

**Regular Council  
August 15, 2016  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Mayor C. Chisholm  
Deputy Mayor L Boucher  
Councillor L. Chisholm  
Councillor S. Cameron  
Councillor W. Cormier  
Councillor D. MacInnis  
Councillor J. MacPherson

**Also Present**

CAO J. Lawrence  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
S. Scannell, Special Projects Co-ordinator

Media  
Delegates

**Call to Order**

Mayor C. Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda with an addition." Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was "Moved and Seconded that the minutes of July 18, 2016 (In Camera), and July 18, 2016 (Regular)." Motion carried.

**Business from Minutes**

- Flag and Land-locked Lots (First Reading)

CAO J. Lawrence noted Council had received proposed amendments to the Town's Land Use By-law (LUB) and Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and presented staffs' recommendation with respect to flag and land-locked lots, advising that the Planning Advisory Committee had discussed the matter at length, and that two public engagements had previously been held.

CAO J. Lawrence noted the limited land available for development and the use of flag and land-locked lots, the use of them in the past and the perception of an increase in crime related to such development. He then spoke to the efforts to reconsider flag and/or land-locked lots through development agreement, with more stringent requirements.

CAO J. Lawrence spoke to development agreements and how they work.

It was further noted that although neighboring property owners may comment on the development agreement process, at the end of the day, it is Council that will have the say as to what is in the best interest of the Town.

Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee, Councillor W. Cormier, provided some background details on flag and land-locked lots noting that one concern has been the number of bedrooms permitted in an R1 (Residential First Density) zone. He further noted that clarification has now been received from the province acknowledging that, although a neighboring property owner may provide comment regarding a proposed development agreement, such comments should not be including in the document(s), as the matter would not likely hold up in the courts.

Various Councillors provided comment on the matter, with the Mayor questioning the possibility of the development of some lots in favor of seniors (55+).

It was “Moved that Council proceed to a public meeting and second reading on staffs’ recommendations with respect to R2 (Residential Second Density), R3 (Residential Multiple Density) and Commercial zones, but defer staffs’ recommendations to PAC for further discussion with regard to the R1 zone with respect to flag and land-locked lots.” Motion carried.

#### Recycle My Cell

Mayor C. Chisholm reported that the Town Hall is now set up to accept all used, unwanted or discarded mobile devices and their accessories free of charge, and thanked the Deputy Clerk for her effort in this regard.

#### **New Business**

- Date for October, 2016 Council meeting

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that the Regular Council meeting for October is currently scheduled to be held on the Monday immediately following the municipal election which will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Following brief discussion it was generally agreed to hold the October meeting as scheduled, and October 24<sup>th</sup> as the swearing in date for the new Council.

- Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition

Councillor D. MacInnis declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

Councillor W. Cormier referred to the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Arena Commission and a motion made and a resulting letter presented to the Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition. He stated that all of Council should have the opportunity to revisit the matter and referred to a joint meeting of Council held three (3) months previous and discussion from that meeting.

Councillor W. Cormier raised concern over providing money to an outside organization without full Council’s consideration, and stated he would like to have the matter revisited and make an informed open decision.

Councillor J. MacPherson provided his recollection of how the matter unfolded and stated he no longer agrees with the decision that was made regarding the exhibition.

Councillor S. Cameron noted that the Arena Commission was an Act of Legislation to raise funds to build an arena. He then spoke to the Building for Youth and the legality of the Town providing funds as proposed.

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher referred the matter to the CAO as to which group superceded which. CAO J. Lawrence stated that the Arena Commission has the ability to request a change of date for the exhibition, but that he could not speak to the financial aspect of comments made by

Councillor S. Cameron, and would need to review the matter more in depth, with the possibility of a legal opinion.

Councillor W. Cormier stated that he would like to review the decision of the Building for Youth Commission, with the Mayor requesting that discussion cease as Council could not discuss the legality of the Commission's decision in the public forum.

