



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015
30 HONOUR HOUSE COURT
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of Council was held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at Town Hall, 30 Honour House Court, Riverview, New Brunswick commencing at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were present at the meeting:

Ann Seamans	Mayor
Russell Hayward	Deputy Mayor
Ian Macdonald	Councillor
Wayne Bennett	Councillor
Cecile Cassista	Councillor
Lana Hansen	Councillor
Andrew LeBlanc	Councillor
Tom Toner	Councillor
Colin Smith	Chief Administrative Officer
Robert Higson	Director of Finance
Shane Thomson	Director of Economic Development
Tina Smith	Director of Human Resources
Gerry Cole	Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services
Chief Denis Pleau	Riverview Fire & Rescue
Supt. Paul Beauchesne	Codiac RCMP (departs at 7:50 p.m.)
Annette Crummey	Town Clerk
Denyse Richard	Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seamans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Seamans added the following items to the agenda:

- 11B) Award of Tender 15-18, (1) 2015 6 Passenger 4WV SUV with Trade In
- 11C) Canada Day – Change of Venue

A **motion** was made by Councillor Toner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that the agenda be adopted as amended.

- MOTION CARRIED –

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular Meeting of Council – February 9, 2015

A **motion** was made by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Toner that the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 9, 2015 be adopted.

- MOTION CARRIED –

B) Committee of the Whole – February 23, 2015

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 23, 2015 be adopted.

- MOTION CARRIED –

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A) Bill Budd, Director of Urban Planning - Application for rezoning – Part of PID #05108865 from Open Space to Parks, Recreation, Institutional

A **resolution** was made by Councillor LeBlanc and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that:

WHEREAS Riverview Town Council intends to amend its Zoning By-Law 300-6, by considering the following amendments:

Rezone part of PID# 05108865 from OS (Open Space) Zone to PRI (Parks, Recreation, Institutional) Zone. The rezoning will accommodate the construction of a new Public Works Building

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) A public hearing be scheduled for April 13, 2015 in Council Chambers at Town Hall at 6:30 pm; and further that
- b) Amending By-law 300-6-6 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for their written views.

- MOTION CARRIED -

B) Bill Budd, Director of Urban Planning - Application for rezoning – Text amendment re second farmstead residence

A **resolution** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that:

WHEREAS Riverview Town Council intends to amend its Zoning By-law 300-6, by considering the following amendments:

- 1. To amend the Zoning By-law to permit a second farmstead residence, as a secondary use, on a lot in the RA (Rural Area) for those directly involved with the farm operation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) A public hearing be scheduled for April 13, 2015 in Council Chambers at Town Hall at 6:30 pm; and further that
- b) Amending By-law 300-6-7 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for their written views.

On the question, Councillor LeBlanc pointed out that the application pertains to the ability to add a second residence on farm land property without having to subdivide the property.

- MOTION CARRIED -

C) Allan Groundwater, Chairman, Luxor Shrine Parade Committee – Request to conduct parade through Town of Riverview on June 6, 2015

A **motion** was made by Councillor Toner and seconded by Councillor Bennett that the Riverview Town Council authorize the Luxor Shriners of New Brunswick to conduct a parade through a portion of the Town of Riverview (beginning at Riverview Centre on Coverdale Road to Cleveland Avenue up to Bradford Road) on Saturday, June 6, 2015 commencing at 11 a.m. and concluding at noon. And further that they provide notification to 911, Codiac RCMP, Codiac Transpo, the Riverview Engineering & Works Department and the Riverview Fire & Rescue Department.

On the question, Chief Pleau confirmed with Councillor LeBlanc that the Fire & Rescue Department had no issues with the proposed parade.

