

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2011
Approved Minutes

DATE: September 14, 2011
TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 6:06 p.m.
PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gary Clow; Councillors Diane Griffin; Steve MacDonald; Emile Gallant; Randy Cooper; Robert Hughes, CAO; Joanne Weir, Assistant Recreation Director; Vahid Ghomoshchi, Director of Planning; Jeremy Crosby, Manager Public Works and Utility; Kim O'Connell, Manager of Finance and Administration and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Councillor Steve Ogden

CHAIR: Mayor David Dunphy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dunphy called the Regular Monthly Council Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Emile Gallant seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin that the August 10, 2011 Regular Monthly Council Meeting Minutes be approved as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Introductions - Carol Roach, seasonal resident of 97 Rosebank Road, and Wade McGuigan 82 Rosebank Road. Carol Roach - from my perspective being an owner for almost 40 years in originally Southport and now Stratford, I have certainly written many many letters over the years trying to get us at least evaluated for water and sewer, and we are now faced with an impending crisis. The individual, who is Lloyd Manual, up until last year was providing water for our area and he also services the broken pipes if there are any. We were informed this year, and I think Jeremy you probably had communication from Lloyd as well, that he will no longer be servicing our particular area. Now this presents sort of a crisis for us because we can't live without sustainable safe water. Obviously, I personally would prefer that we have water and sewer in our area. I think what will happen if we don't have a solution is that people will start to drill wells down there. Wade, would you like to add

anything? Wade McGuigan - it has gotten to that point now where people are going to have to start drilling wells, basically every resident down there, and the water has been promised for so long now. Lloyd has helped you folks, and us as well get through the last few years, but it is weighing a lot on him and it is weighing a lot on us as residents and we don't feel that we are being recognized by Stratford. It has been long overdue in my opinion.

Ms. Roach stated that we wanted to get it on record that we are very concerned that we are in a crisis situation, and we are going to have to do something by next year if we want water.

Councillor Gallant asked how many properties are involved and Ms. Roach replied she believes there are ten properties.

Mayor Dunphy stated that although the chair of the Utility Board is not present, vice-chair, Deputy Mayor Clow is in attendance. He stated that what we will do as a first step is set up a meeting with Mr. Manuel and anyone else who wishes to attend, as well as the chair of the utility board, Councillor Ogden; the utility manager, Jeremy Crosby; and the CAO, Robert Hughes, to see where things are and to go from there.

Ms. Roach stated that from her perspective, we have been coming here for almost 40 years and we see that Connolly Lane now has water/sewer, and they have a road, so it is very hard for us, and to be quite honest it is not fair or equitable. This is a no blame situation; you are a new administration and we came here to get this on the books and we are really hoping that your administration is going to be able to help us move this forward. Mayor Dunphy replied that we will certainly do what we can and we will leave it in Deputy Mayor Clow's hands to set up a meeting. Ms. Roach and Mr. McGuigan thanked Council for their time and gave their phone numbers to Deputy Mayor Clow so he can contact them with the meeting details.

6. CARI REPORT

Included in the package for Council to review.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

- attended noon time public engagement "Brainstorming Session" with staff and Peter MacLeod of MASS LBP
- attended joint Stratford-Charlottetown Public Engagement Strategy presented by Peter MacLeod of MASS LBP
- attended Planning and Heritage Committee meeting

- attended Committee of the Whole meeting
- attended Economic Development Committee meeting
- attended funding announcement re: CMHC Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program (MILP) for the Town of Stratford and the City of Charlottetown. The Town of Stratford received low interest rate loans under the MILP
- along with Councillor Cooper, Robert Hughes and Kim O'Connell met with officials from CMHC and the Province of PEI to discuss options/opportunities for funding of affordable housing in Stratford. Mayor Dunphy noted that the first step is to do a needs analysis in the Town
- attended Planning and Heritage Committee site visit of condo development at the corner of Kinlock and Stratford Roads
- along with Robert Hughes, met with MLA Alan McIsaac to discuss priority issues for the Town of Stratford
- attended corn boil and community expo at the Stratford Town Centre
- attended Planning and Heritage Committee site visit of Connor Holdings sub-division at the lower end of Rosebank Road

Councillor Gallant noted that he would like to invite our MLA's to the Committee of the Whole meetings again, as he found it beneficial in the past. Mayor Dunphy stated that once the election is over, we will set up meetings with our two MLA's, but he suggested the meetings be separate from the Committee of the Whole and held quarterly.

