



Council Highlights Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 28, 2016

Presentations and Delegations

- Andrew Boudreau presented the Town of Riverview's audited financial statements on behalf of AC Stevenson & Partners. The Town of Riverview ended the 2015 year with a small surplus in both the General Fund and the Utility (Water and Sewer) Fund. The amount of long-term debt outstanding and debt service ratio were reduced.

Reports

- CAO Colin Smith's administrative report to Council highlighted the need to re-address the 10-year capital plan after the new council is sworn-in. The plan approved in 2015 was based on a 3.75% growth rate and the actual tax base rate in 2016 was less than 1%. With revised assessment growth assumptions, the 10-year capital plan will need to be scaled back by \$30 to \$50 million in total over that ten year period. He indicated there is still opportunity to address some of the Town's capital priorities over the next 10 years.

Grants

- Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe Earth Day - \$300
- Riverview Tennis Club 2016 SunFest and East Coast Open sponsorship - \$150
- Roofers Volleyball Club participation in national volleyball tournament - \$100

Council Recommendations

- Council supported a recommendation to remove the existing RA-4 (post-mounted signs) pedestrian crosswalk on Whitepine Rd. at Buckingham Ave. Its proximity to the RA-5 (flashing overhead lights) pedestrian crosswalk on Lawson Ave is not ideal and presents a situation where pedestrians may cross at a location that is unexpected by motorists considering the more highly visible RA-5 pedestrian crossing at Lawson Ave.
- Council supported a recommendation to relocate the crosswalk on Buckingham Ave at Windsor to the Buckingham intersection at Fatima. The Engineering and Public Works Department is taking the opportunity of the resurfacing project to undertake a review of all crosswalks on Buckingham and provide any improvements or changes as necessary. The crosswalk signs and markings will be removed at Windsor when performing the milling operation associated with the capital resurfacing project of Buckingham Ave. later this year.

- Council supported a recommendation to proceed with a three-month pilot project to de-activate the traffic signal on Coverdale Road at the causeway exit. The traffic control configuration for this intersection was originally set-up before the new Gunningsville Bridge and Gunningsville Blvd. The unconventional operation of this traffic signal is no longer appropriate for today's traffic patterns at that location. Staff will monitor the performance of both the causeway ramp and Buckingham intersections and report findings to Council in three months.

These recommendations will be brought forward for adoption at the next Regular Council Meeting.

New Business

- Council discussed the ongoing need for Family Connection Volunteers to help settle Syrian families. Interested volunteers can register at www.volunteergreatermoncton.com.
- Councillor Toner presented an update on the Wellness Centre progress. The committee is putting together an RFP to send out to companies with an expertise in funding and fundraising for community facilities. The study will help assess what funds can be raised for a centre and how much the Town can receive from other levels of government. This company will also help guide a separate Fundraising Committee. The budget for funding the study will need to be secured before proceeding.
- Shane Thomson told Council the Department of Economic Development has noticed a renewed interest in urban chicken farming. Several new inquiries received over the last month have been forwarded to the City of Moncton's Urban Planning Department for review.

Special Council Meeting

- Council approved a motion to proceed with local improvements on Beverly Cr.
- Council approved a motion to proceed with local improvements on Woolridge St.
- Council approved a motion to proceed with local improvements on Hawthorne Dr.
- Council approved a motion to accept the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2015 prepared by AC Stevenson & Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on **Monday, April 11, 2016** at 7 p.m. The agenda will be available at www.townofriverview.ca on Thursday prior to the meeting. For more information contact clerk@townofriverview.ca; 506-387-2136.