

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2010

Approved Minutes

DATE: September 8, 2010
TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

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

REGRETS: Councillor Gary Clow

CHAIR: Mayor Kevin Jenkins

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kevin Jenkins called the September 8, 2010 Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Councillor Griffin noted that the person you see taking photos is John Sylvester, and he is here with us this evening to take photos of a Council meeting for a grade three social studies project.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Diane Griffin and seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant that the agenda be approved with the addition of #18 b) Land Acquisition Committee.

Discussion: None
Question: **CARRIED**

3. **MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Diane Griffin and seconded by Deputy Mayor McMillan that the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2010 be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None
Question: **CARRIED**

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

Good evening everyone. I am Carol Roach and I am here with my mother Catherine Roach. We have been long time seasonal residents of Southport - then to be the Town of Stratford. I am here this evening just to talk to you for a few moments regarding the situation that we have been living with for many many years. I see familiar names here whom I have corresponded with via email. I believe Sandy, we corresponded last year and certainly

Jeremy. I know him very well because we are always sending him emails. We are about to move to Stratford at the end of the year and become full time residents of the Town of Stratford. Our goal always was to live here on the shoreline where we have our cottage. There is a very small strip of land, as you are well aware, along the Rosebank Road that has not been serviced with water or sewer. Unfortunately that area has never been encapsulated in the initial water and sewer strategy. Today I want to get a couple of points across. I would really like to understand when we will be part of that strategy. My understanding is that Lloyd Manual will not be servicing us next year. I understand that the Town of Stratford is actually running water through the pipes that are supplying our cottages, but if next year we will not have Mr. Manual managing those pipes, I want to know what the Town is prepared to do for us. I am not really here to speak for everybody on the road of Rosebank, but I have individually gone to a number of my neighbours and I think there are a number of people who would like to have water and sewer service. These are my points, and I wanted this minuted at your Council meeting. I have sent many letters over the past ten or twelve years, and I know it is part of your group that really looks at this and where discussion happens, and I want it in your minutes.

Thank you very much for allowing me to speak to all of you.

Mayor Jenkins thanked Ms. Roach for her presentation and asked her to leave it with Deputy Mayor McMillan, Councillor Ross and Jeremy Crosby for review.

5. **CARI REPORT**

Included in the package for Council to review.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Included in the package for Council to review. Mayor Jenkins gave a brief overview of his report noting that he attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) quarterly Board meeting in Iqaluit from August 30 to September 2.

8. **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Included in the package for Council to review. Robert gave a brief overview of his report noting that he has been spending a lot of his time on the performance management framework that we are looking to implement.

9. **PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTY**

Councillor Griffin noted that the committee has taken the summer off, but will be resuming regular meetings this month. She gave a verbal report noting that the roads in the Town are the responsibility of the province, and this year there has been a lot of road work done in

Stratford. Councillor Griffin noted that with the new road construction some 'islands' have been created at the TCH/Kinlock Road intersection. They will be nicely landscaped and this may also help to calm the traffic. Robert noted that Doug Deacon has been in contact with some local businesses who have agreed to supply the material and the town's public works crew will install it.

Councillor Ross asked if we have a date from the province when they are expected to finish the work on the Stratford Road and the TCH intersection, and Robert replied that he contacted the province today and they were to start paving the highway today. He added that they will stop work on the Stratford Road while they do the paving and painting of the lines on the TCH. It will take three or four days to complete the paving, and another day or two to paint the lines. Jeremy noted that they are behind schedule on the Stratford Road project and it will be October before that project is complete.

Deputy Mayor McMillan stated that there are two issues she wanted to note. She stated that she received a call today asking when there might be a turning lane put into the Burhoe subdivision - particularly a turning lane at the east end towards town. It is very dangerous and there has been a serious accident. Deputy Mayor McMillan noted that she wanted to make everyone aware of the problem and believes we should be considering this when we next discuss our paving allocations. She also noted that there is absolutely no shoulder on the Bunbury Road onto the bridge and this is also a concern.

10. STRATFORD UTILITY CORPORATION

Deputy Mayor McMillan noted that the Utility did not hold a meeting in August, but gave an update on the on-going projects.

