# REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING October 8, 2014

## **Approved Minutes**

**DATE:** October 8, 2014 **TIME:** 7:34 p.m. – 8:57 p.m.

**PLACE:** Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Emile Gallant; Diane Griffin; Steve

MacDonald; Steve Ogden; Randy Cooper; Robert Hughes, CAO; Jeremy Crosby, Director of Infrastructure; Joanne Weir, Recreation Director; Kim O'Connell, Director of Finance and Technology; Vahid Ghomoshchi, Director of Planning,

Development and Heritage; and Mary McAskill Recording Clerk

**REGRETS:** Nil

**CHAIR:** Mayor David Dunphy

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Dunphy called the Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED** 

### 3. MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Clow and seconded by Councillor Steve Ogden that the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014 and the Public Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question **CARRIED** 

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

#### 6. CARI REPORT

Included in the package.

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

Included in the package is a list of all correspondence sent and received since the last Council meeting.

### 8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dunphy gave an overview of his activities and events attended since the last Council as follows:

- was interviewed separately by Sara Fraser and Bruce Rainnie of CBC TV regarding Stratford's draft official plan, and was also interviewed regarding the diversity fountain.
- along with Robert, attended the Chamber of Commerce board meeting where presentations were made by Stratford, Charlottetown Airport Authority, CADC, and the Charlottetown Seaport Authority.
- attended Sustainability Committee meeting.
- along with Councillor Griffin, attended the Trius Transit "Fill the Bus Fridays" launch at the Charlottetown Mall.
- participated in the Guardian's "Raise a Reader" campaign.
- attended the Town's Community Expo, Pancake Breakfast and Culture Days Event in aid of the Glen Stewart Primary and Stratford Elementary breakfast programs, and it was a great success.
- attended the flag raising ceremony at the Town Hall on October 2 recognizing the start of Fire Prevention Week on PEI. Cross Roads fire chief Ron Young was also in attendance.
- on October 4 the Cross Roads Fire Department held an open house and it was a great event with several demonstrations of firefighting techniques.
- attended the Mayflower Seniors Club luncheon and monthly meeting. There was an unveiling of a collage containing pictures of all the presidents since the club's inception, and their first president Libby Smith was in attendance for the event.
- Along with Councillor Griffin and Robert Hughes met with Matt McGuire of the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI to discuss the location of the diversity fountain and the Michael Thomas statue.

#### 9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Included in the package for Council to review. Robert noted that the Atlantic Region Association of Immigrant Servicing Agencies (ARAISA), had a consultation process to help inform Citizenship and Immigration Canada on the next round of applications for funding coming out next year, and the Town was invited to participate. Robert noted that there were some very positive comments made about Stratford and he wanted to pass them on to Council. People appreciate what Stratford is doing to create a welcoming community, and it is certainly nice to hear that people are happy with what we are doing.

### 10. INFRASTRUCTURE

### a) Report

Included in the package. Councillor Gallant took a moment to honour Wellington Gay who was a member of the Infrastructure Committee and who recently passed away. Condolences go out to his family and friends.

### b) Resolution INV005-2014 Bunbury Road Sidewalk Replacement 2014

Moved by Councillor Emile Gallant Seconded by Councillor Steve Ogden

**WHEREAS** the Bunbury Road Sidewalk Replacement tender closed on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, and

**WHEREAS** the following tenders were received (HST included):

Contractor/Company	Tender Price (HST Included)
Blackhawk Custom Builders	\$189,057.92
Island Coastal Services Ltd.	\$268,099.69

**AND WHEREAS** a capital budget of \$200,000 was approved for the construction of the sidewalk replacement; and

**WHEREAS** once the GST rebate is applied to the project and the engineering cost of \$11,000 is added the total cost for the project is \$191,765.91.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the tender be awarded to Blackhawk Custom Builders in the amount of \$189,057.92 (HST included).

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

Infrastructure Committee.

Mayor Dunphy noted that staff did a good job estimating, as we are under

budget.

