

Regular Meeting #20 December 17, 2019

A Regular Meeting of Council convened in the Long Pond Boardroom at 7:00 p.m. in the presence of Deputy Mayor Murphy, Councillors (with the exception of Mayor French and Councillor Bursey), Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Crawley, Town Clerk, Gail Pomroy, Director of Finance, Liz Davis, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, Dave Tibbo, Director of Planning and Development, Corrie Davis, Fire Chief John Heffernan, and Communications Manager, Maggie Hynes.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDAS AND MINUTES

a. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda for December 17, 2019

Resolution #19-423
Councillor Butler/Councillor Hillier

Be it so resolved that the agenda of the meeting of December 17, 2019 be adopted as presented.

- carried unanimously

b. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2019

Resolution #19-424
Councillor Davis/Councillor Youden

Be it so resolved that the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2019 be adopted as presented.

- carried unanimously

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3. VISITORS, PRESENTATIONS AND PETITIONS

a. Christmas Parade Floats

Deputy Mayor Murphy presented prizes for the Christmas Parade Float Awards as follows:

- Best Commercial Float – Neil Tremblett, Provincial Homecare Agency
- Best non-Commercial Float – Sarah Eddy, CBS Community Garden
- Spirit of Christmas Award – Majors Chris and Claudette Pilgrim, Salvation Army

b. Petition – Fowlers Road / CBS Industrial Park

Councillor Bent tabled a petition from concerned residents pertaining to the proposed development of a Drilling Mud Processing and Storage Plant at 24 – 42 Hops Street. This will be forwarded to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration.

Councillor Bent read the following statement:

Residents have outlined a number of concerns they have with the proposed Drill Mud Processing Plant.

Concerns include the comparable plant that uses the same processing is located 6 km away from residents in Nova Scotia, here it's within .2 km of residential homes.

The one in NS is located in the center of a large quarry which further offsets any possible environmental concerns. Given the terrain any spill or breakdown would occur completely within a quarry.

Here the same would occur above the historic Manuel's River and in close proximity to the wells of residents; only separated by an open lot and a thin tree line.

Transportation of the Drill mud would likely be done along Route 2, the Manuel's Access Road, however in the event of a blockage on the road, of course the contractor shipping the drill mud would then be forced to come through the community to reach its destination.

And for some residents their backyard view would change to a refinery style structure from the current warehouse structures and trees now present.

This would also be true for the view visitors to our Town would have as they enter and leave, a refinery style structure, having spent many hours with the Tourism Committee this past year working on a Tourism Strategy, this type of development in this area doesn't conform to any of our messaging or our promotion of the Town.

Finally, your worship, this structure does not meet the zoning set out for this development. It is outside the rules and therefore requires Council to take special action to allow for its inclusion. Special action of Council was taken in the past to allow for a gym for small children and a martial arts training facility catering to the health and well being of our residents. These uses were given special permission by Council to operate in this Commercial Light Industrial zone. This refinery operation would take us further into the General Industrial zone so it would mean that Council has now approved 3 types of zoning on the same street and of course this is something we are trying to avoid through the hard work of the Municipal Plan which is now being developed for the Town.

The residents await the final report from Stantec on the questions raised through this process as to their concerns and the decision of the Provincial Governments Environmental Review.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Murphy

CBS/Paradise Food Bank had spoken in the media about the need for turkeys for their clients for Christmas. The Town of Conception Bay South immediately reacted and contacted the Town of Paradise. Together we donated \$5,000 and were able to assist the Food Bank on reaching their goal of having enough turkeys to provide to their clients for Christmas.

recognized the hard work of all of staff and Council this year. 2019 was extremely busy and

so much was accomplished. He wished all a Merry Christmas and prosperous and Happy New Year. He reminded all to not drink and drive.

Councillor Youden

commented on the grand opening of a new local business, the Hang Out. He said it was quite an event and congratulated the owners.

encouraged all to enter the Town's e-bills contest. He noted if residents sign up they will be entered to win a \$500 discount on their 2020 tax bill.

wished all a very Merry Christmas.