- Wellfield Exploration - testing and monitoring of the wells is underway and initial steam monitoring data has been submitted to the Department of Environment for their review. There will likely be on-going testing and stream monitoring throughout the winter months.
- Glencove Rodgeron Water Project - WM&M has completed installation of the watermain. Flushing and testing of the system is underway. Landscaping and sod placement are well underway and the project should be substantially complete by the end of September.
- Lantz Subdivision Sewer and Water - Duffy Construction has completed the installation of the sewer and water mains. Flushing and testing of the system is underway. Some landscaping and sodding has already begun and should be more efficient now that pipe laying procedures are complete.
- Sundance Cove Sewer - this project is substantially complete. However, there are several deficiencies that must be fixed and the landscaping is still underway.

- We recently started adding a polymer to our lagoon system to help with the settling of our suspended solids prior to proceeding through the UV lights. The procedure has been very successful at keeping our test results well below the acceptable limits. The credit for this initiative goes to the excellent operators we have on staff.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the package for Council to review.

c) Resolution SUC007-2010 Amendment to Bylaw #21, Water and Sewer Customer Service Regulations Bylaw - 2nd Reading

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sandy McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

WHEREAS section 71 (Fire Rated Water Supply Capital Contribution) of the Stratford Utility Corporation Customer Service Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw #21, states:

“ All customers who connect to the utility’s water system to service a sprinkler system shall be subject to a one time non-recurring capital contribution charge as set out in Schedule A to this bylaw. ”

AND WHEREAS the Utility wishes to eliminate the non-recurring capital contribution charge in favor of a tariff as per section 64 of the Stratford Utility Corporation Customer Service Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw #21.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Bylaw, Bylaw #21-E, a Bylaw to amend the Stratford Utility Corporation Customer Service Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw #21, be hereby read and approved a second time.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

d) Resolution SUC008-2010 Amendment to Bylaw #21, Water and Sewer Customer Service Regulations Bylaw - Adoption

Moved by Deputy Mayor McMillan

Seconded by Councillor Steve MacDonald

WHEREAS Bylaw #21-E, a Bylaw to amend the Stratford Utility Corporation Customer Service Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw #21, was read and approved a first time on August 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS Bylaw #21-E, a Bylaw to amend the Stratford Utility Corporation Customer Service Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw #21, was read and approved a second time on September 8, 2010.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Bylaw, Bylaw #21-E, a Bylaw to amend the Stratford Utility Corporation Customer Service Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw #21, be hereby adopted and that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal of the Town thereto and to formally declare the said Bylaw Passed.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

e) Resolution SUC009-2010 - Amendment to Utility Tariff 2010

Moved by Deputy Mayor McMillan

Seconded by Emile Gallant

WHEREAS Bylaw #21-E, a Bylaw to amend the Stratford Utility Corporation Customer Service Regulations Bylaw, Bylaw #21, was adopted on September 8, 2010; and

WHEREAS the utility tariff for 2010 needs to be amended to reflect the new tariff for fire rated water.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Stratford Utility Corporation Tariff for 2010 be approved as amended.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

11. RECREATION REPORT

a) Report

A complete written report was included in the package for Council to review. Councillor MacDonald noted that staff was busy throughout the month of August hosting special events, tournaments, maintenance requirements and winding up several of our summer program activities.

Councillor MacDonald noted that the 2010-2011 fall/winter recreation program flyer is expected to be delivered to households by the second week of September.

Ron Fisher reminded everyone that the Stratford Community Expo is being hosted this weekend - Friday, September 10 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., with a pancake breakfast being served from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

12. FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Ross gave a brief overview of the report noting that at the next meeting the committee will be putting

together some dates for the budget process. It is important to note that the new Council will take office two weeks after the election on November 1. A pre-budget meeting will still need to be held and an ad will be placed in the newspaper advising residents of the date and time of the public meeting. Councillor Ross also noted that he felt it would be more beneficial if the new Council was to hold the meeting. Mayor Jenkins stated that in terms of getting people out to a public meeting, he felt that late October or early November might be a better time frame, and Councillor Ross replied that he will bring the issue to the committee for discussion and recommendation.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the package. Councillor Ross noted that as of July 31, we are showing a surplus of approximately \$98,000. It is about two and a half percent of the total budgeted expenses. He noted that the committee doesn't feel that this is a significant item at present, but wanted Council to be aware of it. Councillor Ross added that the managers are currently forecasting to the end of the year, so we will have a better picture of where we stand.

Mayor Jenkins asked where we stand with our capital budget expenditures, and Kim replied that she will do a summary of all the capital expenses and forward the summary to Council by email.

13. PLANNING AND HERITAGE

a) No Report

Vice-chair Sandy McMillan noted that the Planning and Heritage Committee did not hold a meeting in August.

