

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2015

Approved Minutes

DATE: May 13, 2015
TIME: 7:32 p.m. – 9:21 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Randy Cooper; Councillors Diane Griffin; Gary Clow; Gail MacDonald; Keith MacLean; Steve Ogden; and staff members Robert Hughes, CAO; Patrick Carroll, Director of Planning; Kevin Reynolds, Development Officer; Jeremy Crosby, Director of Infrastructure; Kim O’Connell, Director of Finance and Technology; Joanne Weir, Recreation Director; 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 7:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Randy Cooper and seconded by Councillor Gary Clow that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

3. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Diane Griffin and seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald that the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015, and the Public Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2015 be approved as circulated. Motion Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nil

6. CARI REPORT

No Report

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of all correspondence sent and received since the last Council meeting was included in the meeting package.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dunphy thanked Deputy Mayor Cooper and all the Councillors for looking after things in his absence over the past three months. He added that it is good to be back. He noted that he has met with both Deputy Mayor Cooper and CAO Robert Hughes to get up to speed on what has been happening in the Town. He also noted that he attended the art exhibit early this afternoon in the foyer of the Town Centre that was put on by Holland College.

Mayor Dunphy welcomed new planning director Patrick Carroll to the Town and added that he looks forward to working with him.

9. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Report is included in the package for Council to review. Robert stated that we don't have the final report yet on the resident survey, but we should have it within the next few weeks. He noted that more than 1000 surveys were submitted which surpasses last year's numbers.

There was a mindfulness training session for Town staff last week and it was very interesting. Robert's hope is that staff will be a little more mindful and less stressed in their work.

10. **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Report is included in the package. Councillor Clow reviewed the report as follows:

Waste Water Treatment Plant Screener – the screener is now fully operational and commissioned. Now that the system is operational, it is removing approximately 100 pounds of non-organic waste from the system every week. This will aid in the operations and maintenance of the Blue Frog System.

Toilet Rebate Program – the first phase of the program is now complete with 65 residents receiving rebates for the new installation of low flow toilets. We are currently looking at extending the program due to its popularity. Preliminary estimates indicate that we have the potential to save three to four million litres of water per year with the replacement of the 65 toilets to low flow units.

Inflow and Infiltration Study – the RFP for engineering services is essentially complete and, we hope to have it out to tender early next week. This is a very important study for the utility, to help control the stress on the system during heavy rain events, and spring and fall flooding.

Rankin Subdivision Water – the RFP for engineering services is being prepared for tendering. This project consists of the construction of water mains within the Rankin subdivision along Rankin Drive, Heron Drive from civic # 69-100, Wren Drive, Holland Drive from civic # 3-19, as well as the Hopeton Road, Horton Drive and the Bunbury Road from civic # 3-57. The project will involve the installation of approximately 2,200 meters of water main, 100 service laterals, assorted valves, hydrants and associated infrastructure.

Town Hall Emergency Generator - the RFP for engineering services is out to tender. This project will provide back-up power to the entire Town Hall area during power outages. With the installation of the system, we will be able to provide emergency assistance to residents in the event of a disaster. The RFP is due to close on May 20, 2015. We hope to have the system operational by this fall.

In addition to the above, infrastructure staff has been very busy preparing equipment and vehicles for the upcoming summer season. They are also busy repairing Town properties, sidewalk and trail areas from the harsh winter conditions encountered over the last year.

Councillor Ogden asked about a particular generator he has heard about that will provide a home with three to four hours of power, and Jeremy replied that he did some research on this and it is not a viable option for a structure of this size.

11. RECREATION CULTURE AND EVENTS

- a) Report included in the package for Council to review. Councillor MacDonald gave an overview of her report noting that:
- Registrations for two of our major summer programs are presently underway. The soccer and baseball programs accepted registrations on March 28 at the Stratford Town Centre. Island wide baseball registration day was April 25. The Baseball Association also held a ‘come try baseball day’ on Saturday April 18 with 20 kids in attendance.
 - New display screens have been placed in the Town Centre to advertise daily gym and meeting room schedules. Screenscape is our software provider. We have placed one TV in the main foyer to display the daily meeting room schedule, and another one upstairs in the fitness area to display the gym schedule, track direction, and other public information of upcoming events and programs.
 - An application form to hire students during the summer months has been forwarded to the Provincial Employment Development Branch. We are seeking approval of several support positions for program and maintenance workers, as well as day camp staff.