- MOTION CARRIED -

7. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

NIL

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A) Ratify Unforeseen Grant requests – NB Girls Guides, Forest Dale Home Foundation, BullyingCanada Inc., West End Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity

**NB Girl Guides - Requesting financial support for Provincial Event -
Camp Fun for Brownies -March 21st at the Coverdale Centre -**

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that Riverview Town Council approve a 40% rental rate subsidy as in previous years at the Coverdale Centre for the NB Girl Guides Camp Fun for Brownies event on March 21, 2015.

- MOTION CARRIED -

**Forest Dale Home Foundation -Requesting financial donation for the
fees associated with cable TV for the residents of the Home**

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that the Riverview Town Council approve a \$200.00 financial donation to the Forest Dale Home Foundation for the fees associated with the cable TV for the residents of the Home.

On the question, Councillor Cassista confirmed with Councillor LeBlanc that this facility is located in Riverside-Albert. She pointed out that the minutes for last year indicated that there are former Riverview residents who reside in this facility and that the Town had provided financial support.

On the question, Councillor Macdonald inquired whether Council would be prepared to provide the same support for all the seniors residences located in the Town.

On the question, Councillor Cassista remarked that she is an advocate for seniors and had the opportunity to visit many seniors homes where, for the most part, the residents are bedridden and cable TV may be their only form of entertainment. She noted that the residents are also left with very little money for incidentals.

NAY VOTES: COUNCILLOR MACDONALD

- MOTION CARRIED -

BullyingCanada Inc. – Request for Financial Support

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that Riverview Town Council deny the request for financial support to BullyingCanada Inc.

On the question, Councillor Bennett suggested that he would like Council to reconsider as bullying is a serious issue in this society. He recognizes that Pink Shirt Day is promoted in the schools in order to raise awareness on the issue of bullying prevention. Councillor Bennett is of the opinion it would be a benefit to support this cause through the donation of a couple hundred dollars.

On the question, Councillor Cassista noted that it is a worthy cause but that the Town does support at the local level.

NAY VOTES: COUNCILLOR BENNETT

- MOTION CARRIED -

West End Food Bank – Request sponsorship of Canstruction event being held March 20-21st.

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Councillor Hansen that Riverview Town Council deny the request for sponsorship for the Canstruction event being held March 20-21, 2015.

- MOTION CARRIED -

Habitat for Humanity – Requesting refund of application for services fee in the amount of \$9,570 for property located at 46-48 Point Park Drive

The following motion was deferred from the COW Feb 23rd to the RCM March 9th meeting.

“A motion was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Councillor Toner that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to support the refund of the application for services fee in the amount of \$9,570 to Habitat for Humanity for the property located at 46-48 Point Park Drive (formerly known as Codiak Stub Street).”

At this point, the members of Council would be “on the question” as the motion had been previously made at the meeting of March 9th.

On the question, the Town Clerk reported that she had contacted the City of Moncton and the City of Dieppe to determine how the cities deal with

similar requests from Habitat for Humanity. She indicated that she had learned that the City of Moncton donates only the land to Habitat and does not reimburse any other expenses; however, the City of Dieppe donates the land and absorbs all costs associated with the lot and the construction of the home.

On the question, Mr. Higson confirmed with Deputy Mayor Hayward that on this particular lot the Town had donated the land as well as reimbursed the subdivision fee (in the amount of \$800) to Habitat.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward inquired as to amount of billable costs.

On the question, Mr. Higson confirmed that the application for services fees had been adjusted to an amount that would cover the costs of the work being carried out. He noted that previously the Town was not recouping the true costs to complete the work which includes labour costs. Mr. Higson remarked that the Town is not making a profit simply recouping its costs.

On the question, Mayor Seamans pointed out that a duplex was constructed on the lot which would mean double the service costs.

On the question, Mr. Higson confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the application for services form was completed in November of 2013 but the work was deferred once (by Habitat) and only completed in December of 2014. He noted that normally the request for reimbursement should have come to Council when the services were connected but Habitat did not submit the request until early in 2015.

On the question, Councillor Cassista required a breakdown of the costs associated with the work carried out on the subject property.