Question: **CARRIED** 

### c) Resolution INC006-2014 Rosebank Area Sewer and Water Extension

Moved by Councillor Emile Gallant Seconded by Councillor Randy Cooper **WHEREAS** the Rosebank Area Sewer and Water Extension tender closed on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, and

**WHEREAS** the following tenders were received (HST included):

Contractor/Company	Tender Price (HST Included)
Island Coastal Services Ltd.	\$282,929.03
Birt and MacKay Backhoe Services Ltd.	\$332,016.56

**AND WHEREAS** when the cost for engineering is added to the project, the total project cost is \$314,000; and

**WHEREAS** a capital budget of \$450,000 was approved for the engineering and construction of this project.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the tender be awarded to Island Coastal Services Ltd. in the amount of \$282,929.03 (HST included).

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

Infrastructure Committee.

Councillor Gallant noted that we are also going to try and do Quiet Water

Drive as part of this project.

Question: **CARRIED** 

#### d) Resolution INC007-2014 Bunbury Rink Washroom/Change Room Facility

Moved by Councillor Emile Gallant Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

**WHEREAS** the Bunbury Rink/Change Room facility tender closed on Friday September 9, 2014 and

**WHEREAS** the following tenders were received (HST excluded):

Contractor/Company	Tender Price (HST excluded)	
Naddy Construction	\$82,400	
O.M.D. Construction	\$87,200	

Blackhawk Custom Builders	\$91,000
W M&M	\$92,600
MacLean Construction	\$99,900

AND WHEREAS the budget for this project was estimated to be \$50,000;

**AND WHEREAS** based on the budget above we negotiated with the low bidder and the architect to reduce the cost of the project without altering the usability/durability of the building; and

**WHEREAS** after some minor alterations to the interior and site preparation, the cost of the project was reduced to \$66,250 HST excluded.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the negotiated tender price submitted by Naddy Construction in the amount of \$66,250 (HST excluded) be confirmed;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the capital budget be increased to \$70,000 to cover the additional cost of the project.

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

Infrastructure Committee.

Question: **CARRIED** 

### e) Resolution INC008-2014 Snow Removal Tender for Town Owned Buildings

Moved by Councillor Emile Gallant Seconded by Councillor Steve Ogden

**WHEREAS** tenders for snow removal, including HST, for Town, Utility and Seniors were received as follows:

# MacRae's Backhoe and Trucking:

<b>Snow Removal from Town</b>	Price	HST	Total
Properties			
Fixed Rate 2014/2015	\$15525.00	\$2173.50	\$17698.50
Fixed Rate 2015/2016	\$15525.00	\$2173.50	\$17698.50
Fixed Rate Optional Year	\$15725.00	\$2201.50	\$17926.50
2016/2017			
Fixed Rate Optional Year	\$15725.00	\$2201.50	\$17926.50

2017/2018

Snow removal from Seniors	Price	HST	Total
Property			
Fixed Rate	\$1900.00	\$266.00	\$2166.00
2014/2015			
Fixed Rate	\$1900.00	\$266.00	\$2166.00
2015/2016			
Fixed Rate Optional	\$1900.00	\$266.00	\$2166.00
Year 2016/2017			
Fixed Rate Optional	\$1900.00	\$266.00	\$2166.00
Year 2017/2018			

Snow removal from Utility Property	Price	HST	Total
Fixed Rate	\$6500.00	\$910.00	\$7410.00
2014/2015			
Fixed Rate	\$6500.00	\$910.00	\$7410.00
2015/2016			
Fixed Rate	\$6700.00	\$938.00	\$7638.00
Optional Year			
2016/2017			
Fixed Rate	\$6700.00	\$938.00	\$7638.00
Optional Year			
2017/2018			
Hourly Rate for	Price	HST	Total
Additional Work			
2014/2015	\$85.00	\$11.90	\$96.90
2015/2016	\$85.00	\$11.90	\$96.90
Optional Year	\$90.00	\$12.60	\$102.60
2016/2017			
Optional Year	\$90.00	\$12.60	\$102.60
2017/2018			

AND WHEREAS there was only one tender bid submitted for this contract.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that MacRae's Backhoe and Trucking be awarded the contract for snow removal for the Town, the Utility, and the Seniors property for the calendar years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, with the option to extend the contract for two additional seasons.