- Our dog park will be closed to the public from late April to the second week of May for seeding and fertilizing.

Mayor Dunphy stated that there are a lot of great events going on and he noted one of them is the 'waterscool' program being put on by Billy Ramsay and Kelley Arnold. There will also be an adult version of 'waterscool' on Thursday, May 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

b) Resolution RC002 – 2015 Town of Stratford Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Moved by Councillor Gail MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor Gary Clow

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford recognizes that volunteers are an essential part of our community; and

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford wishes to acknowledge the tremendous contribution made by youth volunteers to improve the quality of life to all who reside in our community; and

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford recognizes our youth who have volunteered their services and talents to improve the quality of life to the community.

BE IT RESOLVED that a Town of Stratford Youth Volunteer of the Year Award be hereby established to be presented annually at the Town's Annual Canada Day celebrations in accordance with the attached process.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Recreation, Culture and Events Committee and the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

12. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

a) Report

Included in the package for review. Deputy Mayor Cooper stated that this is the first time since he has been with the Town, and maybe even a few years before that, we have had to go out for financing for the capital items for Town assets. We have normally done this every year for the Utility, but it has been some time since we have had to do it for the Town.

It was noted that there will be an insurance tender going out and the document will include the auto fleet. It will be easier to have all our insurance coverage under one provider.

Deputy Mayor Cooper stated that the committee also discussed Results Matter which is a strategic plan for the Town.

Deputy Mayor Cooper stated that there was a meeting with the auditors and the official word from them is that they don't see any issues with how the Town or the Utility operates. They felt that the finance department did a great job of looking after things under the direction and guidance of the committee. He added that we should have the audited statements for next month's meeting.

b) Finance Statements

Included in the package for Council to review.

c) Resolution FA005-2015 – Charlottetown Rural Graduation Award

Moved by Deputy Mayor Randy Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Gail MacDonald

WHEREAS a request was received from the Charlottetown Rural High School Graduation Committee for a graduation award; and

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford has annually donated funds for two graduation prizes. One \$300 award is to be granted to a graduating Stratford student who is actively involved with the community of Stratford - a community ambassador, and another prize of \$300 is to be presented to a deserving student who has shown a sustainable commitment to the community.

BE IT RESOLVED that \$600 be donated for two graduation awards of \$300 each be donated to the Charlottetown Rural High School Graduation Committee, to be awarded to a graduating Stratford resident who is actively involved with the community of Stratford and a graduating student who has shown a sustainable commitment to the community.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee.

Question: **CARRIED**

d) Resolution FA006-2015 – Town of Stratford Loan Approval

Moved by Deputy Mayor Randy Cooper

Seconded by Keith MacLean

WHEREAS a loan for the Town of Stratford was sent to tender to cover the 2014 Town projects which included the diversity fountain, Bunbury rink hall, recreation equipment, park development, vehicle and computer equipment in the amount of \$360,000.00; and

WHEREAS the amount of the capital loan requested is \$360,000.00; and

WHEREAS we requested proposals from the following financial institutions:

- National Bank
- Bank of Montreal
- Metro Credit Union
- CIBC
- Royal Bank
- TD Bank

BE IT RESOLVED that the tender for the loan with an amortization of 20 years be awarded to the lowest bidder with the best combination of rates and term - which was a 10 year term from TD Bank at a rate of 2.98%.

Discussion: It was noted that this resolution bears the recommendation of the Finance and Technology Committee.

Mayor Dunphy asked if the Town is amortizing over 20 years or over 10 years, and Deputy Mayor Cooper replied that we officially have 20 years on paper, but we did go back and asked for the shorter amortization. If it turns out that the shorter amortization is not at a higher rate, and the Town is comfortable with that payment for 10 years that would be the way to go. It hadn't been tendered at that point and it was sent back out again with new terms, but we don't have the final results. However, we could do an email poll of Council tomorrow morning.

Question: **CARRIED**

e) **Resolution FA007-2015 – 2014 Utility Projects Loan Approval**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Randy Cooper

Seconded by Councillor Gary Clow

WHEREAS a loan for the Stratford Utility Corporation was sent to tender to cover the 2014 Utility projects which included the wastewater treatment upgrade, Rosebank Water and Sewer, and Business Park Phase 2 in the amount of \$1,086,000.00; and

WHEREAS the amount of the capital loan requested is \$1,086,000.00; and

WHEREAS we requested proposals from the following financial institutions:

- National Bank
- Bank of Montreal
- Metro Credit Union
- CIBC
- Royal Bank
- TD Bank

BE IT RESOLVED that the tender for the loan with an amortization of 20 years be awarded to the lowest bidder with the best combination of rates and term - which was a 15 year term from TD Bank at a rate of 3.31%.