On the question, Mr. Smith confirmed that Habitat for Humanity is aware that the matter is being given further consideration.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward inquired whether the funds could come from a source other than the grants budget such as the public works budget.

On the question, Mr. Higson reported that there is approximately \$24,000 remaining in the grant budget which initially was \$67,000.

On the question, Councillor LeBlanc remarked that Council must be cautious in its spending. He was concerned with the precedent that would be set. Councillor LeBlanc indicated that he does support Habitat and the work they do but cannot support decreasing the grant budget by almost \$10,000.

A **motion to amend** was made by Councillor LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Macdonald to reimburse the application for services fee to Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$1,500.

On the question, Councillor Bennett stated that the funds should not come out of the grants budget but rather from the Public Works budget where the work had been completed by that Department.

On the question, Colin Smith cautioned the members of Council in taking this approach because it would only serve to spread the dollars to other areas which might not be as easily tracked and/or accounted for. He suggested that Council would be embarking on a slippery slope and it would be best addressed through this process.

On the question, Mr. Higson pointed out that the reduction in the rental rate for the Coverdale Centre is a similar situation. He noted that the request goes through the grant process but the amount equal to the 40% reduction in the rate is charged to the grants budget so as not to take away the revenue from the Parks & Recreation budget.

On the question, Councillor Bennett indicated that he sees the situation differently because in the case of Habitat the work to complete the services was actually carried out by the Town.

On the question, Councillor Toner concurred that the requests seeking support or financial assistance should be tracked. He also pointed out that the precedent has already been established for dealing with Habitat; however, he suggested in the future a motion/policy could be prepared which would allow for Habitat to receive the land only. Councillor Toner indicated that it would be hard for Council not to support the request at this point.

On the question, Councillor Cassista pointed out that the request from Habitat is not something new. She is of the opinion that Council is incumbent to include this cost in the Public Works budget. She stated that Council needs to find a way to support and perhaps could look at the half way mark for support.

On the question, Councillor Hansen suggested that the precedent had already been set and that expectations made by Habitat based on the Town's previous support.

On the question, Mr. Higson pointed out the grants budget was the same in 2014 and 2015. He noted that it is Council's prerogative to approve grants over the budgeted amount.

On the question, Councillor Macdonald maintained that he has always questioned the fact that Council is giving away tax payers money when we award such grants. He suggested that Council should not be in this position but rather leave it up to the discretion on an individual level as a personal choice.

On the question, Mr. Smith indicated that direction has been given by Council to review the grant policy and to provide recommendations for Council's consideration. He noted that this directive will be undertaken.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward stated that he is of the opinion that it would be challenging not to pay the full reimbursement amount being requested by Habitat. He would like to know the true costs of the work carried out regarding the installation of the services.

On the question, Councillor Cassista suggested that the matter could be deferred until more information is available.

Mayor Seamans called for a vote on the motion to amend.

NAY VOTES: **DEPUTY MAYOR HAWYARD**
 COUNCILLOR BENNETT
 COUNCILLOR CASSISTA
 COUNCILLOR HANSEN
 COUNCILLOR TONER

- MOTION DEFEATED -

Mayor Seamans called for a vote on the original motion.

A **motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hayward and seconded by

Councillor Bennett that the request for the reimbursement of the application for services fees paid by Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$9,570 be deferred until the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 13th.

The members of Council requested a detailed breakdown of the costs; the difference between the old costs and the new costs; whether the funds could come from a different budget other than the unforeseen grants budget; an explanation of the “costs to service over time” as well as a breakdown of these costs, and to include the position taken by the City of Moncton and the City of Dieppe in dealing with similar requests from Habitat for Humanity.

- MOTION CARRIED -

B) Accept Wellness Centre Feasibility Study

A **motion** was made by Councillor Toner and seconded by Councillor Bennett that the Town Council of the Town of Riverview accept the Wellness Centre Feasibility Study and ask that staff ensure the report is considered in the Town’s long range capital and operating budget planning; and that the Council of the Town of Riverview endorse and support the Wellness Committee’s proposed action plan over the next few years and to continue moving this key community project forward.