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Included in the package for Council to review. Robert gave a brief overview of his report noting that the Act Review and Revenue Sharing Committee meetings continue to go well. He noted that he attended meetings for both committees earlier today and the revenue sharing is going to be quite a challenge because of the difference in assessment base and we are trying to come up with a formula that will transfer revenue based on tax credit.

Regional Active Transportation Plan - Robert stated that the first meeting between the Steering Committee and the consultants, IBI Group, was held on August 17. The consultants will be in PEI next week to launch the public consultation component of the work they are doing. To raise awareness, they want to set up at locations in each community to get the attention of the average citizen and in Stratford they will be setting up at Sobey's. It was noted that an ad will be placed in the newspaper to advise the public that this event is taking place. The consultants will also start a number of stakeholder meetings and will meet with the Advisory Committee that is being established.

Mayor Dunphy asked if we have a report from the consultants and Robert replied that he doesn't have a report, but will circulate a copy of the consultant's workplan.

Results Matter - Robert stated that we are making great progress and thanked those who attended the MASS LBP presentation and brainstorming session. He noted that he is currently working on ideas for communications, branding, and engagement.

10. PUBLIC WORKS**a) Report**

Councillor MacDonald gave an overview of his report noting that the design for the two sections of sidewalk on the Mason Road and the Keppoch Road are almost complete and the tender documents should be going out within the next two weeks.

It was noted that the Tea Hill building is now fully operational and being well utilized. Councillor Gallant noted that the showers at Tea Hill are not working, and public works manager Jeremy Crosby stated that he was not aware of this, but he will have Joe Driscoll look into it.

Councillor Cooper noted that now that we have the cricket field how do we 'show' it to everyone, and Councillor Griffin replied that last year we did have an official opening of the cricket field and a tournament was held with teams from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and MP's, MLA's and the Lieutenant Governor were in attendance. Joanne Weir noted that she has met with the Cricket Club and they had a tournament at the end of August and they are planning something for the spring. Councillor Cooper stated that now that the new facility is there maybe it is an opportunity to thank the funding partners and bring attention to the fact that we have a cricket field. Councillor Griffin stated that we have already had the official opening, so this will have to be something a little different, and we can look at doing something in the spring.

Mayor Dunphy asked if the washrooms are locked when there is no staff member on duty and Jeremy replied that because of vandalism they are locked when the staff person leaves for the day. Robert added that the washrooms are locked before the gate is closed for the evening, so we are analyzing what the additional cost would be to have our security company close the washrooms. Robert noted that it is a public park and people do have a certain expectation.

Councillor MacDonald stated that we are still in negotiations with the landowners on Shakespeare Drive to have a section of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) constructed along the front of their properties. This section is the first step in having the TCT connect with other existing section located throughout the province. We have had several meetings with the province regarding working jointly toward completing this section within the Town.

Councillor MacDonald stated that he has received a letter from the Mayflower seniors requesting more space, and they wanted to ensure their request was submitted in time for the budget deliberations. It was noted that this item can be discussed further at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

Included in the package for Council to review. In Councillor Ogden's absence, vice-chair Deputy Mayor Clow gave a brief overview of the utility report. He noted that the Mason

Road pumping station project has been awarded to Island Coastal Services and work is scheduled to begin before the end of September.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that on September 7 there was a presentation on the final report of the sewer and water rate study by the Isenor Group. The main recommendation was to proceed with investigating the possibility of implementing full metering of customers.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that sewer lift station maintenance is ongoing, with approximately one third of the stations completely inspected and all necessary adjustments and repairs completed.

It was noted that we are now using a new product at the wastewater treatment plant and it seems to be having the desired effect of reducing bacteria. The product is completely organic and has been approved for use by the Department of Environment.

Councillor Gallant stated that the sewer and water rate study was well presented and the presenter provided a lot of good information.

2. Financial Statements

Included in the package.