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

Deputy Mayor Cooper stated that we have an opportunity to lock in a rate of 3.31% for a 15 year term. This is 1.5% less than the average over the past few years.

Question: **CARRIED**

13. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Griffin noted that development is starting to pick up again after a very slow winter.

b) Permit Summary

The permit summary is included in the package. Councillor Griffin gave a brief overview of the summary.

c) Resolution PH004-2015 – 101144PEI Inc. (Gordon MacPherson) – Change of Use Aspin Crescent

Moved by Councillor Diane Griffin

Seconded by Councillor Randy Cooper

WHEREAS a written request has been received from 101144 PEI Inc. c/o Gordon MacPherson to change the use of lots 2009-6 and 2009-9, identified as parcel number 859009 (approx. 0.59 acres in total area) located on Aspin Crescent within the Strawberry Hill subdivision; and

WHEREAS the change of use requested is to change 2 existing single family residential lots into 1 – 3 unit townhouse lot. The newly created lot exceeds the bylaw requirement for a 3 unit townhouse however; a formal change of use is required; and

WHEREAS In accordance with section 25.4 Changes to Existing Lots of the Town of Stratford Zoning and Subdivision Control (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 neighboring 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 April 24, 2015, 42 notification letters were sent to property owners located within 500 feet of the subject property and 4 letters have been received back opposing the proposal based on private covenants that were within the original deeds for all properties within the subdivision and 2 phone calls have been received with no objection; and

WHEREAS the property is located within a Two-family Residential Zone (R2), where Townhouse or Row House Dwellings having up to 6 units are considered to be Conditional Use, subject to such terms and conditions as shall be imposed by Council; and

WHEREAS the bylaw requirement for Townhouse development is 14,000sq.ft. for the first 3 units, and 3,000sq.ft. for each additional unit. This lot has approximately 26,003sq.ft and is being proposed for a 3 unit building therefore it exceeds the minimum lot size requirements and legally has enough land for a six unit; and

WHEREAS a survey of land use has been completed for the area surrounding this lot on Aspin Crescent, showing a total of 18 lots containing 9 duplexes, 5 single family dwellings and 4 vacant SFD lots. With a mix of land use within the area it does not appear the addition of a 3 unit townhouse should have any negative impacts on the existing neighborhood.

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to 101144 PEI Inc. c/o Gordon MacPherson to change the use of lots 2009-6 and 2009-9, identified as parcel number 859009 (approx. 0.59 acres in total area) located on Aspin Crescent within the Strawberry Hill subdivision **from** 2 existing single family residential lots **to** 1 – 3 unit townhouse lot subject to the development meeting all other relevant provisions of the bylaw.

Discussion: This resolution **does not** bear the recommendation of the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee.

The residents who purchased their property were told there would be no changes (such as this request), and that is why the committee did not approve it. The Committee felt it was unfair because the residents purchased their property under the clear understanding that there would be no changes.

Councillor Griffin stated that although she is moving the resolution she is speaking against it.

Deputy Mayor Cooper stated that the information that came to the planning committee was very well done. What they are looking to do would probably fit the property very well if it was known from the inception. He added that he has had many calls from residents who are firmly against it and has heard from no one who is in favour of it.

Councillor Ogden stated that he voted for it at the Planning, Development and Heritage Committee meeting because he wanted to make a point that this is a good developer who has worked with the Town in terms of our sustainability subdivision, and his buildings have been of high quality. However, he noted that he will be voting against this development because of the fact that the residents in the area are not in favour of it. Our policy clearly states that if it is opposed we can turn it down. Councillor Ogden stated that he would encourage the developer to go back and engage with the residents. He is a good developer and there is no reflection on his work. It is just not a good fit for this area.

Councillor Clow stated that he also received calls from residents firmly against the development and he cannot support it.