On the question, Colin Smith stated that he wanted to provide his interpretation of the motion and ascertain whether Council was in agreement with it. He reported that Council is endorsing the acceptance of the feasibility study which outlines actions to be undertaken within a 3 -5 year period. He indicated that staff were to make sure that the potential financial implications of the project were considered in the long range plan; however, this does not automatically mean the project is approved. Mr. Smith advised that there would be plenty of opportunity to assess the project as information comes forward and Council will determine the manner in which the Town will proceed. Mr. Smith stated that he wanted to clarify the motion being passed does not mean the project is approved today – that is not his interpretation.

On the question, Councillor Toner concurred with Mr. Smith’s assessment of the motion. He indicated that the Committee is satisfied with this direction as they will continue to carry out the ground work recognizing that there is no commitment at this point only to move forward in a responsible manner without a heavy tax burden.

On the question, Councillor LeBlanc remarked that the study refers to a 7-10 year period and inquired whether that timeline would start today.

On the question, Councillor Toner indicated that at this point there is no commitment. He noted that the timeline would come into play once the project is approved.

On the question, Councillor Hansen stated that she supports the analysis but wanted it known that the Town could very well say no to the project if the tax payers let us know loud and clear that's not what they want. Councillor Hansen would like to see ample time provided during the feedback stage and that the Town's intention is clearly communicated to our residents prior to any tax rate change.

On the question, Councillor Toner remarked that the intention of the Committee is to present the right information and get the right message communicated to the public.

- MOTION CARRIED -

9. BY-LAWS

A) First reading, by title only, and second reading, by section only, of By-Law 300-25-01, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements in the Town of Riverview

The Town Clerk advised that this proposed by-law relates to the 2nd Phase of Trites Road. She confirmed that the necessary advertisements had been carried out and that the Town had received one letter of objection.

A **motion** was made by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Cassista that **leave** be given to introduce first reading, by title only, and second reading, by section number only, to By-Law 300-25-01, A By-Law in Amendment to By-Law 300-25, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements in the Town of Riverview.

- MOTION CARRIED -

A **motion** was made by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Cassista that **first reading**, by title only, be given, to By-Law 300-25-01, A By-Law in Amendment to By-Law 300-25, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements in the Town of Riverview.

- MOTION CARRIED -

A **motion** was made by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that **second reading**, by section number only, be given to By-Law 300-25-01, A By-Law in Amendment to By-Law 300-25, A By-Law Relating to Local Improvements in the Town of Riverview.

Sections as follows:

1,2,3,4,5,6,7

- MOTION CARRIED -

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

NIL

11. NEW BUSINESS

A) Grant Report – March, 2015

- **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** – Requesting team registration in the amount of \$250 for Bowl for Kids Sake – March 21st.

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Councillor Toner that the Town of Riverview support the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake being held on March 21st by sponsoring the team registration fee of \$250.

On the question, Mayor Seamans confirmed with Councillor Macdonald that the registration fee was not included in the Parks & Recreation budget for this year.

NAY VOTES: COUNCILLOR MACDONALD

- MOTION CARRIED -

- **Transport Action Atlantic** – Requesting corporate sponsorship fee in the amount of \$170

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Councillor Toner that the Town of Riverview deny the request of Transport Action Atlantic for corporate sponsorship.

- MOTION CARRIED -

- **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** – Request sponsorship for Walk to Cure Diabetes - event being held on June 14, 2015

A **motion** was made by Councillor Toner and seconded by Councillor Cassista that the Town of Riverview sponsor the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in its Walk to Cure Diabetes event being held on June 14, 2015 in the amount of \$1500.