3. Resolution SUC008-2011 Awarding of Mason Road Pumping Station

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow

Seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant

WHEREAS the “Mason Road Pumping Station” tender closed on Thursday, Aug 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS the following bids were received (GST included);

Contractor/Company	Tender Price (including GST)
Island Coastal Services Ltd.	\$153,733.31
Birt & MacKay	\$164,781.28

AND WHEREAS the approved capital budget for this project is \$110,000; and when the GST rebate is applied to the low bid, the total amount required to be paid by the Utility Corporation is \$153,562.68, including engineering.

BE IT RESOLVED that the tender submitted by Island Coastal Services Ltd. in the amount of \$153,733.31 (GST included) be accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a supplementary capital budget in the amount of \$43,562.68 be approved to cover the additional costs of the above project.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Utility Corporation and the Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Cooper asked about the overage noting that it is a large amount. He asked if the engineering consultant missed something when it was being tendered, and Jeremy replied that what they do is look at previous projects of similar style and they use the numbers from the ones they have done over the past number of years, but sometimes they can be off and this time they were. Jeremy also noted that the developer did agree to pay the extra amount that we requested - based on the new amount.

Question: **CARRIED**

4. Resolution SUC009-2011 Victoria View Lane Sewermain and Watermain Extension

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow

Seconded by Councillor Randy Cooper

WHEREAS when the Battery Point sewer system was installed in 2007/2008, the sewermain was unable to gravitate Victoria View Lane back out to the Battery Point system; and

WHEREAS when the Strathern Cove Subdivision is being developed it allowed for Victoria View lane to be interconnected to the new municipal system; and

WHEREAS the cost associated with interconnecting Victoria View Lane with the new subdivision is \$24,000.

BE IT RESOLVED the quote submitted by Island Coastal Services Ltd. in the amount of \$24,000 (GST excluded) be accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a supplementary capital budget in the amount of \$24,000 be approved to complete the above project.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Utility Corporation and the Committee of the Whole.

Question: **CARRIED**

5. **Resolution SUC010-2011 Park Lane Water System Inerconnect**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gary Clow

Seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant

WHEREAS the Park Lane Subdivision, which is part of Sundance Lane, is provided with water from a small water system that was constructed during the subdivision development; and

WHEREAS the Stonington Phase VI Subdivision is under construction, and as a result of this construction there is going to be a watermain available to the boundary of the Park Lane Subdivision.

THEREFORE based on the above, the watermain from the new subdivision would allow us to inter-connect Park Lane and Sundance to our main water distribution system. This would allow the utility an alternative if there were problems with the existing Parklane System; and

WHEREAS the cost associated with interconnecting Park Lane with the new subdivision is \$23,828.82;

BE IT RESOLVED the quote submitted by Island Coastal Services Ltd. in the amount of \$23,828.82 (GST excluded) be accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a supplementary capital budget in the amount of \$23,828.82 be approved to complete the above project.

Discussion: This resolution bears the recommendation of the Utility Corporation and the Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Cooper asked if there was an advantage to doing this project now and Jeremy replied that there are several, and one of the advantages is that the contractor is there now and mobilized to do the work. The consultant is there to provide us with design information at a reduced cost because they are already involved with the subdivision. Jeremy also noted that this station has been prone to problems in the past, and this gives us an option that if contamination occurs in the smaller station there is no interruption of service. We can immediately supply the customers from the main distribution system. It also allows us to have a little extra capacity from the existing system that is still in place until we get something in place as far as a new wellfield.

Question: **CARRIED**

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

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Griffin noted that the committee has not met during the summer, but staff has been quite busy implementing the summer programs.

Councillor Griffin noted that the new summer camp for youth ages 8 - 12 years was a successful initiative, with 90 participants throughout the eight weeks.

The Intro to Sport program for children between the ages of 3 - 6 years was another great hit this summer, and a total of 36 youth participated in the program.

The tennis program offered beginner and intermediate levels during July and August and 57 youth participated.

It was noted that the Stratford Under 16 Premier Boys Team won the Challenge Cup Provincial Soccer Championship on August 27. The team will now represent PEI at the National Club Championship being held in Lethbridge Alberta in October. In addition to the Premier win, the Stratford Soccer Club has three club players who recently made an Atlantic Team and will represent the Atlantic provinces at the National All Star Competitions.

