



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016
Council Chambers
30 Honour House Court, Riverview, NB
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Ann Seamans	Mayor
Cecile Cassista	Deputy Mayor
Wayne Bennett	Councillor
John Coughlan	Councillor
Lana Hansen	Councillor
Andrew LeBlanc	Councillor
Tammy Rampersaud	Councillor
Jeremy Thorne	Councillor

Staff Present:

Colin Smith	CAO
Annette Crummey	Town Clerk
Robert Higson	Director of Finance
Michel Ouellet	Director of Engineering & Works
Tina Smith	Director of Human Resources
Gerry Cole	Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Relations
Shane Thomson	Director of Economic Development
Chief Denis Pleau	Riverview Fire & Rescue
Rita Gauvin	Executive Administrative Assistant
Inspector Jamie George	Codiac RCMP (departed 8 p.m.)

Others:

Sebastien Arcand	Senior Planner, Urban Planning Department
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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor Hansen

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 27, 2016 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. A) Legs for Literacy – Request for partial Road Closure

Moved by: Councillor LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Riverview Town Council to authorize the “Legs for Literacy” marathon to proceed through the Town on Sunday, October 23rd which will entail a partial closure from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (to block off the west bound lane from the parking lot west of Gunningsville Bridge to west of the intersection entrance at the Superstore) providing all the necessary safety precautions are taken and that the RCMP and Ambulance NB as well as Codiac Transit, the Riverview Fire & Rescue and the Engineering & Works Department are made aware of the event.

Motion Carried

B) Sebastien Arcand – Council Report on proposed Zoning Amendment – Urban Agriculture

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Hansen

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Riverview Town Council to set a public hearing date re proposed zoning amendment pertaining to urban agriculture and further that the Town seek the written views of the Planning Advisory Committee on the proposed change.

Sebastien Arcand, Senior Planner from the Urban Planning Department presented Council with an overview on the proposed zoning amendment pertaining to urban agriculture uses. He mentioned a “pilot project” to allow urban chickens within residential neighbourhoods had been brought forward to Town Council in October 2013 to which Council did not move forward with the proposal. He noted renewed interest to re-explore the possibility of allowing for hens in the Town has been expressed.

The Urban Planning department recommends that Riverview Town Council proceed with the rezoning process and that a public hearing be set for August 8, 2016 and that By-Law the 300-6-10 be referred to the Planning Advisory Committee for its written views.

Concern was voiced by some Councillors with regard to the noise and health issues related to the use of urban chickens in residential areas.

Mr. Arcand remarked that several other municipalities are now permitting urban chickens as secondary uses to residential. To date, no complaints or incidents have been reported to cause hardship to neighbouring properties. He indicated this initiative would be in-line with the Town's recently adapted integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Nay Vote: Deputy Mayor Cassista

Motion Carried

C) Bill Budd, Director of Urban Planning – Recommendation from Planning Advisory Committee re proposed rezoning by Clayton Developments

The Town Clerk requested a consensus from Town Council to accept the report from the Urban Planning department on the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee regarding the proposed rezoning by Clayton Developments in order to move forward to the public hearing scheduled on July 11, 2016.

Several Council members expressed their concern on the procedural process of requesting a consensus from Town Council prior to a resolution being read and approved on the amending zoning by-law before proceeding to the public hearing. After further discussion, Council members agreed to hold a special meeting on June 29, 2016 at 12 noon to adopt the resolution on the proposed zoning by-law amendment prior to the public hearing being held on July 11, 2016.

5. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS

NIL

6. EXTERNAL REPORTS

A) Building Development/Permit

1) Building Permit Report for the months of April & May, 2016

Taken as information.

2) Development Activity Report for the months of April & May, 2016

Taken as information.

B) Animal Control Report for month April and May, 2016

The Town Clerk confirmed that two submissions had been received on the Request for Proposal for Animal Control Services. Town staff is in the process of reviewing the submissions and a recommendation will be presented to Council at the Regular Council meeting to be held on July 11, 2016.