On the question, Councillor Hansen remarked that one of the reasons that the Town had sponsored the event in the past was that the running group held in Riverview incorporated this event in one of their runs.

On the question, Mr. Cole confirmed with Councillor Hansen that he was uncertain as to whether this was the case this year.

On the question, the Deputy Clerk confirmed with Deputy Mayor Hayward that she was not aware if there were other levels of sponsorship. She noted that she had only received the letter seeking sponsorship in the amount of \$1500 which was provided to Council.

On the question, Councillors Cassista and Toner remarked that it is a worthy cause.

NAY VOTES: COUNCILLOR MACDONALD

- MOTION CARRIED -

- **Moncton SPCA – Curl for Animals** – Requesting team registration (4 persons) in the amount of \$180. Event is being held on March 21st.

A **motion** was made by Councillor Cassista and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hayward that the Town of Riverview deny the request of Moncton SPCA for sponsorship of the Curl of Animals event being held on March 21st.

- MOTION CARRIED -

B) Award of Tender 15-18, (1) 2015 6 Passenger 4WD SUV with Trade In

A **motion** was made by Councillor Toner and seconded by Councillor Bennett that Riverview Town Council award Tender 15-18 for One (1) 2015 Full Frame, 4-Wheel Drive, 6 Passenger SUV with Trade-in of a 2007 Chevy Tahoe to Taylor Ford Sales Ltd. in the amount of \$44,561.51 (including taxes and trade-in) and that Town Clerk and Mayor be authorized to execute all related documents.

On the question, Chief Pleau confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the amount approved at budget time for this vehicle was \$48,500.

On the question, Chief Pleau confirmed with Councillor Macdonald that the vehicle will replace the Chief's current vehicle, which is 8 years old. He also confirmed that only one submission was received with a trade-in value of \$4500.

On the question, Mr. Higson commented that in addition to the \$48,500 budgeted the Town did account for a trade-in value of \$4,000. He also pointed out that another item which must be factored into the equation will be emergency lights as well as other incidentals that must be added to the cost of the vehicle.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward inquired whether any progress had been made on researching the replacement vehicle policy.

On the question, Mr. Smith remarked that this information will come up for discussion in the review of the five and ten year capital plans from the departments.

On the question, Chief Pleau confirmed with Deputy Mayor Hayward that the vehicle needs to be large enough to carry different types of gear and equipment as often times he is the first person on the scene.

On the question, Chief Pleau confirmed with Councillor Macdonald that for the most part he is on duty but the Deputy Chiefs also have their own vehicles equipped with most of the same equipment.

NAY VOTES: COUNCILLOR MACDONALD

- MOTION CARRIED -

C) Proposed Change of Venue – Canada Day Event

Mr. Cole remarked that he is looking for direction from Council in regard to a proposal to change the venue for the Canada Day celebrations from Caseley Park to Coverdale Road in the area of the Chocolate River Station. He noted that for the past couple years the Town had seen a decline in numbers to our event. Mr. Cole commented that part of the reason for the decline in numbers is the isolation of the Caseley Park area as well as the issues pertaining to parking and access. He noted that another factor is the change in Moncton's format from primarily an evening event with large head line acts for adult entertainment to family and children events during the day as well. Mr. Cole suggested that the move to the center of Town (center of the business district) would provide a higher profile for the Canada Day event.

He noted that there are logistic issues which have been identified but communication is crucial. He remarked that we need to provide as much communication to the public, the area residents and the business community. Mr. Cole indicated that the focus is to assist the businesses to access the population and the population to access the business community and to mitigate any issues which may arise. Mr. Cole stated that the Economic Development Department is assisting with the initial contact to the businesses in order to seek feedback and identify any issues that they foresee. He pointed out that thus far the consensus from the business community suggests it will be a positive move. Mr. Cole remarked that he is also working closely with the Fire Chief in relation to notifying emergency personnel and also the need for the preparation of an evacuation plan and a fire plan. Mr. Cole indicated that the Canada Day event forms the grand finale of the SunFest which runs from June 27th to July 1st. He commented that he would like direction from Council whether to proceed or to retain the status quo.