Question: **DEFEATED**

d) Resolution PH005-2015 – Southside Greens – Special Permit Use Apartment in PURD Zone – Kinlock Road

**Moved by Councillor Diane Griffin
Seconded by Councillor Steve Ogden**

WHEREAS an application has been received from Southside Greens Inc. (formerly known as Greenway Realty project) to change the use of Lot 6, within a concept plan that was approved by the Town of Stratford on Sept 11, 2013, from a 48 unit Community Care Facility to 2-24 Unit Apartment Buildings; and

WHEREAS lot 6 is accessed directly from the Kinlock Road and the Town felt this could be seen as a potential traffic issue. The developer has been proactive in engaging the services of a traffic engineer to study the proposed development and the conclusion states that the traffic impacts resulting from the proposed apartment buildings will be negligible, and the project may proceed as planned; and

WHEREAS The Town's Development Bylaw classifies "Apartments" as a "Special Permitted Use" within the Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) Zone; and

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 12.3 Special Permitted Uses within the Town of Stratford Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw; Prior to the issuance of a Development Permit for a Special Permitted Use Council shall ensure that:

- (iv) Property Owners within 61 meters (200 feet) of the subject property are notified in writing of details of the proposed Development and asked to provide their comments.
- (v) a public meeting shall be held pursuant to Section 24.2(3) to allow the applicant to present the Development proposal to residents to obtain their input

WHEREAS Council originally agreed to send letters to property owners within 500 feet of the original apartment use proposal so the same was repeated this time. On April 9, 2015, 84 notification letters were sent to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property asking for their comments on the proposed Special Permit Use. No written submissions were received from the public; and

WHEREAS on April 22, 2015 Council held a public meeting to allow the applicant to present the development proposal to residents and to obtain their input.

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to an application received from Southside Greens Inc. (formerly known as Greenway Realty project) to change the use of Lot 6, within a concept plan that was approved by the Town of Stratford on Sept 11, 2013, from a 48 unit Community Care Facility to 2-24 Unit Apartment Buildings subject to the following condition:

- A. That the developer agrees to consult with the residents adjacent to Lot 6 to discuss concerns identified during the public meeting regarding parking, buffering from adjacent lands, and the placement of buildings.

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

Councillor Griffin demonstrated the change requested using the overhead. She noted that CBCL's traffic engineer addressed the traffic issue in a study that was commissioned by the developer, because it was an issue of concern. She noted that all other issues are covered off in the conditions.

Councillor MacLean quoted condition (A) *that the developer agrees to consult with the residents adjacent to Lot 6 to discuss concerns identified during the public meeting regarding parking.....* He stated that he was here and heard the concerns. He asked how the consultation with residents is done and Councillor Griffin replied that the developer will meet with the residents, but it will not be a public meeting. It could be one on one, or getting the whole group together. Councillor Griffin asked development officer Kevin Reynolds if he has run into this particular

situation prior to this, and Kevin replied that when they did the stormwater management plan as part of the original concept, it was approved. There was a similar condition attached that there would be consultation done with the various approval authorities and with the residents in the area. There were different ways they could address the issues and the information was submitted to Council with what was being purposed. Council then made the decision to say whether they were satisfied. Councillor Griffin noted that it will come back to staff and it will also come back to planning which is the usual process.

Councillor MacLean noted that people in a care home would not have cars, but people renting apartments would. Does the traffic engineer look at the parking and Councillor Griffin replied that he/she does. Kevin stated that the bylaw requirement has to be met regarding the parking spaces. Both buildings are proposed to have underground parking, so there will be the question of how many will fit underground. The location of the actual buildings could be moved to try and make it friendly for the next door neighbours. These are all things that are under discussion and the answers will be brought back. Kevin noted that the developer is required to have 1.5 spaces per unit.

Mayor Dunphy noted that the more parking that is underground, the more greenspace as opposed to asphalt – which would have an impact on the stormwater management situation. It will give more permeable surface for stormwater to get back into the ground.

Councillor MacDonald asked if the CBCL traffic report looked specifically at an additional 48 to 96 vehicles entering on to the Kinlock Road with a satisfactory result, and Councillor Griffin replied that it was with a satisfactory result.

Deputy Mayor Cooper noted that he also received some comments on this development. He noted that the traffic would be far less with two 24 unit apartments than it would with a 48 unit care facility because the staff has to come and go to work. The impact of traffic – there is a concern on the Kinlock Road, but it will not have anything to do with this development.

