



## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Council Chambers

30 Honour House Court, Riverview, NB

6:00 p.m.

### Members Present:

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

Mayor  
Deputy Mayor – Arrived at 6:10 p.m.  
Councillor - Arrived at 6:05 p.m. Departed at 8:25 p.m.  
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### Staff Present:

Colin Smith  
Robert Higson  
Annette Crummey  
Denyse Richard

CAO  
Director of Finance  
Town Clerk  
Deputy Town Clerk

### Regrets:

Michel Ouellet  
Chief Denis Pleau  
Gerry Cole  
Shane Thomson  
Tina Smith

Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Riverview Fire & Rescue  
Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services  
Director of Economic Development  
Director of Human Resources

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seamans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**Moved by:** Councillor Cassista

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hayward

**Motion Carried**

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor LeBlanc declared a conflict of interest with respect to the presentation by the Riverview Boys and Girls Club.

## 4. PRESENTATIONS BY EXTERNAL GROUPS

### **Riverview Public Library – Sarah Murphy, Chairperson**

Sarah Murphy highlighted the roles and responsibilities of the New Brunswick Public Library Service and that of the Town of Riverview. She indicated that Council has been provided with a copy of the Operating and Capital Budget for 2016 in the amount of \$13,055 which represents an increase of \$450 over last year's budget of \$12,605. The proposed budget was approved by the Library Board at its meeting on September 24, 2015. It was noted that there is \$10,000 remaining in their bank account at this time.

### **Riverview Arts Centre – Tammy Rampersaud, President & Kelly MacKinnon, Treasurer**

Tammy Rampersaud indicated that the mission statement of the Riverview Arts Centre is to "strive to inspire a passion for the arts while enriching the cultural life of our community". She noted that RAC facilitates a wide range of performances including high quality artistic works to shows that support charities or the high school, as well as providing a venue for local and/or upcoming artists. All at an affordable ticket price. The venues for such performances are at a variety of locations featuring the Main Stage located at the Riverview High School, the Fundy Chocolate River Station and even St. Paul's United Church.

Tammy Rampersaud was happy to report that the Riverview Arts Centre has attained charitable organizational status.

Kelly MacKinnon conducted a power point presentation which included a proposed budget which outlined a shortfall in the amount of \$59,000 which is being sought from the Town of Riverview (the same financial contribution as in 2015).

The members of Council inquired as to the status of the new sign. It was noted that the anticipated revenue was \$58,000 but the actual revenue was \$42,000. It was also confirmed that there remains \$17,000 in the RAC's bank account. The question was posed whether the grant amount being sought of \$59,000 could be reduced accordingly by the \$17,000 figure. Kelly MacKinnon remarked that she is relatively new to the Treasurer position but it was her understanding that these funds are cushion funds to pay for costs such as the fees for the technicians, facility rental, equipment replacement and also to be able to offer complimentary tickets so artists are not performing to an empty audience.

Tammy Rampersaud took the opportunity to introduce the board members present including Dave Owen, Vice President, Bob Hyslop, Roger Blakney, Joan Donald and Dwight Scott.

### **Capitol Theatre – Kim Rayworth, Managing Director**

Kim Rayworth conducted a PowerPoint presentation highlighting their budget. She outlined the total revenue and expenses for 2015-2016 as \$1,399,945. The grant figure of \$642,495 which was included in the overall revenue figure is comprised of funding requests from Riverview - \$74,730; Dieppe- \$80,000 (approx.) and Moncton \$399,000 (approx).

Since 1993 the Capitol Theatre has been a not for profit organization. She remarked that over the years the budget has been pretty consistent in the \$1.3 million dollar range. Kim Rayworth stated that the Capitol Theatre is the only fully equipped premier performing arts & cultural centre in southeastern New Brunswick.

### **TransAqua – Greater Moncton Wastewater – Winston Pearce (Chair) & Kevin Rice, General Manager**

Mr. Pearce outlined the TransAqua vision which is “to be an outstanding environmental steward supporting regional planning, economic development and quality of life for the communities of Dieppe, Moncton and Riverview”. Their mission is to “collect and treat wastewater in a reliable, cost-efficient and environmentally responsible manner”. Mr. Pearce commented on the requirement for compliance by 2020 to meet the new federal wastewater systems effluent regulations. He indicated that to date, TransAqua has not been successful in obtaining financial support from the Federal or Provincial level of government, but staff continue to apply for grant funding. Mr. Pearce commented that TransAqua may be forced to submit an application to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for approximately \$60 million dollars if funding is not available from the Federal and/or Provincial government. It was noted that Greater Moncton is among only 17% of communities in Canada without secondary treatment. Greater Moncton is the only municipality in New Brunswick without secondary treatment.