Councillor LeBlanc stated that, in his opinion, it is a fantastic idea and congratulated staff for taking the lead to make the event more successful.

A **motion** was made by Councillor LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Cassista to accept the recommendation of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Relations to relocate Riverview's 2015 Canada Day event to Riverfront Park in the area on Coverdale Road in the proximity of Chocolate River Station and close a portion of Coverdale Road from Pine Glen Road up to but not including Montgomery Avenue.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward indicated his support for the new initiative. He also noted that during the operation of the town markets the wind had been identified as an issue. He inquired whether any provision had been made to combat the wind or to provide some type of barrier and whether this could be incorporated into the costs of the Canada Day activities.

On the question, Mr. Cole remarked that a backup plan would be in place in the event of inclement weather. He noted that the Glow Party features would be located on the road and would be somewhat sheltered from the wind but he would leave the overseeing of the market to the Economic Development Department.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward stated that the bouncy features are very popular and generally have excessive lines resulting in a wait from anywhere between twenty to thirty minutes. He inquired whether there were plans for additional features to reduce the wait time. Deputy Mayor Hayward noted that previously the features were located in a field and will now be on asphalt.

On the question, Mr. Cole noted that he had conferred with the representatives of Glow Parties and generally this is an acceptable wait period given the number of people attending the event. Mr. Cole remarked that the Glow Parties are a costly part of the Canada Day activities (approximately \$14,000).

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward remarked that in the past a small fee was charged for a bracelet which gained the recipient access to the Glow Party features. He inquired whether there would be a cost this year which could offset the cost of the feature or even result in more features being added.

On the question, Mr. Cole noted that the Cities of Moncton and Dieppe do not charge for its Canada Day events. He noted that this item will have to be given further discussion.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward commented on the issue of parking and whether a plan will be in place.

On the question, Mr. Cole remarked that his staff will be in contact with the business community. He indicated that Canada Day is a statutory holiday and many businesses will be closed. Mr. Cole stated that the Town will have to ensure the safety of its residents with respect to the partial road closure and the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Mr. Cole commented that the Town will be encouraging active transportation both from Moncton to our event (and vice versa) through bicycling and other means of non-motorized transportation. He noted that residents will be directed to nearby parking areas which could be up to three blocks away from the site.

On the question, Councillor Toner stated that this is a fabulous initiative.

On the question, Mr. Cole confirmed with Councillor Toner that a portion of Coverdale Road will be closed between Pine Glen Road to Montgomery Avenue but both of those streets will be open.

On the question, Councillor Toner remarked that there may be an opportunity for corporate sponsorship which would reduce costs of the overall event.

On the question, Mr. Thomson noted that when the weekly car shows were introduced at the market the Engineering & Works Department had created a map which outlined available parking spots which would also be available for the Canada Day event.

On the question, Councillor Bennett inquired whether it was possible to prevent parking on the residential streets which would be impacted in order to protect the area residents.

On the question, Mr. Cole concurred that the Town needs to ensure that the area residents are not inconvenienced to the point where they would not be in favour of the new location in the future. He suggested that the intent is to direct people to parking nodes and that for the most part on street parking would be eliminated during the event. Mr. Cole remarked that a communication plan (for residents and businesses) will be essential so that

the residents are aware of the event and its location and what to expect that day.

On the question, Councillor Hansen indicated that she likes the idea and its new concept. However, she noted that in the past the Canada Day activities have been a laid back affair with people/families taking advantage of the green space. She inquired whether the new format will work as well?

On the question, Mr. Cole noted that it is a different format with a carnival type atmosphere with a different emphasis on activity. He concurs that the new format is a large endeavor to take on but will incorporate some of the traditional activities and will also keep in mind the challenges faced by people with disabilities as well as the senior population.

