



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

MINUTES

30 Honour House Court - Council Chambers

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

- C. Smith, CAO**
- A. Crummey, Town Clerk**
- D. Richard, Deputy Town Clerk**
- R. Gauvin, Admin Secretary**
- M. Ouellet, Director of Eng & Works**
- G. Cole, Director of Parks & Rec**
- S. Thomson, Director of Economic Development**
- D. Pleau, Fire Chief**

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 C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That the agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

5. PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS

a. Presentation by Bernard LeBlanc, President & CEO, Greater Moncton Romeo LeBlanc International Airport

Annual Update on the Greater Moncton Romeo LeBlanc International Airport

Mr. LeBlanc conducted a Power point presentation highlighting the operations of the airport.

b. Presentation by Paul Van Iderstine, Treasurer - Codiac Regional Policing Authority

Proposed 2017 Codiac Regional Policing Authority Budget

Supt. Paul Beaudesne introduced Ross MacKay, Charles Leger, Charles Savoie, Debbie Hathaway, Inspector Luc Breton (replacing Inspector Jamie George) & Paul Van Iderstine.

Supt. Paul Beaudesne outlined achievements that have been made and remarked that the Codiac RCMP continues to work with its social partners and stakeholders in the implementation of the crime reduction & prevention strategy.

Mr. Paul Van Iderstine delivered the proposed 2017 Codiac Policing Authority budget. He touched on some of the highlights including the financing of the radio system over 10 years; 1.1% increase in operational costs; shooting costs result in an increase of 3.5% (Codiac's share of 3 million financed over 2 years 2015-2017). In the end, citizens being charged \$1 million for the \$9 million expended on the shooting costs.

Mr. Van Idertstine touched on items which resulted in operational increases such as salary and benefits, additional overtime provision, additional air time charge for the new radio system, addition of 2 regular members to the crime reduction and prevention unit, reduction in the Division Administration charge plus other miscellaneous adjustments. These combined factors results in the 1.1% increase to Riverview's portion equalling an increase of \$326,000.

The members of Council inquired on the decision as to the timing of the payment for the shooting costs as well as overtime costs. Also a suggestion was made to continue engaging the community through such means as Neighbourhood Watch.

Mayor Seamans thanked Mr. MacKay for his efforts as the Town's liaison to the Codiac Policing Authority Board.

6. EXTERNAL REPORTS

a. Building Permit Report for the month of September, 2016

Building Permit Report for the month of September, 2016 be accepted.

b. Development Activity Report for month of August, 2016

Development Activity Report for the month of August, 2016 be accepted.

c. Development Activity Report for the month of September, 2016

Development Activity Report for the month of September, 2016 be accepted.

d. Animal Control Report for the month of October, 2016

Animal Control Report for the month of October, 2016 be accepted.

e. **Codiac RCMP**

Codiac RCMP report accepted as circulated.

7. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. **Administration Department**

7.a.1 **Report for the month of October, 2016**

The Administration report for the month of October, 2016 be accepted.

7.a.2 **Approval to Proceed with Purchase of New Transit Bus**

Mr. Smith remarked that a recent funding announcement by the Federal/Provincial governments of \$2.4 million to Codiac Transpo for the purchase of 8 new buses - 2 for Riverview; 2 for Dieppe; and 4 for Moncton. Mr. Smith indicated that it would be necessary to revise the Town's capital budget due to funding received. Mr. Smith also noted that it is necessary to place the order for the new bus at this time to be able to receive it before December 31, 2017. He indicated that there was some discussion with Council in the past on various options including smaller buses; however, Route 81 would need a larger bus in order to accommodate its riders.

Mr. Smith confirmed that the recommendation is to move forward with the purchase of one bus at this time for the fiscal year 2017. The Town had budgeted the purchase of a bus in 2017 and 2018. He remarked that the Town will need to make a decision early in 2017 for the second bus to be acquired in 2018. Council can have further discussions on the type of bus to purchase for the 2018 fiscal year as long as a decision is reached to allow for enough time to order and receive the bus prior to the time stipulated to take advantage of the funding from the Federal and Provincial governments.

Moved by: Councillor T. Rampersaud

Seconded by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

That Committee of the Whole recommends to Riverview Town Council to accept the recommendation from Town Management to

approve the purchase of a 40 foot Nova Bus under the current purchase agreement in place with Codiac Transpo.

