

## **REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 13, 2008**

**Approved Minutes**

**DATE:** August 13, 2008  
**TIME:** 4:32 p.m. - 5:08 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Steve MacDonald; Councillors Sandy McMillan; Gary Clow; Diane Griffin; Emile Gallant; Patrick Ross; Robert Hughes, CAO; Kim O'Connell, Manager of Finance and Administration; Jeremy Crosby, Manager Public Works and Utility; Vahid Ghomoshchi, Director of Planning and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

**REGRETS:** Ron Fisher, Recreation Director

**CHAIR:** Mayor Kevin Jenkins

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Steve MacDonald called the August 13, 2008, Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He noted that Mayor Jenkins was detained and will be arriving later.

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Sandy McMillan and seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin that the agenda be approved with one addition: Under #14 a) Committee of the Whole - Resolution CW012-2008 - Council Participation in the Town's Health Plan.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

### **3. MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Emile Gallant and seconded by Councillor Patrick Ross that the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2008, the Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2008 and the Emergency Council Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

### **5. CARI REPORT**

Included in the package for Council to review is a copy of the CARI General Manager's Report.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

*Mayor Jenkins arrived at this point*

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Included in the package for Council to review. Mayor Jenkins noted that Neil MacDonald, Stratford Events Committee gave our 'sister cities' Stratford England and Stratford Ontario a tour of the town and he was on hand to welcome them.

**8. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

No written report. Robert noted that he has been on vacation for the past three weeks and thanked Jeremy Crosby for filling in for him in his absence.

**9. PUBLIC WORKS****a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Deputy Mayor MacDonald asked Jeremy to give a brief update and Jeremy noted that later this month we will be placing concrete over the existing trail on Shakespeare Drive. He also noted that trail sections are being identified in the Kinlock Creek Subdivision and construction should start early in September. Jeremy stated that there are also a few other trail locations being considered, but they are not yet finalized.

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

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Ross gave a brief overview of his report noting that we did have an emergency Council meeting to approve our choices for submission to the Building Canada Fund, and those choices are Georgetown Road Sewermain, Sundance Cove Sewermain, Lantz Subdivision Sewermain and Rankin Watermain extensions. It was noted that the Bunbury water project was unanimously approved by Council at a previous meeting as priority #1. Jeremy noted that we cannot start any work until the funding has been announced, and we are hoping that the announcement will come in time for the Bunbury Road water project to be done this year.

**b) Financial Report**

A copy of the financial statements and a capital budget report was circulated for review.

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

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review. Deputy Mayor MacDonald noted that he was up to see the MacNeill field this morning and again this afternoon and it looks like it may be ready for the Junior Nationals. Robert added that the technical committee did visit the site and have deemed it acceptable.

**12. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION****a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review.

Mayor Jenkins asked about the progress of the paperless office and Councillor Gallant replied that it is moving along slowly and he would like to see it in place this fall. Councillor Ross agreed, noting that we have purchased laptops and equipment and he would like to see things up and running. Robert noted that he has been quite busy with other issues, but believes we should be able to use the agenda and minute taking part of the module for the October Council meeting.

**b) Financial Statements**

A copy of the financial statements and a capital budget report was circulated for review.

**13. PLANNING & HERITAGE****a) No Report**

Councillor Ross asked what the procedure is if someone proceeds with a project without a permit, and Councillor McMillan replied that there would be a site visit to assess the situation. She added that legal action can also be taken if it is required.

**b) July 2008 Permit Summary**

Included in package for Council to review.

**14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****a) Resolution CW012-2008 Town Health Plan**

**Moved by Deputy Mayor Steve MacDonald**  
**Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin**

**WHEREAS** a request was received to allow Council to participate in the Town's health plan; and

**WHEREAS** the health plan provider does not have any objection to Councillors joining the plan (with the exception of long term disability, and Life and AD&D will be restricted to a flat rate amount between \$10,000 and \$25,000).

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Councillors may make application to the Town's health plan under the same terms as Town staff (50% subsidized by the Town).

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

Councillor Gallant stated he believes that this would be an increase in

salary for Councillors and is something that should be dealt with at the same time as remuneration for Council, and he cannot support it.

Councillor Griffin didn't recall that it would be subsidized at 50% by the Town, however, Mayor Jenkins noted that it was agreed that it would be under the same terms and conditions as staff.

Question: **CARRIED (1 Against - Councillor Gallant)**

15. **SAFETY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT**

a) **Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Griffin noted that the major issue that the committee has been dealing with is noise complaints. She noted that the committee is reviewing the Town's Nuisance Bylaw, as well as investigating how other communities are dealing with this same issue, and how they are enforcing their bylaw.

b) **Street Lights**

No Report.

c) **Humane Society Report**

The Humane Society report for the month of July was included in the meeting package for Council to review.

d) **RCMP Report**

The RCMP report for the month of July was included in the meeting package for Council to review.

e) **Cross Roads Rural Community Fire Company**

No Report

f) **Public Transit**

Councillor Griffin noted that on August 20 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. there will be an open house regarding the transit. Residents have received their information flyers and many are calling with their comments. She noted that it is very important that people do put their comments forward by attending the open house, calling or sending an email.

***Councillor Clow arrived at this point.***

Councillor Gallant noted that a number of people that he works with have expressed an interest in the service and Councillor Griffin stated that if they are unable to attend the open house they can certainly call or email with their comments.

Mayor Jenkins stated that a meeting will need to be held after the open house to finalize the routes and Robert noted that we can do this on August 27 at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****a) Report**

Included in the package for Council to review. Mayor Jenkins noted that the next meeting will be held on August 18 and we will have an ACOA representative in attendance for discussion.

**17. HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

- a) Councillor Griffin stated that there were no meetings held during the summer months, but a regular meeting is scheduled for September.

**18. OTHER COMMITTEES****a) Stratford Seniors Complex**

A report was circulated and Deputy Mayor MacDonald gave a brief overview noting that the siding on the seniors complex requires work. It was determined that it will cost almost as much to replace the siding as it would to repair it, and we are waiting to hear back from CMHC for approval to replace the siding.

It was also noted that there are new landscapers at the complex and they are doing a great job maintaining the gardens and the grounds.

**19. PROCLAMATION**

Nil

**20. OTHER BUSINESS****a) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Town of Stratford Ward 3 Pace**

Councillor Ross noted that he and Councillor Clow were on hand to present a cooler at the *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Town of Stratford's Ward 3 Pace* at the Charlottetown Driving Park on Monday evening. He noted that he will provide a photo for the Town's newsletter.

**b) World Harmony Run**

It was noted that a request was received for Mayor Jenkins to participate in the World Harmony Run on Thursday, September 4 at 12:40 p.m. Deputy Mayor MacDonald agreed to represent Mayor Jenkins, as he will be out of province at that time.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the monthly Council meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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**Kevin Jenkins, Mayor**

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**Robert Hughes, CAO**