Various members of Council provided comment.

It was generally agreed that Council would go back into Closed Council following Regular council.

At 6:37 PM Councillor D. MacInnis rejoined the meeting.

- Attracting Tour Buses to the Town

Councillor J. MacPherson commended a staff member for inviting tour buses into the Town, and the results of his efforts.

Councillor J. MacPherson suggested that this be expanded to include all tour buses, and it was noted that there have been a total of nine (9) buses this season.

### **Correspondence**

- RK Nursing Home Foundation; Request to approve new Town Representative  
It was "Moved and Seconded to endorse the appointment of John Brown, of 25 Dolorosa Avenue, as a Town representative to the RK Foundation." Motion carried.

- S/Cst. S. Smith/Antigonight; Re: Request for Street Closure

Following brief discussion the following motion was put forth:

It was "Moved and Seconded to permit the portion of Main Street (from College to Church Street) to be closed between the hours of 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to accommodate Antigonight activities." Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports**

- CAO Report

It was "Moved and Seconded to receive the CAO Report as presented." Motion carried.

Councillor D. MacInnis questioned the 3-way stop issue at the intersection of Hawthorne and Xavier Drive, most of which could be attributed to soccer events. Brief discussion took place.

Councillor W. Cormier questioned the status of the new bridge, with CAO J. Lawrence noting that the project is on schedule and on budget, with traffic expecting to begin to flow in September.

- Special Projects Coordinator Report

It was "Moved and Seconded to accept the Special Projects Coordinator Report as presented." Motion carried.

- Engineering and Municipal Services Director Reports

It was “Moved and Seconded to receive the Engineering and Municipal Services Director Report for July and August, 2016.” Motion carried.

The Mayor and other Councillors provided comment on the paving project and paving work already underway.

- Planning/Building Services & Inspection/Fire and Safety Officers’ Reports (Building Inspector’s portion of the Report unavailable)

It was “Moved and Seconded to accept the Planning/Building Services and Fire and Safety Officers’ Reports as presented.” Motion carried.

- Recreation Director Report

It was “Moved and Seconded to accept the Recreation Director’s Report as presented.” Motion carried.

Councillor J. MacPherson provided comment from the Recreation Director’s report, with respect to damage to Columbus Field as a result of the Highland Games. Councillor W. Cormier provided comment on the matter.

- Director of Corporate Services (Report Unavailable)

### **Committee Reports**

- Recreation

Deputy Mayor L. Boucher reported on bleacher removal (not up to code) and a temporary fix, dugouts being worked on, and work carried out with a town group to pave part of the area. She noted there is a desperate need for storage, and the possibility of using commercial storage containers for storage.

- Police and License Committee

Councillor S. Cameron noted a recommendation was put forth from the Police & License Committee to make EMO aware of the possible potential impact to traffic on Hawthorne Street if and when an accident occurs and traffic is diverted from the TransCanada to Route 245.

Council was advised that an email poll would be forthcoming regarding frosh week activities.

Councillor S. Cameron advised that the following motion was put forth at the last meeting of the Police & License Committee:

It was “Moved and Seconded to recommend to Council, that if possible, a traffic study be carried out this year in the area impacting the intersection of Highland Drive, West, and St. Ninian’s Streets, or that it be added to the budget for next year.” Motion carried.

Councillor J. MacPherson noted that the underground wiring for lights has already been completed. It was noted that the CAO is to report back from Engineer see if there is money, and would bring back a recommendation as to where funds might come from.

At 7:01 PM the meeting was adjourned, it was noted that council would go back into closed. Councillor D. MacInnis declared a conflict.

At 7:40 PM the meeting reconvened.

Following comments from Mayor C. Chisholm regarding discussion in closed Council it was noted that the Exhibition would not be requested to change their usual dates in the future. Brief discussion took place.

At 7:50 PM the meeting was adjourned.