Deputy Mayor Cooper stated that he listened to the residents at the public meeting and yes there have been concerns. There are a lot more pros to this development than there are concerns. I am very confident in the developer based on their past experience. They have a product to present and I think it is a product that Stratford needs, especially for our aging population to be able to stay in their own homes. I applaud the development and I hope it gets underway soon.

Councillor Ogden stated that he agrees with most of what Councillor Cooper says, but feels there are still concerns with the traffic on the Kinlock Road and he would encourage the developer to work with the residents to find a way to make sure that the access to the Kinlock Road is designed in such a way that people won't have to sit in their driveways waiting to get out. He suggested asking Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) to do something with the traffic on the Kinlock Road – maybe look at widening it or making it easier for residents to get out of their driveway. Our hands are tied in regard to doing anything with the issue. It is between TIR and the developer to make sure that the access is designed so people do not have to wait five minutes in their driveway.

Councillor Clow stated that we do have a transit system and we need to educate the new people coming into the Town that we have it. Hopefully residents will use and that would help to alleviate some of the traffic problem.

Mayor Dunphy stated that he has heard from some seniors that they do want a building with underground parking. He added that the only issue he sees is people coming from the TCH turning left into the development.

Question: **CARRIED**

e) **Resolution PH006-2015 – Manny and Margaret Bueno – Home Occupation Private Gym – 5 Georgetown Road**

Moved by Councillor Diane Griffin
Seconded by Councillor Steve Ogden

WHEREAS a written request has been received from Manny and Margaret Bueno to establish and run a Private Gym, under a Home Occupation category, out of a barn on their residential property identified as parcel number 289231, located at 5 Georgetown Road; and

WHEREAS the applicant is proposing to have classes after work at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and one or two classes on Saturday mornings. The classes will range in size anywhere from 4 to 15 people per class; and

WHEREAS this property currently contains an existing Hair Salon as a Home Occupation which is using a portion of the house for the business; and

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 5.9 of the Development Bylaw:

- (1) Any Dwelling may be used for a Home Occupation if the Property Owner of the Dwelling and Town have first entered into a Development Agreement pursuant to which the Property Owner agrees with the Town as follows:*

- (i) *the Dwelling is occupied as a residence by the principal operator and the external appearance of the Dwelling is not changed by the Home Occupation;*
- (ii) *no more than two non-resident assistants are employed in the Home Occupation;*
- (iii) *not more than 25 % of the total Floor Area of the Dwelling is devoted to the Home Occupation;*
- (iv) *not more than 50% of the total Floor Area of any Accessory Building(s) is devoted to the Home Occupation;*
- (v) *adequate off-street parking, separate from that required for the Dwelling, in accordance with this Bylaw, is provided;*
- (vi) *premise signs shall be restricted to a maximum of 0.3 sq. m. (465 sq. in.) and are non-illuminated;*
- (vii) *there is no Open Storage or Display area;*
- (viii) *no mechanical equipment is used except what is reasonably consistent with the Use of the Dwelling;*
- (ix) *the level of intensity of the Use shall not be increased to a level which would damage the integrity of the existing neighbourhood; and*
- (x) *a Development Agreement shall be registered on the title of the Property at the expense of the Developer.*

(2) *The following types of Uses shall be permitted in a Home Occupation:*

- (i) *Business and professional Uses which in the opinion of Council would not create a nuisance due to issues such as traffic generation, noise or hours of operation;*
- (ii) *Artisan and crafts, weaving, painting, sculpture, and repair of garden or household ornaments, personal effects or toys;*
- (iii) *hairdressing salon including a barbershop;*
- (iv) *photographic studio; and*
- (v) *day care centre of five (5) children or less.*

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to a written request received from Manny and Margaret Bueno to establish and run a Private Gym, under a Home Occupation category, out of a barn on their residential property identified as parcel number 289231, located at 5 Georgetown Road, subject to the following condition:

A. That the class sizes be limited to a maximum of five (5) people per class.

B. All other relative provisions of the Town's bylaws are met.

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

Using the overhead, Councillor Griffin demonstrated the request. She noted that they were actually asking for two classes of 15 and the planning

committee discussed it and said that they would have to meet the same criteria as a home daycare – no more than 5 because it creates a traffic concern. Councillor Clow asked if letter to the neighbours was required and Kevin Reynold replied that it was not a requirement. He stated that there has been some discussion with the applicant since planning board met. The resolution reads that there is criteria limiting them to five people per class and the applicants came back and asked if rather than two classes of five in an evening, would the Town consider one class of ten? Kevin noted that there were internal discussions and it was felt that was not the question that was asked to planning board. The recommendation that was made by planning board was to limit it to five. If it was to be reconsidered, it would probably have to go back to planning board to let them reconsider the request. Although going from five to ten is doubling the number that was proposed, so he is not sure if that would be supported.

