

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2008

Approved Minutes

DATE: July 16, 2008

TIME: 12:02 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.

PLACE: Stratford Town Centre, 234 Shakespeare Drive

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Steve MacDonald; Councillors Sandy McMillan; Gary Clow; Emile Gallant; Patrick Ross; Diane Griffin; Robert Hughes, CAO; and Mary McAskill, Recording Clerk

REGRETS: Nil

CHAIR: Mayor Kevin Jenkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin Jenkins called the July 16, 2008, Special Council Meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Gary Clow and seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

3. Resolution CW011-2008 Indoor Soccer Facility-Building Canada Fund

Moved by Councillor Gary Clow

Seconded by Councillor Emile Gallant

WHEREAS the PEI Soccer Association is planning to construct an indoor soccer facility and has requested a proposal from the Town of Stratford to provide land, tax relief and a financial contribution for the facility; and

WHEREAS the proposed indoor soccer facility would draw players from all across PEI and beyond and generate significant economic activity in the Town; and

WHEREAS the PEI Soccer Association is planning to apply to the Building Canada Fund to fund the facility, which the Town of Stratford supports, provided it does not impact the funding of the Town's own priority projects.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stratford support the application from the PEI Soccer Association to the Building Canada Fund to fund the indoor soccer facility and that the project be designated as priority number 21.

Discussion: Councillor Ross stated that he has concern over supporting this again, because the last time we did this we were directly assured by Communities and Cultural Affairs that this would not affect our Bunbury water project.

Councillor Ross stated that he is also concerned how this may affect our other projects. We need the Bunbury water and we saw what happened last time. He added that he cannot support this resolution unless someone can give him some further information.

Deputy Mayor MacDonald agreed with Councillor Ross' remarks and added that he did not support this resolution the first time and he will not be supporting it now.

Robert noted that this situation is different from the last because we are not being asked to choose between the two. Councillor Ross noted that even though we are not being asked to choose between the two it still gets written down as money awarded to Stratford under the Building Canada Fund. Because we supported it, and because it occurred in the Town, it does get ticked off as money the Town has received. He added that he is not saying that the facility wouldn't benefit us or that it wouldn't be great to have in the Town, but when we look at our priorities we have to be concerned.

Councillor Gallant stated that he will support the resolution. If we do not support them they will be unable to receive their funding.

For clarification Deputy Mayor MacDonald asked if we are voting for a facility that will be a provincial soccer complex and Councillor Ross replied this is correct. Deputy Mayor MacDonald stated that last time we voted for this we couldn't get Bunbury water, so this will come out of Stratford's allocation again.

Robert stated that no one has stated to us directly that this will be taken from Stratford's allocation. He added that he was also told that under Building Canada there is no allocation - every project is supposed to be based on merit because this is how the federal government wants it done.

Councillor Griffin stated that it is her intent to support the resolution.

Councillor Clow noted that if it was a choice between the facility and Bunbury water he would choose the water. However, he does not believe this to be the case.

Councillor Ross stated that he knows we are not in a bind like before, however this is still a lot of uncertainty. He asked if everyone was in agreement to stand by the clause "*provided it does not impact the funding of the Town's own priority project*" and everyone agreed that they would stand behind this clause.

Councillor Ross suggested that this motion be tabled while the Bunbury Water Resolution is dealt with and everyone concurred.

The Bunbury water resolution has been dealt with and resolution CW011-2008 Indoor Soccer Facility - Building Canada Fund was put back on the

table. Mayor Jenkins called for the vote.

Question: **CARRIED (1 Against Deputy Mayor Steve MacDonald)**

4. **Resolution SUC007-2008 Building Canada - Communities Component Application for Bunbury Road Watermain Extension**

Moved by Councillor Patrick Ross
Seconded by Councillor Sandy McMillan

WHEREAS the Bunbury Road Watermain extension has been selected for servicing in 2008 under the Building Canada - Communities Component Fund; and

WHEREAS the budget estimate for this project is as follows:

- Bunbury and Area Watermain Extension \$1,485,000.00;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Stratford Utility Corporation apply to the Building Canada - Communities Component Fund for the amount of \$1,485,000.00 to complete the above project in 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this project be designated as priority number one of the Building Canada - Communities Component Fund applied for. In addition, Council understands and commits that it will be responsible for its' designated share of the eligible costs of the project, and will assume responsibility for any and all operating and maintenance costs resulting from the project.

Discussion: None

Question: **CARRIED**

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that Deputy Mayor Steve MacDonald has graciously agreed to host the staff/council get together at his house on September 20.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Council meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Kevin Jenkins, Mayor

Jeremy Crosby, Utility Manager