complete on the new Tea Hill Washroom and Cricket Building. There are some minor deficiencies remaining, and landscaping of the site is underway. The old building was used as a training exercise for the Cross Roads Fire Department who completed a controlled burn of the building. The site has been cleaned and is currently being landscaped. The removal of the old building will allow for additional green space near the water.

Mayor Dunphy asked about the cricket field and Joanne replied that the field is being graded and seeded this week.

11. STRATFORD UTILITY CORPORATION**a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Ogden gave a brief overview of the report.

Mason Road Pumping Station - we now have an agreement with the developer to complete the upgrades to the pumping station. A request for proposal has been sent out for the design of the station, and construction should begin by the end of July.

Sewer and Water Rate Study - the study is now complete. The next step will be to set a time for the consultant to present his findings to the Utility Board and Council.

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

- Flushing of problematic sewer lines and manholes (complete)
- Cleaning sewer lift stations (complete)
- Water / Sewer sampling and daily maintenance (ongoing)
- Commissioning of Strawberry Hill Sewer Lift Station. (complete except for Scada)
- Replace UV Bulbs and Sleeves at the waste water treatment plant (complete)
- Install quick disconnect switches on UV Banks (complete)
- Grass cutting at stations (ongoing)
- Day to day activities such as inspections, complaints, general maintenance (ongoing)

b) Financial Statements

Included in the package.

12. RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT**a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Griffin gave a brief review of the report noting that staff has been quite busy getting the summer activities up and running. She noted that soccer registration in the Town has reached 682 participants for this year which is down six percent from last year's total. Baseball registrations have reached a total of 182 players.

Something new starting this summer is a 'veggie box' program. Councillor Griffin stated that Chuckwagon Farm will be setting up in the parking lot of the Town Centre for 12 weeks starting the last week of July. Residents will have the opportunity to purchase a veggie box for the full 12 weeks at a cost of \$360, and this will provide a fresh basket of fruit and vegetables.

Councillor Griffin noted that there is a healthy cooking class underway called ‘flavours from around the world.’ It is a four week cooking class and it takes place each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Sobey’s community kitchen.

Sneaker Friday will kick off on June 11, with a special event emphasizing physical activity, and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Councillor Griffin noted that meetings with the cricket officials continue to be held regularly. The heavy rainfall has pushed back the schedule for completion of the new cricket field to mid June.

Two new after school programs, *Intro to Sports* and a *Tennis Program*, have been introduced at Stratford Elementary School and both are being well received. There are a few spots left in the Tennis Program, but the Intro to Sports is completely filled.

It was noted that our tennis program for youth 4 - 17 years of age will be provided again during the summer months, and adult tennis will also be offered in two four week sessions.

Councillor Griffin noted that the upcoming Canada Day celebrations are coming along nicely and there will be a wide variety of activities throughout the afternoon.

The Youth-Can-Do, in partnership with the recreation department, will be offering a new summer camp program this year. It will run for eight weeks with each week having a different theme. The program is being offered to youth between the ages of 8 - 12 and is reasonably priced.

The Youth-Can-Do has also been active by participating in a roadside cleanup day and by volunteering with the MS Society to sell carnations in support of MS research.

13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Cooper gave a brief overview of the report noting that there was some discussion on the donation policy as well as a few other items that will be going to the Committee of the Whole for review.

As noted earlier there are still some repairs being done to the outside of the Town Centre and we hope that there will only be a minimal impact to the budget as we go forward.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the package for Council to review.

14. PLANNING AND HERITAGE**a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that planning board met on May 24 and one of the items that was discussed at the meeting was the Connor Holdings 17 lot subdivision. A resolution was then sent to a special Council meeting that was held on May 27 and the subdivision was approved.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that Vahid prepared and presented a Parkland Dedication Policy, and the board will review the policy at the next planning board meeting and it will then go to the Committee of the Whole meeting for further review.

b) Permit Summary

Included in the package for Council to review.

c) Resolution PH022-2011 - MacKenzie's 1 Lot Subdivision - 11 Rosebank Road

Moved by Deputy Mayor Clow

Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

WHEREAS an application has been received from Scott and Lynn MacKenzie to subdivide parcel number 563585 (approx. 1.0 acres in total area), into 2 single family dwelling lots (approx. 21,796.52 sq.ft. each) located at 11 Rosebank Road; and

WHEREAS the subject property is located within the Single Family Residential Large Zone (R1-L) each of proposed lot is 203.48 sq. ft. below the lot size bylaw requirement of 22,000 sq. ft. therefore a variance of 0.93% is being requested in order to approve the subdivision; and

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 25.4 Changes to Existing Lots of the Town's Development Bylaw:

- (1) *No person shall reduce the dimensions or change the Use of any Lot in an approved Subdivision where Council deems these would be a detrimental effect on neighbouring property owners.*
- (2) *Where an application to subdivide land would change the dimensions or the Use of a Lot in an existing approved Subdivision, Council shall notify all property owners within 150 metres (500 feet) of the boundaries of the Lot in writing informing them of the details of the application and soliciting their comments; and*

WHEREAS on May 16, 2011, fifty (50) notification letters were sent to property owners withing 500 feet of the boundaries of the Lot in writing informing them of the details of the application and soliciting their comments. On May 18, 2011, a number of response letters were received, as well as one email all opposed to the subdivision proposal.