Kevin noted that there were questions on how much of the actual accessory building they were going to use, and they are only going to use the lower level. They are using 50% which is allowed within the bylaw.

Councillor MacLean stated that he had a concern about the class being too small looking at it from a feasibility point of view. It was noted that the main concern is 10 cars trying to get in and out of the property. The other option at planning board was to say no to the project as proposed, but instead we said yes as long as it meets the same conditions as a home day care which would be five children. We are trying to minimize the impact on the area, so that was the rationale.

Councillor Cooper noted that if he remembers correctly what actually came to planning board was 15 and they were looking to run two classes of 15. Planning board's concern was if the classes were from 5:00 – 6:00 and 6:00 to 7:00, at 5:50 there would be 30 cars meeting. This is a private lane coming in and basically back in the woods. It is not that far from the Georgetown Road or St. Catherines Avenue. One class of 10 is certainly different than two classes of five, or two classes of 15. Councillor Cooper noted that we do encourage home occupation and he hopes in the end we can come to a successful resolve with the applicants.

Councillor Ogden stated that if we were to look at a class of 10, he would ask that we send out letters to the adjacent land owners to allow them the opportunity to comment.

Mayor Dunphy stated that as it is right now, it is being presented as a class of five. They can always come back and ask for more and Councillor Griffin agreed. Mayor Dunphy noted that he does agree with Councillor MacLean that a class of five will probably not 'cut it' and they may have to come back to planning board with an alternative proposal.

Question:

CARRIED

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) Resolution CW010-2015 – Change of meeting Time for Summer Town Council Meetings from June through September 2015, and Change of Date for the June 2015 Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Gail MacDonald

Seconded by Councillor

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Town Council meetings from June to September will be held at 4:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the month of June only, the regular monthly meeting will be held on **June 17, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**, as the mayor and councillors will be attending the FCM Conference on the regular meeting date.

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

Question: **CARRIED**

15. SAFETY SERVICES

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Ogden reviewed the report noting that the committee welcomed Sgt. Gagne who is second in command for Queens District. Sgt. Gagne is replacing Sgt. Loppie who has moved on to other duties. Staff Sgt. Crowther also attended the meeting. He noted that the Town approved the purchase of a hand held radar and he feels it will slow down the traffic.

The committee also discussed the following items:

- Speeding issues on Gordon Gay Drive
- An unsightly property
- Loitering near Bunbury Park
- Street lighting on Saints Crescent – street lighting was never addressed in the initial development agreement.
- Some motorcycle noise issues because pipes are being removed from some motorcycles
- New Humane Society Contract has been signed
- Make residents aware of the dangers of their furnace vents being blocked in the winter
- Discussed crossing guards for the Glen Stewart School area and we are looking to see what other communities are doing
- The need for garbage cans around the Town
- Changed the dates for the dog tag canvassers from January to June
- Discussed the cosmetic pesticide issue

- Crow issue
- Crosswalk to the Bunbury Mall. Councillor Ogden stated that we are trying to get Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to make an exception to their policy because it is a dangerous crossing.

b) Street Light Report

Nil

c) RCMP Report

Included in the agenda package for Council to review. The summary offence tickets are down this month; however, year to date totals are staying comparable to last year.

d) Humane Society Report

Included in the package.

e) Transit Report

Included in the agenda package for Council to review. The transit report shows continued strong numbers.

f) Fire Company Report

No Report

Deputy Mayor Cooper asked when we can start putting out the speed bumps and Jeremy replied that they will be put out by the end of May. There is also some communication being prepared for residents regarding the speed bumps. Jeremy stated that Rosebank Road and Marion Drive are the two that we will target first. Mayor Dunphy asked about Governor's Lane and Jeremy replied that there has been some discussion regarding Governor's Lane, but Rosebank and Marion are the priorities.

Councillor Clow noted that it is National Police Week and he asked if we were doing anything in the Town, and Councillor Ogden replied that there is a reception being held on Thursday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. at Maypoint. They will have a small event and all of Council is welcome to attend. Councillor Ogden stated that we owe them all a debt of gratitude and Mayor Dunphy agreed.