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

Councillor Ogden asked about combining all the snow removal as he knows we had trouble finding someone to do the shoveling at the senior's complex on Mutch Drive last year. Jeremy explained that the contractors are not interested in bidding on this work because they don't have enough employees to do the shoveling.

Question: **CARRIED** 

### f) Resolution INC009-2014 Snow Removal Tender – Sidewalks, Trails and Walkways

Moved by Councillor Emile Gallant Seconded by Randy Cooper

## MacRae's Backhoe and Trucking:

Snow	Price	HST	Total
removal			
from Town			
Sidewalks,			
Trails, &			
Walkways			
Hourly Rate	\$78.00	\$10.92	\$88.92
2014/2015			
Hourly Rate	\$78.00	\$10.92	\$88.92
2015/2016			
Hourly Rate	\$80.00	\$11.20	\$91.20
2016/2017			
Hourly Rate	\$80.00	\$11.20	\$91.20
2017/2018			
Standby	\$125.00	\$17.50	\$142.50
Rate			
2014/2015			
Standby	\$125.00	\$17.50	\$142.50
Rate			
2015/2016			
Standby	\$125.00	\$17.50	\$142.50
Rate			
2016/2017			
Standby	\$125.00	\$17.50	\$142.50
Rate			
2017/2018			

AND WHEREAS there was only one tender bid submitted for this contract.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that MacRae's Backhoe and Trucking be awarded the contract for snow removal from Town Sidewalks, Trails, and Walkways for the calendar years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, with the option to extend the contract for two additional seasons.

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

Infrastructure Committee.

Question: **CARRIED** 

#### 11. RECREATION, CULTURE AND EVENTS

### a) Report

Included in the package for review. Councillor MacDonald gave an overview of the report noting that the 2014/2015 Fall/Winter Program Flyer was prepared and distributed to residents the first week in September. A wide host of activities are being provided with most activities available at the Town Centre gymnasium, Glen Stewart School, and Stratford Elementary School.

All minor baseball programs are finished for the 2014 season. This year Stratford had two teams participate in their division at the Atlantic tournaments held September 12 to 14. Bantam AA's coached by Shawn Power represented PEI in Yarmouth Nova Scotia, and Mosquito AA team coached by Duane Smith represented PEI in Saint John, New Brunswick.

On September 27, the Stratford Recreation Events Committee and staff hosted the Annual Stratford Community Expo. Thirty groups/organizations/clubs participated and all groups voiced an interest in participating in the 2015 Expo. The Stratford Lion's Club pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Stratford Elementary School and the Glen Stewart School breakfast program was held during the Expo, and more than 800 people attended the event.

GO PEI sponsored a Bike Rodeo on Saturday September 13. Approximately 60-80 youth and families were in attendance, and bike helmets were given out as prizes.

As of September 15, Duane Pineau was hired as the new Youth and Family Coordinator for the Town, and the youth centre is now open for the fall and winter schedule.

Councillor MacDonald took a moment to thank all the Councillors for their help over the past few years, and hopes whoever succeeds him will also get the full support of Council. Mayor Dunphy stated that it has been a pleasure working with Councillor MacDonald and added that he has been a great asset to the Town for many many years.

#### 12. FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Cooper noted that there was some discussion at the meeting on the additional fees for the audit. He stated that Grant Thornton sent a detailed explanation explaining that the extra fees were due to the HST coming into place this year. The Finance Committee accepted the explanation and granted approval of the extra fees.

The indoor soccer complex is looking for forgiveness on the municipal portion of their taxes going forward. We have asked them what they can do to support the Town and members of the community in lieu of the municipal tax and the discussions are on-going.

Councillor Cooper noted that the committee discussed a tax recovery service. He stated that there is a person working with MRSB who has offered to come in and review our books. It is a fee for service and he would receive 40% of all the tax dollars he finds that should be reimbursed back to the Town. However, if he doesn't find anything there is no cost to the Town. Councillor Cooper stated that this has been successful in other municipalities and we felt there was merit in it. Councillor Ogden asked what kind of taxes they would be looking for and Councillor Cooper replied that they would be looking for the gst portion of the hst.