Taken as information.

C) Codiac RCMP

Inspector George confirmed that the RCMP continues to address traffic concerns brought to their attention in all three municipalities. He reported that various patrols and checks are ongoing in Riverview relating to speeding and other infractions, primarily on Gunningsville Boulevard, Emery and Old Coach Road. He mentioned 95 calls received on traffic related occurrences were investigated or followed up in Riverview. He noted saturated patrols can be done to target enforcement in areas of concern, but also strongly urged that complaints should be relayed directly to the RCMP for investigation.

Several Council members commended Inspector George on the improved RCMP visibility in Riverview.

Taken as information.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A) Administration Department – Colin Smith, CAO

1) Report for the months of May & June, 2016

Mr. Smith confirmed that a reply from the Federal government on the funding request submitted by the Town for support to public transit would take a period of time and a response should be anticipated sometime in the fall.

Report accepted as presented.

2) Strategic Plan Update 2016

Mr. Smith remarked Town management has committed to providing Council and the public regular updates on the status of the Town's strategic plan. An updated report summarizing a status update on the 2016 Strategic Plan was presented for Council's review. Mr. Smith mentioned the report highlights a significant amount of work that has been executed this year to deliver on the strategic priorities and goals that were endorsed by Council. An update was also presented on a planning process to developing a plan/approach as to how the Town would update its strategic plan in the coming years.

3) Council Update on Aquatics Centre Operational Review

Mr. Smith presented Council with a summary of the Aquatics Centre operational and program review completed this year by an aquatics expert. The report provides Council with a good overview of the recommendations identified by the consultant and the actions that staff are already taking to respond and what they will be doing in the future, subject to Council approval.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Riverview Town Council accept the action plan proposed by the Parks, Recreation and Community Relations Department in response to the Aquatics Program review, including the establishment of new permanent positions at the Aquatic Centre to alleviate the operational challenges at that facility.

Motion Carried

Report accepted as presented.

B) Finance Department – Robert Higson, Director

1) Report for the months of May & June, 2016

Mr. Higson confirmed that the reduction in significantly past due accounts for water and sewer has been a tremendous success. A fair amount of communication has gone out to inform residents on the various options available to make a payment. Mr. Higson thanked Council for their efforts in this regard to allow staff to resolve these issues in order to bring down the balance.

Report was accepted as presented.

C) Engineering & Works – Michel Ouellet, Director

1) Report for the months of May & June, 2016

Mr. Ouellet brought one item to Council's attention that a portion of Pine Glen Road between Gunningsville Boulevard and Cross Creek Lane would now be reduced to one lane during the construction period of a new culvert over Mill Creek. A public service announcement would still be made with the new information.

Mr. Ouellet confirmed an extra cost will be incurred with regard to the unexpected replacement of the sanitary sewer on Woolridge Street. He mentioned since a reduction of \$80,000 occurred in the project for sidewalks, in the scope of the overall budget the additional cost would be absorbed in that amount.

Mr. Ouellet confirmed subsequent to the rain event on May 25, a number of catch basins were identified that could be better located to capture more water and that work has been completed.

Report accepted as presented.

D) Fire Department – Chief Denis Pleau

1) Reports for the months of April & May, 2016

Chief Pleau confirmed with regard to all water rescues in the tri-community area, the Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe Fire departments all work together to provide the best service for the municipalities.

Reports accepted as presented.

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

1) Reports for the months of May & June, 2016

Mr. Cole confirmed the attendance for Sunfest 2016 to date has been tremendous due to the fantastic weather. Staff are now focusing and diligently working towards the Canada Day July 1st event.

Mr. Cole confirmed the department has just recently received the last component to the parent / child facing swing which would be installed as soon as staff has an opportunity to do so. Staff is currently involved in Sunfest and setting up for Canada Day activities.

Mr. Cole confirmed the process for the BMX bike park began last year but the contractor did not finish. He would be following up with the contractor to see when this project will move forward. Mr. Cole noted following feedback from residents near Patricia Park some improvements would be done to accommodate their requests.