Motion Carried

7.a.3 Update on Facilities Management Review

Taken as information.

Mr. Smith highlighted some of the findings in the report including an item that was some cause for concern. Apparently the report revealed that the fire hall, while only a 10 year old building, is showing signs of a 30 year old building - specifically a crack in the bay area. Mr. Smith remarked that a lot of information will be carried over into the budget process.

Concern was expressed on how the Town could prevent a situation like this from happening again. Council does not want to face the same problem with the new Operations Centre or any future building.

Reference was made to decommissioning the Bridgedale School. Mr. Smith commented that the continued ownership of this building is a challenge based on the age and state of building.

Mr. Cole remarked that there are a lot of factors to be carefully considered given the age and overall condition of the building and the fact that it is not wheel chair accessible. He noted that it does have a lot of use by various groups but would he has concerns and would need to investigate thoroughly before making a recommendation to retain it for the Department's purposes.

7.a.4 2017 Budget Preliminary Parameters

Moved by: Councillor W. Bennett

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor C. Cassista

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Riverview Town Council to receive this Council Report Form for information and endorse the preliminary direction taken in developing this year's budget.

Motion Carried

b. Finance Department

7.b.1 Report for the month of October, 2016

The Finance report for the month of October, 2016 be accepted.

Councillor Thorne remarked on the low uptake on electronic water and sewer payments.

Mr. Smith indicated that the Town is promoting this option through various means and will continue to do so.

Councillor Thorne inquired whether it would be possible to provide a more direct URL to the Service NB online payments page.

Mr. Smith committed to looking into this possibility.

c. Engineering & Works

7.c.1 Report for the month of October, 2016

The Engineering & Public Works Report for the month of October, 2016 be accepted.

Mr. Ouellet confirmed that one of the items being brought forward in the capitol budget is a hydro seeder unit which will improve the service of repairing lawns for our residents as a result of damage from snow removal operations, for instance.

7.c.2 Recommendation on New Street Name Signs

Michel Ouellet provided an explanation on the proposed change to the street signs. After receiving numerous complaints an investigation and survey was undertaken with other municipalities. It was determined that the lettering currently on our street signs are not standard with the industry, nor the size or colour. His

intention would be to install the new standard signs in some of the higher density streets including Coverdale Road and Hillsborough Road and then move onto the collector streets.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor A. LeBlanc

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to Town Council to proceed with the upgrade/upsizing of street name signs starting with arterial roads and working towards all collector streets.

Introduce the new standards so new signs will be purchased based on the new standards.

Motion Carried

d. Fire Department

7.d.1 Report for the month of September, 2016

Fire Department Report for the month of September, 2016 be accepted.

Chief Pleau remarked that it was a very successful Fire Prevention Week with an estimated 800 attendees during the open house.

e. Parks, Recreation and Community Relations

7.e.1 Report for the month of October, 2016

Parks, Recreation & Community Relations report for the month of October, 2016 accepted.

Councillor Bennett extended congratulations on a job well done on new entrance to the Mill Creek Nature Park.

Gerry Cole remarked that it was a combined effort - the Rotary Club was instrumental in installing the gazebo and Public Works assisted with the parking area. He also remarked that a walking trail now exists up to the Operation Centre. Mr. Cole did note that the Town continues to struggle with ATVers on the walking trails.

Deputy Mayor Cassista stated that staff had done an exceptional job promoting the "Loop" event this year. Participants had risen from 30 participants in 2015 to 173 this year.

f. Business/Economic Development

7.f.1 Report for the month of October, 2016

Economic Development report for the month of October, 2016 be accepted.

Shane Thomson indicated that he was pleased with the latest tenant - Papa John's. The owner of the building is currently working on securing more tenants but would not, at this time, divulge further information.

g. Human Resources

7.g.1 Report for the month of October, 2016

Human Resources Report for the month of October, 2016 be accepted.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Appointment - Riverview Library Board

Mayor Seamans appointed Anna Sutherland to the Riverview Public Library Board for a three year term effective immediately.

9. COUNCIL STATEMENTS/INQUIRIES

NIL

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Deputy Mayor C. Cassista

Seconded by: Councillor J. Thorne

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Motion Carried