



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, May 25, 2015

Council Chambers

30 Honour House Court, Riverview, NB

7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ann Seamans	Mayor
Ian Macdonald	Deputy Mayor
Wayne Bennett	Councillor
Cecile Cassista	Councillor
Lana Hansen	Councillor
Andrew LeBlanc	Councillor
Russell Hayward	Councillor
Tom Toner	Councillor

Staff Present:

Colin Smith	CAO
Robert Higson	Director of Finance
Gerry Cole	Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services
Michel Ouellet	Director of Engineering & Public Works
Chief Denis Pleau	Riverview Fire & Rescue
Shane Thomson	Director of Economic Development
Annette Crummey	Town Clerk
Denyse Richard	Deputy Town Clerk

Others:

Codiac RCMP

PRESENTATION OF FIRE SERVICE MEDALS

Mayor Seamans, assisted by Chief Denis Pleau, presented fire service medals to Deputy Chief Robin True 20 years (Federal) service; and to Volunteer Lieutenant Greg Trites for 25 years (Provincial) service.

Mayor Seamans reported that a special RCMP ceremony was held on May 19, 2015 wherein the Riverview Fire Department was recognized for their exemplary support and service during the shooting

incident last summer. She indicated that the award was accepted by Chief Denis Pleau on behalf of the Riverview Fire & Rescue Department.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seamans called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Toner

Seconded by: Councillor Hayward

It was noted that item 7A) & B) should refer to reports for the month of April not March.

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

5. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS

NIL

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A) Administration Department – Colin Smith, CAO

1) Report for the Month of May 2015

Report was presented and accepted.

2) Report on Transit Review

Mr. Smith remarked that the report was prepared in response to Council's request for a broad overview of the Town's current transit service as well as the exploration of alternative transit business models. He indicated that Codiac Transpo is an operational department of the City of Moncton and both Riverview and Dieppe contract transit services from the City. Mr. Smith remarked that the Town has contracted its transit services from Codiac Transpo since 1982. Codiac Transpo operates two bus routes in east and west Riverview. The Town's current contract is for 139 hours of service a week resulting in total

expenditures of \$653,074 for 2015 with projected revenue of \$133,000 resulting in a net operating budget to Riverview taxpayers of \$525,574. Mr. Smith pointed out that one of the key components in the integrated regional master transportation plan being proposed for the Greater Moncton region is public transit. It is the intention that the regional transportation plan be adopted by the tri-communities of Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview as outlined in the Destination 2040 report.

Evidence supports the notion that partnering with an existing operation in the tri-community appears to be the most viable and financial option for the Town of Riverview. Transit as a service is best provided at a regional level. The transportation systems designed in Greater Moncton do not distinguish between municipal borders.

The Council briefing report outlines two options for the Town –

Option 1: Continue to utilize Codiac Transpo as the Town's transit provider and establish performance metrics to measure their management of the system on our behalf. Also the Town should organize a public consultation to get the users' and public's opinion of the proposed routes;

Option 2: If the Town is interested in going in a different direction than its current operational model, an external consultant should be hired in 2016 to fully assess transit options for our community and make recommendations. We do not have the skill set internally to complete a detailed business case analysis on transit options.

Moved by: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Town Council of the Town of Riverview give direction to staff and Codiac Transpo to proceed with a public consultation session on the new route options in advance of the 2016 budget process so Council can make an informed decision on how it would like to proceed next year.

The members of Council wanted to ensure that the Town was the driver of the public consultation process instead of Codiac Transpo doing a review of their own operations.

Mr. Smith remarked that the timing works well and that either way Council can review at budget time and plan for 2016. He noted that it does not tie the Town into new routes nor does it tie us into a budget. The bottom line is that extra service translates directly into extra money. The Town currently utilizes 139 hours per week and will factor in 144 which does take into consideration 20 hours of taxi time.

Maps, which depict the east route, were inadvertently left out of the agenda package and will be forwarded to Council.

Motion Carried

B) Finance Department – Robert Higson, Director

1) Report for the Month of May 2015

Report was presented and accepted.

C) Engineering & Public Works – Michel Ouellet, Director

1) Report for the Month of May 2015

Report was presented and accepted.