Councillor Hillier

stated that the Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling event ended on December 15, 2019 and once again, the Town heard rave reviews from the Sportsnet Team, players, ticket holders and others on the facility, staffing, parking etc. Overall, the event was very successful. It should be noted that this year's event was self-sufficient and we were able to recoup all associated costs. We are also very happy to announce that through the sale of 50/50 tickets, approximately \$13,000 will be made available for Not-for-Profit groups or organizations in our Community. For example, \$2,000 of this money was recently used to purchase much needed turkeys for the CBS / Paradise Food Bank, ensuring there were enough to fill the demand for their Christmas Hamper program.

I would like to extend a big thank you to this year's Host Committee, Chair Adrian Power, Bruce Fancy, Brad Pitcher, Andrea Gosse and Blair Davis. Also, to the 170 volunteers and all the Town staff for their countless hours of hard work and dedication. It was a team effort that involved all Departments in our Town and you should all be commended for all your hard work.

Hosting an event of this calibre not only is an exciting opportunity for the Town, but has also provided us the chance to showcase our Town through marketing, and social media channels. This type of exposure has a value that is immeasurable and can provide countless economic spin offs.

wished all a very Merry Christmas.

Councillor Bent

thanked all groups, schools, individuals and organizations for donating to the Annual Riley Mercer Toy Drive. He noted that it makes such a great Christmas for so many young people.

commented on the grand opening of the Hang Out. He stated that he, the Communications Manager, Councillor Davis and MHA Petten had great fun with the virtual reality rollercoaster.

expressed Merry Christmas to all staff, especially the Fire Fighters who will be on duty for Christmas.

Councillor Davis

stated that this year for the first time, the Town hosted the Santa Claus Parade on Dec 7. The weather was excellent for parade spectators and participants alike. This year saw a new route, as well as new logistical and safety procedures which resulted in a safe and enjoyable parade for all those involved, and very positive feedback was received from those watching the parade. After speaking with the floats and parade groups, many commented on how much fun they had participating this year, as a result of the shortened route and safety features.

expressed appreciation to everyone who helped make this parade happen in such a short time frame. It was a true community effort with all sectors of the community being involved.

extended a special thanks to the Recreation Department Parks staff for creating our beautiful new Town float, our Gingerbread House.

Councillor Butler

stated that she had attended the Seniors Christmas Social which had a great turnout. She stated that all staff and volunteers were great and much fun was had by all.

expressed appreciation to staff and extended happy holidays to all.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(Chair, Councillor Rex Hillier)**

Presentation of recommendations of meeting held on December 10, 2019

**1. 22 Noseworthys Lane, Long Pond (Ward 2)
Demolition Order**

**Resolution #19-425
Councillor Hillier/Councillor Bent**

Be it so resolved that the Town seek quotes from qualified contractors and engage the lowest bidder to demolish the buildings and remove all debris from the property at 22 Noseworthys Lane, Long Pond and that the costs be charged to the property tax account.

- carried unanimously

Councillor Hillier commented on the proposal from Envirosoil. He noted that he had made a commitment to the residents that they would be informed prior to any decision being made. This proposal has to go through the provincial environmental assessment. The Town will wait until that process has been complete as it will provide us with additional information in which to base our decision.

2. Planning and Development Committee Meeting Report

Resolution #19-426
Councillor Hillier/Councillor Butler

Be it so resolved that the recommendations/decisions made at the Planning and Development Committee Meeting of December 10, 2019, be accepted as presented.

- carried unanimously

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Chair, Councillor Gerard Tilley)

Presentation of recommendations of meeting held on December 10, 2019

Councillor Tilley reminded residents that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect. He also stated that the Town has a Reverse Parking Policy and asked all residents and visitors to reverse park when visiting Town facilities. Finally he noted the three electric vehicle charging stations which are located around town.

1. Engineering and Public Works Committee Meeting

Resolution #19-427
Councillor Tilley/Councillor Bent

Be it so resolved that the recommendations/decisions made at the Engineering and Public Works Committee Meeting of December 10, 2019, be accepted as presented.

- carried unanimously

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chair, Councillor Cheryl Davis)

No meeting held.