Reports accepted as presented.

F) Business/Economic Development – Shane Thomson, Director

1) Reports for the months of May & June, 2016

Mr. Thomson highlighted that the Town organized a workshop for the business community, which the topic was Strategy for Branding and Marketing with Stephen Brander of Razor Creative. The workshop was very successful with 10 businesses participating. He noted very positive feedback was received. The department will continue to provide such workshops in the future.

Reports accepted as presented.

G) Human Resources – Tina Smith, Director

1) Reports for the months of May & June, 2016

Reports accepted as presented.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Appointment – Airport Authority Board

Mayor Seamans appointed Mr. Patrick Grew as the Town of Riverview representative to the Greater Moncton Airport Authority Board for a three-year period commencing July 19, 2016 and expiring July 19, 2019.

B) Community Investment Applications for the month of June 2016

Emily Holt – Basketball NB – Elite Team

Accepted staff recommendation to grant \$100 sponsorship to attend Nationals in Regina during the month of July.

Town Advisory Committee on Disabilities

Accepted staff recommendation to grant \$500 sponsorship to the Disability Awareness Week Breakfast.

YWCA – Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event

October 14, 2016

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor Coughlan

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Riverview Town Council that sponsorship in the amount of \$250.00 be granted to the YWCA – Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event being held on October 14, 2016.

Motion Carried

NB Refugee Clinic

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor Hansen

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Riverview Town Council to deny the request to donate monies to the NB Refugee Clinic.

Deputy Mayor Cassista clarified when reviewing the application she noted the group is a duplicate of MAGMA. She mentioned the group broke away from MAGMA sometime in the spring and formed another group. In addition, staff had indicated a disqualification in the checklist on the application.

Mr. Thomson confirmed he had researched the group who is strictly focused on providing free legal representation to refugee claimants. It is modeled after a very successful Halifax refugee clinic model. It is seen as a best practice in terms of a centre that is successful in retaining immigrants and refugees. He suggested it was a worthy cause and may be beneficial if the group presented further information to Council on this request.

Several Council members agreed it would be beneficial to learn more about this organization by having the group make a presentation before Council.

Mr. Smith noted the uniqueness of this specific request and why staff brought it forward to Council for consideration and discussion. Other groups that do not meet the criteria would not be brought forward to Council for review.

**Nay Votes: Councillor LeBlanc
Councillor Thorne
Councillor Coughlan
Councillor Rampersaud
Councillor Bennett**

Motion Defeated

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Rampersaud

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Town Council to invite the NB Refugee Clinic to make a presentation on the organization at a future meeting which would assist Council in its decision to consider the group's request for funding.

Motion Carried

9. COUNCIL STATEMENTS/INQUIRIES

Mayor Seamans received an inquiry to have a clock or timer at the waterfront for the Tidal Bore.

Mr. Thomson indicated the Town has invested in a website at Tidalbore.ca which informs when the next tidal bore will come in real time. Most other websites have a table indicating the time and date. The investment of a digital sign has been a challenge but could be considered for next year, subject to Council approval.

Deputy Mayor Cassista has received many calls on unsightly premises in Town and asked staff if any cataloging had been done on homes in terms of determining if they are of an unsightly nature.

Mr. Smith remarked there is no active log of what is determined unsightly or what people deem unsightly. The issue is dealt with on an individual basis when the matter is brought forward to the Town.

Councillor Bennett suggested that Council should further lobby the provincial government to move forward and give more consideration to the unsightly premises by-law when the Municipal Act is revamped in the fall.

Councillor Hansen noted that she and Councillor Coughlan had recently attended the Zone 2 meeting for the UMN. A provincial ministerial conference will take place on June 29 where each municipality, who is a member, will have three representatives attending and this would be an opportunity to discuss issues such as unsightly premises. This would be the first step in the process of revising the Act.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor LeBlanc

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Motion Carried