On the question, Councillor Hansen inquired whether any thought was given to a busker type activity which could be spread out along the Riverfront.

On the question, Mr. Cole remarked that he appreciates the comments and suggestions but he also has a budget which he must work within. He confirmed with Councillor Hansen that the event will still run from noon to 6 p.m. She pointed out that there might be an opportunity to have a Town presence at the new park as people tend to gather there for the fireworks.

On the question, Councillor Hansen noted that if the Town is encouraging active transportation during the Canada Day events it may be necessary to have additional bike racks.

On the question, Mr. Cole confirmed with Councillor Hansen the intention to is encourage people to utilize active transportation and will be taking into consideration the need for additional bike racks.

On the question, Councillor Cassista commended Mr. Cole for a very well laid out report to Council on the proposal.

On the question, Mr. Cole confirmed with Councillor Cassista that the food vendors, in particular the Lions Club, will be invited to participate. However, he noted that staff did not want to get too far ahead of themselves without getting direction from Council.

On the question, Councillor Cassista indicated that she is supporting the move but would be interested to receive a report which would outline the concerns/feedback from the business community as well as the residents.

On the question, Mr. Cole confirmed that it would be his intention to bring back a follow up report prior to Canada Day. He indicated that staff would be working closely with our sister communities and supporting their initiatives as well. Mr. Cole reiterated that the Town has to be sensitive to the needs of the business community and the residents as well. He noted that the whole idea is to bring the event to the central business district to attract people and to draw attention to the businesses that are located within Riverview.

On the question, Councillor Cassista noted that the band, Angry Candy, which is slated to perform on Canada Day had performed at different Town functions and were very well received.

On the question, Councillor Bennett inquired about the placement of the band.

On the question, Mr. Cole confirmed with Councillor Bennett that the staff has the entertainment scheduled and, for the most part, the bands will be located behind the Chocolate River Station on the board walk.

On the question, Councillor Bennett suggested that this area might be too small given the number of people that usually attend and the fact that people will also be moving through the boardwalk area. He inquired whether any thought had been given to locating the band on the street much like the format taken by the City of Moncton whereby there is plenty of room to mingle and dance in the street.

On the question, Mr. Cole remarked that the final configuration is not determined as they are still in the initial planning stages. However, he pointed out that there is a vacant lot to the west and open space to the east which would accommodate a large number of people. Mr. Cole suggested that this information could be included in the follow up report which could be brought back to Council.

On the question, Deputy Mayor Hayward remarked that while he likes the idea of the new location he is hesitant to provide approval without knowing the feedback from the business community.

On the question, Mr. Cole confirmed with Deputy Mayor Hayward that access is the main issue identified by the businesses. He reported that staff will work with the businesses in order to ensure that those businesses remaining open will be accessible to its patrons and also be able to park. He noted that there is a need to move quickly as the deadline for

submission in the Town brochure is March 23rd and if the Town were going to proceed it would be best to promote the change in that brochure as well as provide ample time to plan and address any issues that may arise.

- MOTION CARRIED -

12. COUNCIL STATEMENTS/INQUIRIES

Councillor Cassista expressed birthday wishes to Mayor Seamans and Annette Crummey.

Shane Thomson confirmed with Councillor Toner that the Citizen Satisfaction Survey will be launched Wednesday or Thursday of this week. He encouraged the members of Council make their networks aware they may be contacted to carry out a telephone survey. Mr. Thomson remarked that the survey is part of the engagement strategy and not be alarmed about the questions being asked.

Deputy Mayor Hayward remarked that the Betty Bevens Tri-Community “Healthy Choices” challenge is in full swing.

Mayor Seamans indicated that citizens can go on-line and register and by “liking” the picture can earn a point for the Town. She noted that Council, staff and citizens are working hard to retain our title.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Councillor Toner and seconded by Councillor Cassista that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

- MOTION CARRIED –