



TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

September 29, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Moosehead Room at the Garcelon Civic Center

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

RES. NO. 120/21

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That the following item be added to the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Request for Decision - Unsightly Premises Invoice**

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RES. NO. 121/21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

Seconded by Councillor Hyslop

That the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of September 29, 2021, be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

E. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor's Statement on National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

F. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

G. PUBLIC AND/OR STATUTORY HEARINGS

H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Council Meeting

RES. NO. 122/21

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Harding

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on September 15, 2021, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Regular Council Meeting

RES. NO. 123/21

Moved by Councillor Thiessen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 25, 2021, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

J. CORRESPONDENCE

RES. NO. 124/21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That the following items be received for informational purposes.

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Charlotte County Ground Search and Rescue Team**

2. **Decoding Dyslexia New Brunswick**

K. BYLAWS, PERMITS, AND POLICIES

1. **Vaccination and Testing Protocol**

RES. NO. 125/21

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Thiessen

That Council approves the Vaccination and Testing Protocol as presented with the removal of Testing Procedure Item 2.

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Proposed Re-Zoning of Border Arena Property**

a. **Municipal Plan Amendment - Second Reading**

RES. NO. 126/21

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

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

MOTION CARRIED

b. **Municipal Plan Amendment - Third and Final Reading**

RES. NO. 127/21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

Seconded by Councillor Thiessen

That Municipal Plan Amendment M-2-02 be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Second Reading

RES. NO. 128/21

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Harding

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

MOTION CARRIED

- d. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Third and Final Reading

RES. NO. 129/21

Moved by Councillor Parker

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

That Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z-2-02 be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Proposed Re-Zoning of 18 St. Croix

- a. Municipal Plan Amendment - Second Reading

RES. NO. 130/21

Moved by Councillor Thiessen

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Plan Amendment M-2-03 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Municipal Plan Amendment - Third and Final Reading

RES. NO. 131/21

Moved by Councillor Hyslop

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That Municipal Plan Amendment M-2-03 be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Second Reading

RES. NO. 132/21

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Thiessen

That Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z-2-03 be given second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

- d. Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Third and Final Reading

RES. NO. 133/21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wheaton

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That Zoning Bylaw Amendment Z-2-03 be given third and final reading.

MOTION CARRIED

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Departmental Reports

RES. NO. 134/21

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That the Departmental information reports be acknowledged and received.

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- a. CAO Report
- b. Planning Report
- c. Community Services Report
- d. Protective Services Report
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Public Works Report

- g. Future St. Stephen Report

2. Requests for Decision

- a. Unsightly Premises Invoice

RES. NO. 135/21

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That Council approve payment to Randy's Towing in the amount of \$11,247.87 (eleven thousand two hundred forty-seven dollars and eighty-seven cents) tax included for clean-up of an unsightly premises at 194 Pleasant St.

MOTION CARRIED

M. QUESTION PERIOD

N. MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ITEMS/REPORTS

1. Councillor Thiessen

- Attended all Council meetings
- Attended Innovation and Technology Committee meeting

2. Councillor Harding

- Spoke to the drug issue in our community
- Encouraged shopping locally and recommended Birch Corner

3. Councillor Chisholm

- Expressed thanks and appreciation for the Milltown Blvd. project
- Glad to see work progressing at the Best Western Hotel site
- Expressed concern that St. Stephen will be lacking family physicians with the imminent retirement of two local doctors

4. Deputy Mayor Wheaton

- Attended all Council meetings
- Praised Charlotte County Fall Fair for their successful event
- Attending UMNB online conferences

- Plans to attend UMNB general meeting
- Expressed concerns about lack of doctors

5. Councillor Hyslop

- Attended Canada 1st Basketball meeting
- Attended Innovation and Technology meeting
- Attended Charlotte County Museum meeting
- Attended all Council meetings
- Visited Nature Suites at Ganong Nature Park during the Fall Fair
- Attended Chamber of Commerce Golf Fundraiser
- Expressed need for committee to address Town's need for new doctors

6. Mayor MacEachern

- Spoke to our MLA, Kathy Bockus, about recruiting new doctors for our community
- Raised flag for Terry Fox
- Dealing with COVID-19 concerns and issues
- Attended an Emergency Planning Meeting, UNB Meeting, and a Suicide Prevention Meeting
- Attended Charlotte County Fall Fair
- Attended all meetings of Council

7. Councillor Parker

- Expressed concerns about lack of doctors in our community
- Attended Charlotte County Fall Fair
- Attended all meetings of Council

O. NOTICE OF CLOSED MEETING

P. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

Q. ADJOURNMENT

RES. NO. 136/21

Moved by Councillor Harding

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:17 pm.

MOTION CARRIED



Mayor



Town Clerk