



**TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES**

**July 28, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Moosehead Room at the Garcelon Civic Center**

Members Present: Mayor A. MacEachern, Councillor M. Harding, Councillor K. Parker, Councillor P. Chisholm, Councillor D. Hyslop, Deputy Mayor G. Wheaton, Councillor V. Thiessen

Staff Present: J. Renaud, CAO/Town Clerk, T. Tozer, Director of Corporate Services, S. Morton, Director of Protective Services, K. Sumner, Director of Community Services

Staff Absent: L. Johnson, Director of Operations Public Works

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MacEachern called the meeting to order.

B. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor MacEachern requested a moment of reflection.

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That the following items be added to the agenda:

89/21 MOTION CARRIED

- 1. Public Presentation from Ms. Juliet Bartlett re The Stage Proposal**
- 2. Citizen Concern: Feeding of Wildlife within town boundaries**
- 3. Communicable Disease Control Policy**
- 4. Proposal: "Conserve the Court" Charitable Fund**

5. Victoria Street Community Garden

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

Seconded by Councillor Thiessen

That the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of July 28th, 2021, be approved

90/21 MOTION CARRIED

E. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

F. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

G. PUBLIC AND/OR STATUTORY HEARINGS

- 1. Public Presentation by Ms. Juliet Bartlett re: The Stage Proposal (if approved as late item)**

H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Regular Council Meeting**

Moved by Councillor Parker

Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on June 30th, 2021 be approved as presented.

91/21 MOTION CARRIED

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 1. Community Grants Requests**

Moved by Councillor Chisholm

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

That Council approves community grants be awarded to:

- The Stage - \$2,000 from 2021 Community Grant Fund and \$2000 from 2022 Community Grant Fund
- Victoria Street Community Garden - \$500 from 2021 Community Grant Fund

with staff seeking more information from St. Croix Catholic Parish to be presented at a future meeting.

92/21 MOTION CARRIED

- a. The Stage--Proposal
- b. St. Croix Catholic Parish
- c. Victoria Street Community Garden (if accepted as late item)

J. CORRESPONDENCE

K. BYLAWS, PERMITS, AND POLICIES

1. Proposed Re-Zoning of Border Arena Property

- a. Report from Planning officer
- b. Municipal Plan Amendment

Moved by Councillor Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Municipal Plan Amendment M-2-02 be given first reading.

93/21 MOTION CARRIED

- c. Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Moved by Councillor Hyslop
Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z-2-02 be given first reading.

94/21 MOTION CARRIED

2. Proposed Re-Zoning of 18 St. Croix

- a. Planning Officer's Report
- b. Municipal Plan Amendment

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Thiessen

That Municipal Plan Amendment M-2-03 be given first reading

95/21 MOTION CARRIED

- c. Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

That Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z-2-03 be given first reading

96/21 MOTION CARRIED

3. Development Incentive Bylaw --1st Reading

Moved by Councillor Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor Harding

That Development Incentive Bylaw, DI-1, be given first reading

97/21 MOTION CARRIED

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Departmental Reports

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the Departmental information reports be acknowledged and received.

98/21 MOTION CARRIED

- a. CAO Report
- b. Planning Report
- c. Community Services Report
- d. Protective Services Report
 - a. Feeding of Wildlife in Town Boundaries (if approved as late item)
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Public Works Report

- g. Future St. Stephen Report

2. Requests for Decisions

- a. Award of Tender TOSS21-01

Moved by Councillor Harding
Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

That Town Council authorizes the awarding of Tender TOSS21-01 for a 2021 Model All Season Dump Body for the tendered price of \$64,250.00 plus HST from Parts for Trucks, Inc.

99/21 MOTION CARRIED

- b. Renewal of Appointment to the Library Board--Mary Gilmore

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

That Mary Gilmore be reappointed to the St. Croix Library Board for a 3 year term.

100/21 MOTION CARRIED

- c. Renewal of Appointment to Library Board--Jane Lindsay

Moved by Councillor Hyslop
Seconded by Councillor Harding

That Jane Lindsay be reappointed to the St. Croix Library Board for a one (1) year term

101/21 MOTION CARRIED

- d. Communicable Disease Control Policy (if approved as late item)

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the Communicable Disease Control Policy be adopted as presented

102/21 MOTION CARRIED

- e. "Conserve the Court" Charitable Fund (If approved as late item)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

Seconded by Councillor Parker

That Council approves the establishment of the "Conserve the Court" Charitable Fund in accordance with the terms presented.

103/21 MOTION CARRIED

M. QUESTION PERIOD

- Is the province going to resurface the rest of Milltown Blvd?
 - CAO Renaud responded that discussions are ongoing and are looking more positive.

N. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ITEMS/REPORTS

1. Councillor Theissen

- Attended all meetings of Council
- Met with concerned citizens on a number of issues

2. Councillor Parker

- Attended all meetings of Council
- Spoke with a number of citizens about their concerns, including potholes, squatters on private and public property, and the status of an ongoing development project

3. Councillor Harding

- Received 13 calls from residents, many concerned with the drug use in our community
- Spoke with Julie Atkinson, Director of Sophia House, an addiction treatment centre for women, and advised that a drop-in centre will be opening soon in St. Stephen

4. Councillor Chisholm

- Attended all meetings of Council

5. Deputy Mayor Wheaton

- Attended all meetings of Council

- Attended a Suicide Prevention meeting at the GCC to address mental health issues in Charlotte County
- Lonicera Hall reached their fundraising goal of \$100,000 for a new verandah
- Working on securing a new clock for Turning the Corner
- Noted that the Summer Concert Series in Milltown was very well attended
- Encouraged everyone to attend upcoming Town events such as the N.B. Day celebrations
- Encouraged everyone to support History Alive! by the St. Croix Theatre Company on Aug 1-2
- Received calls from residents with safety concerns in their neighbourhoods

6. Councillor Hyslop

- Attended all meetings of Council
- Attended Charlotte County Museum meeting and assisted with building repairs
- Advised Charlotte County Museum will be opening on Aug 2 by appointment only
- Attended a Canada 1st Basketball meeting
- Received calls from residents on several issues, including speeding and ATVs in Town - concerned with the lack of police presence in the community

7. Mayor MacEachern

- Attended all meetings of Council
- Discussions with developers
- Thanked Deputy Mayor Wheaton for attending the Suicide Prevention Meeting in his absence

O. MEETING EXTENSION

Moved by Councillor Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor Harding

That Council approves extending this evening's Council meeting beyond 8:00 p.m.

104/21 MOTION CARRIED

P. NOTICE OF CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Councillor Hyslop
Seconded by Councillor Harding

That pursuant to section 68(1) of the Local Governance Act, Council move to a closed session for the purpose of discussing:

105/21 MOTION CARRIED

1. **Personnel Related Matter**
2. **Potential Land Disposition**
3. **Potential Land Disposition**

Q. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

R. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Parker
Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 pm.

106/21 MOTION CARRIED

Mayor

Town Clerk