Councillor Cooper stated that we are getting ready for the 2015 budget and a pre-budget consultation meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2014. He noted that we will use all our means of communications to communicate with the residents to advise them of the meeting and ask for their input.

#### **b)** Financial Statements

Included in the package for review. Councillor Cooper stated that the Town and Utility are both running a healthy surplus.

### 13. PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND HERITAGE

#### a) Report

Included in the package. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that the committee met on September 19 and the only item on the agenda was the official plan review. He noted that the meeting was spent reviewing the input received from residents from the public meeting. Deputy Mayor Clow stated that the official plan draft is now ready and the planning director will be making a presentation to Council in the very near future, as we hope to have it go to the November Council for approval.

### b) Permit Summary

Included in the package.

#### 14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

#### 15. SAFETY SERVICES

### a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Ogden took a moment to pay tribute to Wellington Gay who recently passed away. Wellington was a great friend, neighbour, and committee member. He was a behind the scenes worker making the community a better place. Councillor Ogden also expressed his condolences to Wellington's family.

Councillor Ogden noted that the main items for discussion at the last meeting were transit and the implementation of the traffic safety report. He noted that the committee also discussed the need for some crosswalks and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has been very responsive to the Town's concerns. One we need right away is the Bunbury Road at Horton Park crossing over to the Bunbury Mall, and hopefully there will be a resolution to this very soon.

### b) Street Light Report

No report

#### c) RCMP Report

Included in the package for Council to review. There was a substantial increase in the number of summary offences and Councillor Ogden commended the RCMP for cracking down on speeders and people who are texting or using the phone while driving.

### d) Humane Society Report

No Report

#### e) Transit Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Ogden noted that just a few days ago we celebrated our highest day with 137 riders. There is a lot of activity on transit, as we are really trying to make it work. We want to increase the marketing so everyone knows about it. Councillor Ogden stated that we would like everyone in Stratford to be able to access the transit and we are working with the service provider to make that happen.

Mayor Dunphy noted that it is great to see the transit numbers up and it is also great to see the RCMP presence has increased.

### f) Fire Company

Councillor Ogden noted that he attended the last fire company meeting and the number of fire calls is up dramatically.

### 16. SUSTAINABILITY

#### a) Report

Mayor Dunphy stated that the committee met on September 18 and one of the items discussed was the business park expansion.

The committee discussed and approved the idea of having a "Business of the Week" in order to recognize a different Town business every week, and staff has been tasked to do this.

There was also some discussion on Dutch elm disease. It was noted that the issue has been resolved, but the committee will continue to look at a long term plan for removing diseased trees.

Mayor Dunphy stated that in September, we celebrated the substantial completion of Stratford's portion of the Trans Canada Trail for PEI.

The diversity fountain and Michael Thomas statue will be unveiled on October 18. Mayor Dunphy stated that he has to be in Nova Scotia on October 18, but hopes everything goes well.

Cosmetic Pesticides – 'Naturally Stratford' was launched over the summer which was a campaign to encourage residents to use more natural alternatives on their lawns and gardens, and we will continue to work with the watershed group on this issue.

An orchard planting happened on September 17 at Cotton Park and a number of fruit bearing trees were planted. This was an initiative of the watershed group.

### 17. ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

#### a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Griffin gave a brief overview of the report noting that the committee is working to finish the Key Progress Indicators (KPI's) so they can forward them to Council for approval.

### b) Resolution A&E 0013-2014 Global Governance Project

Moved by Councillor Diane Griffin Seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant

**WHEREAS** we previously asked our Chief Administrative Officer to think about the big picture and he proposed a series of innovative ideas to improve our local governance system.

**AND WHEREAS** we adopted and implemented those ideas into our governance system and have determined, based on feedback from residents and other measures, that the proposed changes improved governance, and improved governance is the key to achieving our goal of building the best community possible.

**AND WHEREAS** our Chief Administrative Officer recently brought forward to us a proposal, entitled and referred to herein as the *Global Governance Project*, the goal of

which is to create improvements to the global governance system to make the world a better place.