Mr. Pearce stated that the Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission will be seeking formal support, in writing, from Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview to the Provincial and Federal Governments expressing support for this major Environmental Upgrade Project as one of their foremost community priorities. He noted that this has been sought in the past but they would like the municipalities to re-confirm this commitment.

Mr. Pearce touched on the key issues in the 2016 budget and also stated that the Commission per unit charge is subject to a 2.44% increase as per the commitment made to the municipality in 2012. Mr. Pearce indicated that the total revenue for 2015 is \$12,709,502 as compared to \$12,997,713 in 2016 (representing a 2.3 % increase).

## **Boys & Girls Club – Lynda Carey, Executive Director**

Councillor LeBlanc left the Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m.

Lynda Carey stated that the Club is extremely grateful for the tremendous support from the Town. Over the years, the Club has built up an excellent partnership with the Town which has enabled the Club to continue to grow and offer programs at little or no cost to its participants. She noted that the Breakfast Club continues to be one of the most popular programs and that the After School Drop In numbers have also increased in the past year to 1257 registrants (an increase of 11.5% in the past year). Lynda Carey pointed out that the new standards for day cares had an impact on their organization. She noted that an arrangement has been worked out with the Parks & Recreation Department which saw the movement of the Boys & Girls Club administrative support staff to the Kinsmen Community Centre.

She expressed her appreciation to the Town for the annual funding to offset the rent. She pointed out that the annual rent for 2016 is \$80,258 (plus HST). She reiterated that this funding supports all existing programs as these programs (with the exception of the after school program) are offered at little or no cost to families. She had provided a copy of the unapproved budget which will be considered by the Board at the beginning of 2016.

Lynda Carey concluded by remarking that the strong support from the Town and the dedication of its Board members (which are elected annually) ensures that the Club is able to continue to meet the needs of our youth. She pointed out that she was accompanied this evening by Michelle Bourque and Nigel Bayliss.

Councillor LeBlanc resumed his seat in the Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m.

## **3Plus – Ben Champoux, CEO & Jim Lockyer, Chair**

Mr. Lockyer stated that it has been fourteen months since the creation of 3Plus (formerly Enterprise Greater Moncton) which represents the economic development corporation for the cities of Dieppe, Moncton and Riverview. Mr. Lockyer reported that 3Plus has taken an aggressive approach by leveraging its regional assets to foster new job creation, to enhance prosperity and to improve the region's overall competitiveness. He pointed out that the Economic Leadership Council (ECL), chaired by Robert K. Irving, plays an integral role in the regional economic development vision and strategies which focus on job creation and investment management. He also pointed out that 3Plus works closely with Shane Thomson, the Town's Economic Director. While 3Plus promotes the Greater Moncton Region and will point out the benefits of all three communities to potential clients, the role of the Town's Economic Director is to promote and sell the Town of Riverview.

Mr. Champoux reported that the new funding formula has been implemented which is based on tax base. The proposed 2016 budget is \$1.26 million of which the Town's contribution is \$86,750; Moncton's share is \$453,355; and Dieppe's share is \$165,669 totalling \$705,000 for the municipal funding request.

Mr. Champoux remarked that it is anticipated that millions of spin off dollars will be created with the development of the Civic Centre in Moncton. He stated that a positive momentum is being created and the support from the three communities is much appreciated.

## **Codiac Transpo – Gregg Houser, Deputy Treasurer & Angela Allain, General Manager**

Angela Allain confirmed that the Codiac Transpo fares will not increase in 2016. She outlined that during the period January – August, 2015 Codiac Transpo enjoyed a 3.5% increase in ridership. This was directly attributed to the numerous public engagement activities to promote the use of public transit. This included a five day free ridership during Environmental Week, free services during the months of July & August to high school students, a half pass punch card, and a food drive campaign wherein passengers are encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item and the ride free.

Gregg Houser indicated that the 2016 budget came in lower than the previous year of approximately \$507,000. He noted that the 2015 net cost to the Town is actually \$501,879 (which included the 3 year phase in costs). However, he pointed out that due to savings realized from fuel and labour costs, the Town will receive a refund of approximately \$30,000 for the fiscal year 2015. Mr. Houser noted that the expenditures for 2016 are expected to be less due to a number of factors including a reduction in the maintenance costs. Mr. Houser reported that the 2016 costs for transit service are proposed to be \$502,777 versus \$507,000 in 2015.

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:** Councillor Cassista

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hayward

*That the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.*