The first public meeting on sustainable subdivisions has been held and Mayor Jenkins noted that the meeting was a good educational process, and Vahid gave a good presentation. It was noted that September 29 is proposed as the date for the bylaw public meeting.

Deputy Mayor McMillan noted that everyone is aware of the outcome of the Town's proposal regarding the Bayfield/Jaynes property, and although we respect the position of the Board, we were disappointed that they chose to accept another proposal. Subsequently, we wrote and asked that they include a provision in the land transfer that allows members of the public to tour the property once per year - allowing an opportunity for Islanders to increase their appreciation of our shared heritage.

b) Permit Summary

Included in the package.

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

15. SAFETY SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT**a) No Report**

Councillor Gallant noted that the Safety Services and Environment Committee did not hold a meeting in August.

b) Street Light Report

No Report

c) RCMP Report

The RCMP report for the month of August was included in the meeting package for Council to review. Councillor Gallant noted that we met with the RCMP at the last Committee of the Whole meeting regarding RCMP space in Stratford. We have received more information on what their needs are and there will be further discussion on this issue at the next meeting.

d) Humane Society Report

The Humane Society report for the month of August was included in the meeting package.

e) Fire Company

No Report.

f) Transit Report

Included in the package.

Mayor Jenkins asked if there was anything new to report on the transit study, and Councillor Gallant replied that they are very interested in the Town being involved noting that Robert is serving as our representative on the steering committee. Robert stated that the steering committee met today and there was a teleconference with the consultant who will be conducting the study. The first meeting with the consultant will be on October 4, and there will be a meeting with the joint transit committees. He also noted that there will be time set aside for any councillor who may wish to drop in.

Deputy Mayor McMillan stated that she has spoken to many residents in the Bunbury area who expressed their desire for transit, but would like to see some different run times. Robert noted that there will be a transit survey as part of the study, and people can express what they would like to see from the transit system in the survey.

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**a) Report included in the package.**

b) Sports Teams Request

Mayor Jenkins noted that we have received a request from a sports team who is going to the nationals. He has spoken with the chair of finance and the vice-chair of economic development and we would treat this request as an economic development item (under promotions) and help fund the team, as it would provide some excellent promotion for the town, while keeping our donations policy intact - and not violating it.

Councillor Gallant stated that we have teams that go to nationals all the time and he would have a problem with approving this because we would be setting a precedent. Councillor Ross stated that when he looks at the budget for the town and when he looks at some of the things that we sponsor, purchase, and partnerships we enter into they are all valid things for the Town. We have to remember that this would be used not as a donation, but would be used as a promotion from our promotions budget. We have done it in the past, so a precedent has already been set, and we have to remember this is a positive.

Mayor Jenkins stated that there is value for money here and it is good promotion, and he is prepared to support the request.

Councillor Griffin agrees that it is a precedent she and would encourage all future teams to show up with their 'cap in hand' because they are also entitled.

It was noted that in this case, it is the Stratford Soccer Team and that is the difference.

Deputy Mayor McMillan and Councillor MacDonald both stated that they would support the request.

Councillor Gallant stated that he will not be supporting it, as we have many teams who go away to nationals. He added that the team referred to as setting the precedent was the Stratford Choir. We did fund gowns for the Stratford Choir, who represented the Town at cities and towns all over the world. However, Councillor Gallant reiterated that we have a policy in place to fund teams who attend nationals and that is why he cannot support this request. Councillor Gallant asked if there will be a motion and Mayor Jenkins stated that a motion isn't required, as this can be dealt with through the Economic Development Committee. However, Councillor Gallant stated that he would like to see a motion on the issue.

RESOLUTION

It was moved by Councillor Patrick Ross and seconded by Councillor Steve MacDonald that the Town support the Stratford Soccer Team in the purchasing of their track suits in the amount of \$2,400, and that Stratford will be identified on the track suits in an effort to promote the Town of Stratford.

Discussion: None

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

17. HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Nil

18. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Seniors Complex

Included in the package. It was noted that the vinyl siding has been replaced on the seniors complex. It was also noted that the one vacant unit has been filled.

b) Land Acquisition Committee

Mayor Jenkins asked if the Land Acquisition Committee has met yet and Councillor MacDonald replied that Councillor Clow is out of the province, but will be calling a meeting when he returns.

Mayor Jenkins asked that the Land Acquisition Committee be added as a standing item on the agenda.

19. PROCLAMATIONS

Nil

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Kevin Jenkins, Mayor

Robert Hughes, CAO