**AND WHEREAS** although we do not agree with all of the ideas in the *Global Governance Project*, we recognize that they are not meant to be prescriptive, but rather are illustrative of a means to an end goal - to create a better governance system so that we can have a better world. The goal of the *Global Governance Project* is to encourage and inspire people around the world to collaborate to design and build a better governance system and to do so in such a way that it will continue to evolve and be improved as others add their knowledge and ideas to the effort.

**AND WHEREAS** we agree with the premise that we can build a better world by improving our governance and we are prepared to enable our Chief Administrative Officer to further this initiative by engaging others who wish to work together to design and build a better governance system.

#### **BE IT RESOLVED** that:

- the Global Governance Foundation be hereby established pursuant to the Canada Notfor-profit Corporations Act; the purpose of the Foundation will be to:
  - develop a better Global Governance System that employs best practices, and is
    designed to enable people to truly represent themselves in the democratic decision
    making process, leading to more democratic, sustainable, effective and efficient
    outcomes; and
  - promote the adoption and use of the new Global Governance System by local governments and citizens all around the world.
  - the Town of Stratford be the founding member of the Foundation and the Council of the Town of Stratford serve as the initial directors of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

#### **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

- the Town's Chief Administrative Officer be given the opportunity to seek out others who are interested in helping to design and build a better governance system.
- the Town of Stratford pilot ideas for improved governance with our residents on issues over which we have jurisdiction, as authorized by law.
- the Town of Stratford share the information about the *Global Governance Project* and the *Global Governance Foundation* with other municipalities.

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

Councillor Ogden stated that he would first like to congratulate Robert for getting the discussion started on the governance process. We need to look at our governance process because we are losing a lot of people who are not engaged in the political process, and the long term result could be an endangered democracy. The whole nature of our democracy is based on people being informed, engaged, and involved in their own governance, so starting the discussion is a good thing.

Councillor Ogden stated that he has some fundamental disagreements with the document, as he has expressed at previous meetings. The political nature of it and some of the aspects of it are not realistic, and something that he really doesn't agree with. There are some benefits that will accrue to the Town of Stratford such as potentially being a centre of expertise for governance, the engagement of our youth, and the use of technology which is in the proposal, so for that reason he has decided to support the resolution.

Deputy Mayor Clow stated that there are a lot of things in the document he disagrees with, but his concern is the amount of time the project will take away from Town business. He would like to see the CAO devote 100% of his time to Town business and we will likely lose that, and we are not sure what the cost will be to the Town. He would also like to have a public meeting to let the residents of Stratford know what we are taking on. It's a big project and it will take a lot of time. Deputy Mayor Clow stated that he does give Robert credit for what he has done, however he can't support the resolution, as he wants Robert 100% as CAO devoting his time to the managers, staff and residents of the Town.

Councillor Cooper looking at the section of the resolution that states "whereas we previously asked our Chief Administrative Officer to think about the big picture" and he feels this must have been the previous council because he doesn't recall ever being in a meeting and asking our Chief Administrative Officer to look at the big picture. The biggest initiative that was brought forward by the CAO was Results Matter. Where the resolution states "based on feedback from the residents and other measures" — this has never been brought to the residents. He noted that we are probably talking about many different things here over a period of time.

Councillor Cooper stated that when we first started talking about this initiative it was originally called the Big Idea and we decided to send it in to the 2014 Committee for approval of a big project – projects that were \$250,000 and above. At that point in time one of the major focuses of this document, and the project, was to talk about how we could have a changing governance, and how we could get support to put on a big project; or a project similar to the Fathers of Confederation meeting of 150 years ago and have another meeting here. He remembers that project, and he thought it might have some merit based on the 150 years approach and the celebrations that have been taking

place, and the money that has been spent on those celebrations over the past year.

The project has changed and the document has changed many times. We have been talking about it since November 2012 and we talked about it in 2013 and we continue to talk about it now. Councillor Cooper stated that his concern is that he doesn't have an issue with the democratic system that we have today. If people are not engaged it is our job to engage them. He noted that we are looking to change the global governance and it is called the global governance project. There are a lot of things in the document that we wish could come to fruition and maybe the odd one could.