D) Fire Department – Chief Denis Pleau

1) Report for the Month of April 2015

Report was presented and accepted.

E) Parks, Recreation and Community Relations – Gerry Cole, Director

1) Report for the Month of May 2015

Mr. Cole noted that the Summer Events & Activity Guide which includes the schedule for registration has been delivered. He pointed out that the Town will continue with the on-line registration process and will also welcome walk in registrations. Summer registration begins on Friday, June 3rd. Mr. Cole confirmed that the change in venue of the Canada Day celebrations is well in hand and will be well communicated to the public with respect to the road closure and parking. He also confirmed that there will be additional bike racks available as the event is promoting Active Transportation.

Report was presented and accepted.

F) Business/Economic Development – Shane Thomson, Director

1) Report for the Month of May 2015

Report was presented and accepted.

2) Results of Citizens' Survey

Shane Thomson conducted a power point presentation of the results of the Citizen Satisfaction Survey. He pointed out that a similar survey was undertaken

in 2010 and will provide a basis for comparison. Mr. Thomson remarked that 300 people over the age of 18 years were surveyed between March 10-17, 2015. He indicated that the results reflected that “overall the Town’s residents are satisfied with the services provided by the Town and perceive there to be a very good quality of life in the Town of Riverview compared to the national norm.” He pointed out that “residents perceive roads and infrastructure to be the greatest priority for the Town of Riverview” and further that “the Town should invest in repairing and maintaining existing roads versus new roads and infrastructure – the vast majority of residents prefer that the Town repair and maintain existing infrastructure.” A copy of the survey will be posted on the Town’s website.

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Cassista

That Council accepts this report as information and instructs staff to make the Citizen Satisfaction Survey report results available to the public via the Town’s website.

On the question, Colin Smith reported that Council will follow the process and that the motion will be ratified at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on June 9, 2015 and will then be available to the public and posted on the Town’s website. He also remarked that the document will be a great tool for Council to prepare for the future. It will help Council design, build and plan for the budget process.

Motion Carried

G) Human Resources – Tina Smith, Director

1) Report for the Month of May 2015

Report was presented and accepted.

7. EXTERNAL REPORTS

A) Building Permit Reports for Month of April 2015

Taken as information.

B) Animal Control Report for Month of April 2015

Taken as information.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Grant Report – May 2015

The following grants were approved following the guidelines in Council’s Grant Policy:

Organization	Request	Awarded
United Way – AGM/Luncheon	Cost per ticket - \$10	\$10
Adoption “Everyone’s Children” Luncheon	Donation	\$50
The Metro Tones – 2015 Spring Concert	Cost per ticket - \$10	\$40
Aram Currie – Basketball NB Provincial Elite Team (U17U)	Eligible for \$100	\$100
TOTAL AWARDED		\$200

The following requests fall outside staff approval level and are presented to Council for their consideration:

Portage Atlantic Youth Centre

Moved by: Councillor Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Town of Riverview approve a donation in the amount of \$500 to the Portage Atlantic Youth Centre in support of the fundraiser for the Lewis Fitness Centre Capital Campaign.

Motion Carried

Association of Municipal Administrators of NB

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Macdonald

Seconded by: Councillor Hayward

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Town of Riverview approve sponsorship in the amount of \$500 for the 39th Annual Association of Municipal Administrators conference to be held in Moncton, NB from June 10th – 12th.

Motion Carried

B) Storm Sewer Cost Sharing – Smith Hill Subdivision

Moved by: Councillor Toner

Seconded by: Councillor Cassista

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Town of Riverview reimburse Ja-Ron Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$21,725 (plus HST), to cover the cost

difference between the storm sewer pipe sizes required to service his land and the increased storm pipe sizes and associated costs to service the future developable land to the south, owned by Greater Moncton Development Ltd.

On the question, Michel Ouellet confirmed with Deputy Mayor Macdonald that not all land requires oversized pipe. He also pointed out that the same practise is carried out in Moncton and Dieppe in such instances.

Nay Vote: Deputy Mayor Macdonald

Motion Carried

9. COUNCIL STATEMENTS/INQUIRIES

Mayor Seamans remarked that she had received a really nice thank you photograph signed by the U13 Girls Basketball team for the Town's sponsorship.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor Hayward

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.