Councillor Griffin noted that the golf tournament with the Rotary Club is being held this Saturday and we are hoping for a good turnout.

Environmental - Councillor Griffin noted that there was a Kinlock Beach walk/field trip, but unfortunately she was out of the province and unable to attend. She noted that the watershed group is working really well, and the natural feature study of the Town is underway.

Councillor Cooper stated that over the past weekend, he was involved with the Mosquito AAA that was hosted here in Stratford and an enormous amount of time and effort went into organizing the event. There were a lot of volunteers, but Wes Lund and Jason Hughes did a large amount of work to present Stratford as a top facility for hosting these events and 'hats off to everyone' for all the excellent work. Rachel, Tanya and Joanne were involved as well, and we were very pleased and want to send a big thank you to everyone who was involved. Councillor Cooper stated that the feedback he received was very positive.

13. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**a) No Report**

Councillor Cooper noted that there were no meetings held during the summer months, but meetings will resume later this month, and the budget process for 2012 will soon begin.

b) Financial Statements

Included in the package for Council to review.

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

Included in the package for Council to review. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that a new initiative of the Planning and Heritage Committee is site visits. He noted that before the committee makes any decision on any major project they do a site visit, and this seems to be working out well. Mayor Dunphy noted that he also attended these site visits and would encourage other members of council to do the same, as the visits are very worthwhile.

b) Permit Summary

Included in the package for Council to review.

c) Resolution PH029-2011 - Dico Reijers (T.S. Magnum Ltd.) 23 Unity Apartment Building - 66 Ducks Landing

Moved by Deputy Mayor Clow

Seconded by Councillor Diane Griffin

WHEREAS an application has been received from Dico Reijers (T.S. Magnum Ltd.) to construct a new 23 unit Multi Family Residential building on parcel no. 882084, Lot no. 10-44 (36, 200 sq.ft.) located at 66 Ducks Landing; and

WHEREAS the proposed 3 story building has been designed by N46 Architecture with 29,643 sq. ft. built area in total; and

WHEREAS the proposed development meets the Development bylaw requirements for the Town Centre Residential (TCR) zone.

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be granted to the application from Dico Reijers (T.S. Magnum Ltd.) to construct a 23 unit apartment building (29,643 sq. ft.) on parcel no. 880284,(Lot No. 10-44 of Kel-Mac subdivision) located at 66 Ducks Landing.

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

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that one of the concerns we had was the location of the garbage containers and they have agreed to move them to the back of the building. Another issue was there was not much space in the parking lot for vehicles to turn around and that has now been changed. Deputy Mayor Clow noted that the reason this resolution is before Council tonight is because of the number of units (23) cannot be approved by the planning

department. It was also noted that the request does meet all the bylaw requirements.

Question: **CARRIED**

Councillor Gallant stated that he has received two calls from two different residents regarding swimming pool regulations. The residents who called have a pool and are putting in a deck and following the new building code. However, they do have an issue with residents in the town who have pools, but do not have the required fencing around them. Councillor Gallant stated that he explained to them that we do not 'chase' people, but if a complaint is lodged we certainly look into it. Deputy Mayor Clow agreed stating that if addresses are provided we will treat it as a complaint.

Councillor Griffin left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Cooper asked how the process is working with the National Building Code - are people getting permits in a reasonable amount of time and Vahid replied that we now have the wait time down from 14 working days, to 7 - 10 working days.

15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Nil

16. SAFETY SERVICES

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Councillor Gallant stated that the Traffic Safety Committee will be meeting next week to present the results of the traffic safety survey and prepare a presentation for the public. It was noted that 179 surveys were received.

b) Street Light Report

No Report

c) RCMP Report

The RCMP report for the month of August was included in the package. Councillor Cooper stated that the number of written warnings is up significantly from 8 to 42 for the same time period.

Deputy Mayor Clow stated that there were 15 vehicles broken into in Clearview Estates and some of the residents were not happy with the response they received when they called to report the incidents. Councillor Gallant stated that he spoke with Cpl. Roy regarding these incidents and asked him what was being done and was advised that they are working on the investigation. Councillor Gallant stated that the RCMP will be invited to the next Safety Services meeting and will bring this issue forward at that time.