Councillor Cooper feels that the Town of Stratford is too small of a group to be taking on this project and supporting it going forward. He noted that after the election four years ago, he spent time with Robert to get up to speed on Town policy and noted that he had never been briefed as well by anyone as he was by Robert. Councillor Cooper stated that now he is concerned about the time this project will take away from the managers and staff of the Town. He noted that this could turn into something good, but he really struggles to see the benefits for the Town. Councillor Cooper also stated that there was collaboration with our solicitor and there are some concerns of what might come out of the Town doing business provincially and federally going forward. He noted that the effects are probably small, but deserve some merit.

Councillor Cooper reiterated that he does not have a problem with how government is run now. Councillor Gallant and Councillor MacDonald have served their community very well and we will have some new people coming in and he looks forward to that day. He feels Council is being shortsighted in what is being proposed going forward. He noted that it is not personal; his concern is the time the project will take away from the Town. He believes Robert to be a brilliant man, who has proposed quite a project, but he just doesn't see it working, and therefore he cannot support the motion.

Councillor Gallant stated that he seconded the motion and he does support it 100%. He noted that he has sat at the Council table for 10 of the last 13 years and has been involved with many community groups and he has also worked at various levels of government. Many times it's small groups or small municipalities where staff can bring forward projects. How far this project will go we don't know, but if we don't try we will not succeed. If we don't bring forward these kinds of projects to make changes in the world, we are not going to make any changes. There are things in it that I can live with or not live with regarding some of the directions it could go. Councillor Gallant stated that he has no problem supporting it, and what it will do is bring out new possibilities and new ways of hopefully doing things. That is why he supports it 100%. In regards to the Town, Councillor Gallant stated that he

has worked with many of the municipalities across PEI and across Atlantic Canada and he believes we have a very well run municipality, and a lot of the credit goes to the managers but a lot also goes to our CAO who has been leading our Town. He noted that he believes in giving the CAO a chance and thinking outside the box. He added that we all have to do it in our own jobs and the groups we are involved with. Councillor Gallant feels it is a worthwhile project and he wants to give it a chance so he will support it.

Councillor MacDonald stated that we are very fortunate that we have a CAO who is willing to take on this extra task, and he added that he is quite sure that the CAO realizes that if down the road he finds it is not going to work he will be the first to say so. He feels that we owe it to this wonderful CAO that we have, and he doesn't feel we would find a better one anywhere. We are very lucky to have a CAO like Robert; you can talk to him about anything at any time and you will get an answer. Councillor MacDonald feels that Robert is quite capable of carrying this out while still doing his own work and he supports the resolution.

Councillor Griffin stated that she was the mover of the resolution and she supports it. She noted that she has been very lucky to have been involved with some other big projects such as the national round table on the environment and economy. She noted that it was tough going because nothing like this is easy. A number of years later you look back and see the progress that was made and you back cast to see what steps you took to get One of the big things left to be done in terms of sustainable development was to get at the better method of governance. Councillor Griffin noted that she remembers Susan Holts from Nova Scotia saying if you have a better way of making decisions – you should have better decisions and she sees this as another step in the process. First it was the environmental awareness and combing the environment and the economy, but another big part of it is the whole social aspect. People are bringing that in more now in terms of the impact of decision making. We still haven't got at the hard bullet yet and that is our way of making decisions and the impacting result and the consequence of that. Councillor Griffin stated that she supports the motion and looks forward to the day when she can look back and say be that it was exciting to have been at the start.

Mayor Dunphy stated that this is a contentious resolution, but everyone's views are well respected whichever way it goes. If it goes forward and there are concerns those concerns will be monitored and addressed.

CARRIED 4 - 2 (2 against - Deputy Mayor Clow and Councillor Randy Cooper)

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a) No Report

# 19. PROCLAMATIONS

a) Nil

## 20. OTHER COMMITTEES

**a) Stratford Seniors Complex** No Report

### 21. OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the results of the "Adopt a School" will be out October 9, but Mayor Dunphy believes Glen Stewart was the winner. Councillor Gallant thanked Council, staff, and his rotary members who all participated by donating and voting for Glen Stewart.

### 22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.				

Mayor David Dunphy	Robert Hughes, CAO