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to Scott and Lynn MacKenzie to subdivide parcel number 563585 into 2 single family dwelling lots.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution does not bear the recommendation of the Planning and Heritage Committee.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that a lot of opposition was received regarding this request. Fifty notification letters were sent to property owners within 500 feet of the boundaries, to inform them of the details of the application. With the aid of the overhead projector Vahid gave a brief history of the lands surrounding the proposed subdivision. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that neighbours in the area are quite concerned about the proposed request and the planning board feels that this request would have a detrimental effect on the neighbourhood and therefore, does not recommend it.

Question: **DENIED**

15. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Nil

16. **SAFETY SERVICES**

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Gallant gave an overview of his report noting that the Truis Tours representative scheduled to attend could not make the meeting, but will be attending the next meeting. One of the concerns is that the ridership is down, and the reasons for this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Gallant noted that the newsletter/survey drafted by the Traffic Safety Committee will be sent out within the next few weeks. Once we receive the feedback from residents we will start planning for the open house in the fall. All the information will then go to the Committee of the Whole.

b) Street Light Report

No Report.

c) RCMP Report

No Report.

d) Humane Society Report

No Report.

e) Transit Report

Included in the package.

f) Fire Company Report

No Report.

g) Resolution SS003-2011 Noise and Nuisance Bylaw Exemption to Allow for a Charlottetown Rural Grad Party

Moved by Councillor Emile Gallant

Seconded by Councillor Randy Cooper

WHEREAS a request was received from Brandon Baker to grant an exemption from the noise and nuisance bylaw for the night of June 17, 2011 for a safe grad party that he is planning to host on a vacant lot owned by his father to the south of their home on Humphrey Drive for members of the 2011 Charlottetown Rural Graduating Class.

BE IT RESOLVED that an exemption be granted from section 3. d) of the Noise and Nuisance Bylaw to Brandon Baker for the safe grad party that is proposed to be held on the night of June 17, 2011 to 7:00 a.m. on June 18, 2011 on a vacant lot owned by his father to the south of their home on Humphrey Drive for members of the 2011 Charlottetown Rural Graduating Class.

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

Councillor Gallant asked if this is a sanctioned event by the school and Deputy Mayor Clow replied that it is not. Mayor Dunphy stated that the night of the graduation they have a 'chem free' night at the spa, but this is a graduation party. Councillor Gallant stated that maybe we shouldn't be using the wording 'safe grad party' and Robert noted that this is the wording they used when they went door to door with their petition they. Councillor Ogden asked if we should put quotation marks around 'safe grad party' to indicate that it is not our words. Mayor Dunphy stated that they are trying to arrange a safe as possible grad party. Councillor Gallant stated that he doesn't have a problem with the party, but he does have a problem giving an exemption to the bylaw because we are opening the door for others to do the same, and this is why he can't support the motion.

Councillor Ogden feels that we are taking a bit of a risk, however, if we don't grant the exemption the party might be moved to a location that may

not be safe. We can also demonstrate to our young people that we do trust and support them.

Deputy Mayor Clow wondered if those organizing the event spoke to the RCMP. He added that they are hiring security from a downtown night club, erecting a fence and selling tickets to the party, and this is putting a lot of pressure on the residents who don't want the event to take place, so he will not be supporting the motion.

Councillor Griffin stated that she does support the motion, as she feels it would be a safer party in the field behind their home. They could have gone ahead with the party without asking for an exemption and she feels this shows good planning.

Councillor Cooper stated that being a councillor in ward 3 he can see the site from his home. He really expected that if there was really a concern we would have heard more complaints. Overall he feels those planning the event have done a very good job.

Mayor Dunphy stated that he understands both sides. He noted that they could have gone ahead with the party without consulting us, but they went through the proper process. It is time for everyone to plan to ensure the safety of all concerned. Mayor Dunphy noted that he has looked at the location, and there will be security. It was also noted that a lot of the students are from Stratford, so can we say to them it is okay to have a party, but you can't have it in Stratford. At the end of the day we want them to have a party, we want them to be safe and not have any accidents, and this is why I support the motion.

Question: **CARRIED** (3 Opposed - Deputy Mayor Clow, Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Gallant) Mayor Dunphy broke the tie in favour of the motion.

It was noted that the RCMP will be notified of the event.
CARRIED

17. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Included in the package. Mayor Dunphy gave a brief overview of his report noting that a tax incentives was discussed, and the committee felt that this was something that is not needed at this time.

Mayor Dunphy noted that at the last Chamber breakfast meeting it was suggested that an

informal gathering might be a good idea, and Phinley's Diner has agreed to host a barbeque. It will be held on June 17 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

It was noted that the first 'Stratford on Sale' event took place on May 14 and it was a pretty good success, and we will work on making improvements for next year.

18. HUMAN RESOURCES

No Report

19. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Seniors Complex

Included in the package for council to review. Councillor MacDonald noted that there will be a Bingo fundraiser on June 13 here at the Town Centre to help raise money for new furniture for the common room of the seniors complex.

20. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

David Dunphy, Mayor

Robert Hughes, CAO