Mayor Dunphy asked what category these incidents will be listed under in next

month's report and it was suggested that it would fall under Crimes Against Property under the subheading 'Thefts Under.' Mayor Dunphy stated that when these things happen they are not made public, and he wondered if this is something that the RCMP should be doing. Councillor Gallant stated that he will address the issue with Cpl. Roy at the next Safety Services meeting.

There was some discussion on the RCMP report. Mayor Dunphy noted that the number of tickets issued is lower to date than last year and Councillor Gallant stated that the tickets are down, but the warnings are up which means they are stopping more people.

Deputy Mayor Clow noted that the police in Charlottetown now have a gps system in their vehicle that records the number of times a vehicle was in a particular area and this might be something we could discuss with them. Councillor Gallant noted that the RCMP does have a gps system that lets them know where their cars are at all times, but he does not know if it is the same type of equipment as they use in Charlottetown.

d) Humane Society Report

No Report.

e) Transit Report

Included in the package. Councillor Gallant noted that we will be inviting Trius to the next meeting regarding the relaunching of the transit service.

f) Fire Company Report

No Report.

17. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

Included in the package for Council to review. Mayor Dunphy noted that at our August meeting Doug Deacon gave a very extensive power point presentation on towns and communities of a similar sizes, and the committee felt it was a good exercise and provided us with some valuable information. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy just let Doug know and he can forward you a copy of the presentation.

Mayor Dunphy noted that we are also going to have a meeting with the Neil Stewart, CEO of Business Development Inc., which is a department of Innovation and Advanced Learning.

Mayor Dunphy noted that we also discussed getting some feedback from existing businesses owners in Stratford, so we are going to extend an invitation to five or six business owners to a round table discussion at our next Economic Development meeting being held on September 22 and all councillors are invited to attend.

There will be a grand opening of the new House of Excellence on September 23 from

11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. MacDougall Photography will be holding their grand opening on September 30, and the new PetroCan will be holding a grand opening in October.

Councillor Gallant asked about the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Mayor Dunphy replied that he will be meeting next Wednesday with Doug Deacon, Thilak Tennekone, who will serve as chair of the committee, Kim Doyle, who will serve as a member on the committee, and Robert Hughes. We will then get some additional members and form a strategy of what we want to accomplish over the next year.

It was noted that the Town newsletter was delivered to residents today and it is also published on our website.

18. HUMAN RESOURCES

No Report

18. OTHER COMMITTEES

a) Stratford Seniors Complex

The committee did not hold a meeting in August. Councillor MacDonald noted that everything is going well and there are no vacancies in the complex.

19. PROCLAMATIONS

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas: *September is known as Arthritis Awareness Month during which time the Arthritis Society promotes public awareness about this chronic disease that can affect children, adults and the elderly; and*

Whereas: *the Society educates people about this disease through the Arthritis Information Line, the Arthritis Society's website, the Arthritis Public Forum Series, the Arthritis Self-Management Program, and Chronic Pain Management Workshops; and*

Whereas: *the Society strives to build positive relationships with elected officials in an effort to establish equitable access to care and treatment for arthritis; and*

Through education, support, understanding and awareness of arthritis, the Society helps nearly 4.5 million people and raises funds through door-to-door canvassing and initiatives such as Go Blue & Give Too and Bluebird Sales; and

Whereas: *Arthritis Awareness Month will focus on communities committing to a world without arthritis, providing help to those living with arthritis and supporting*

innovative research to ultimately find a cure for this debilitating disease.

Therefore,
Be it Resolved: *that I, David Dunphy, Mayor of Stratford, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as “Arthritis Awareness Month” in the Town of Stratford.*

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Whereas: *in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and*

Whereas: *restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and*

Whereas: *this year’s theme for Restorative Justice Week is “Re-visioning Justice.” It is an opportunity to learn about restorative justice, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country during the week.*

Therefore,
Be it Resolved: *that I, David Dunphy, Mayor of Stratford, do hereby proclaim November 13 - 20, 2011 as Restorative Justice Week in the Town of Stratford.*

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

David Dunphy, Mayor

Robert Hughes, CAO