Councillor Ogden took a moment to thank the RCMP for the service they provide to the Town, as well as all other police officers.

Mayor Dunphy noted that Citizens on Patrol (COP) will be holding an event for its members on May 20 at 6:00 p.m.

16. SUSTAINABILITY

- a) Included in the package for Council to review. Deputy Mayor Cooper noted that one of the major topics discussed was the gateway project. It was recommended that we go with the landscaping option to camouflage the lagoon rather than the arch that was proposed for the entrance. The arch is still supported by the committee, but in terms of the dollars being spent, we decided to go with the landscaping option.

Deputy Mayor Cooper noted that Robert gave an update on the business park – which is now complete. Robert is also dealing with people who have shown an interest in having a lot in the business park.

There has been a lot of discussion on cosmetic pesticides. Acting Mayor Cooper noted that we set a process in place and we are following that process. We heard from both sides, and we were criticized slightly in the media and social media that it was only opened to elected officials. It was a night that we had to stay on target as it was a way for us the elected officials to get informed. There is a lot of public debate about it and we will have a public meeting going forward.

The Right to a Healthy Environment which is being promoted by the David Suzuki Foundation was also discussed. It has been expanded and is now called ‘The Stratford Citizens Charter.’ It was felt that it would be more relevant to reflect our “Big Picture Vision.” Deputy Mayor Cooper noted that it is almost finalized and he would like to thank Councillor Griffin and CAO Robert Hughes for putting a great charter together. He also noted that the Mayor will be making a proclamation in the very near future on the Charter.

The renewal of Results Matter was discussed, and most of the initiatives that we identified two years ago are complete or underway, so we are focusing on developing new ideas for initiatives that will move us toward our Corporate Strategic Objectives.

The ‘Support Local Campaign’ was discussed and the Farmer’s Market will be open in late June.

Deputy Mayor Cooper took a moment to congratulate Steve and Pam Collette on the arrival of their new baby, and we look forward to him coming back to the committee.

Mayor Dunphy noted that this week is ‘water week’ in Stratford. We have been doing this for a number of years, and tomorrow evening it is open to the public starting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Dunphy noted that on Saturday morning there will be a tour of the wellfield property and a barbeque.

17. ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

- a) Report included in the package for Council to review. Councillor MacLean noted that the last meeting was devoted to a brain storming session to promoting local businesses. Some of the ideas were passed on to the Sustainability Committee

Our engagement coordinator Kim Dudley has moved on to a new position and we are in the process of filling that position.

As noted earlier, the resident survey was a great success with more than 1000 submissions received. Councillor Griffin stated that she is looking forward to seeing the results of the survey once they have been analyzed, and she noted that 1000 replies was phenomenal.

18. HUMAN RESOURCES

No report

19. OTHER COMMITTEES

- a) **Stratford Seniors Complex**

Councillor MacDonald gave a verbal report noting that both vacancies have been filled. She noted that there will be a fire drill on May 28 for the residents, and four smoke alarms have been installed for the hearing impaired residents. It was also noted that the annual inspection of the building will take place on June 3 and 4.

20. PROCLAMATIONS

National Trails Day – June 6 Stratford Trails Day

WHEREAS June 6 is National Trails Day; and

WHEREAS National Trails Day (NTD) occurs annually on the first Saturday in June, and features a series of outdoor activities, designed to permute and celebrate the importance of trials in Canada. Individuals, clubs and organizations from around the country host National Trails Day events to share their love of trails with friends, family, and their communities; and

WHEREAS NDT June 6 does not require funding, excessive time or extensive planning; and

WHEREAS in conjunction with NTD, the Town of Stratford would like to name June 6 **Stratford Trails Day**, to join the national ceremonies and events that happen across the country. This day will be a day for all residents to get out and enjoy

AND NOW all the natural beauty and physical activity the Town's trails have to offer.

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that I David Dunphy, Mayor of Stratford, do hereby proclaim June 6 as Stratford Trails Day.

IN WITNESS

WHEREOF I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Stratford to be affixed hereto.

21. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor MacDonald made a clarification on the tour and barbeque at Fullerton's water station noting that it is being held on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Councillor Ogden noted that it is Victory in Europe Day and we owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans. It is important that we remember and express our gratitude.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

David Dunphy, Mayor

Robert Hughes, CAO