Councillor Davis expressed condolences to the Director of Recreation and Leisure Services and his family on the recent passing of his mother.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chair, Deputy Mayor Richard Murphy)

Presentation of recommendations of meeting held on December 10, 2019

1. Accounts Payable Cheque Register

Resolution #19-428
Councillor Youden/Councillor Davis

Be it so resolved that approval be given to pay accounts payable cheques totaling \$159,977.86.

- carried unanimously

2. Ratification of Manual Cheques Previously Released

Resolution #19-429
Councillor Youden/Councillor Davis

Be it so resolved that approval be given to ratify the payment of manual cheques previously released totaling \$744,462.51.

- carried unanimously

3. Ratification of Direct Payments Previously Released

Resolution #19-430
Councillor Youden/Councillor Hillier

Be it so resolved that approval be given to ratify direct payments previously released totaling \$262,821.87.

- carried unanimously

4. Capital Invoices

**Resolution #19-431
Councillor Youden/Councillor Davis**

Be it so resolved that approval be given to pay capital invoices totaling \$636,618.00 as follows:

Project	Vendor	Details	Amount
2018 Streets Phase 2	Farrells	Progress Claim #5	\$303,306.42
2018 Streets	EXP Services	Invoice #523500	\$21,714.34
Worsley & Laurel Intersection	Stantec	Invoice #1442054	\$935.40
2018 Streets Phase 2	Eric Taylor Ltd.	Invoice #8374	\$45,770.00
Phase 46	CRA – Receiver General	Progress Claim #18 less \$99,077.49 paid for Rodco Lien #19204	\$41,098.87
Phase 47	CRA – Receiver General	Progress Claim #11 less \$133,657.50 paid for Rodco Lien #19082	\$112,887.29
Phase 47	CRA – Receiver General	Progress Claim #12	\$110,905.68
Total Invoices:			\$636,618.00

- 5 yeas
- 2 abstentions (Murphy, Tilley)
- motion carried

Deputy Mayor Murphy and Councillor Tilley declared a conflict of interest with this item as they have family members who work for companies listed. They vacated the Chambers at 7:33 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.

5. Tax and Other Receivables Adjustments

Resolution #19-432
Councillor Youden/Councillor Butler

Be it so resolved that approval be given to adjust tax and other receivable accounts as follows:

SAVVY001	\$2,462.09
SAVVY001	\$3,651.34
TOWN001	\$809.98
GARRI001	\$2,222.12

- carried unanimously

6. Approval to Pay – Councillor Remuneration – 2020 Fiscal Year

Resolution #19-433
Councillor Youden/Councillor Davis

Be it so resolved that approval be given for the disbursement of Councillor Remuneration for the 2020 fiscal year as follows:

April 3, 2020	1 st Quarter Remuneration
July 10, 2020	2 nd Quarter Remuneration
October 2, 2020	3 rd Quarter Remuneration
December 11, 2020	4 th Quarter Remuneration

- carried unanimously

7. Approval to Release Cheques and Make Payments during Holiday Period

Resolution #19-434
Councillor Youden/Councillor Hillier

Be it so resolved that approval be given to issue cheques and make payments from December 18, 2019 to January 20, 2020. Cheques released during this period will be ratified at the Council meeting of January 21, 2020.

- carried unanimously

8. Power of Sale

Resolution #19-435
Councillor Youden/Councillor Tilley

Be it so resolved that approval be given to initiate power of sale proceedings on the following account:

1934-0-354 1510-1514 Conception Bay Hwy, Seal Cove

- carried unanimously

9. Financial and Administrative Services Committee Report

Resolution #19-436
Councillor Youden/Councillor Butler

Be it so resolved that the recommendations/decisions made at the Financial and Administrative Services Committee Meeting of December 10, 2019 be accepted as presented.

- carried unanimously

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
(Chair, Councillor Darrin Bent)**

Presentation of recommendations of meeting held on December 9, 2019

1. Economic Development and Tourism Committee Meeting Report

Resolution #19-437
Councillor Bent/Councillor Youden

Be it so resolved that the recommendations/decisions made at the Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting of December 9, 2019 be accepted as presented.

- carried unanimously

Councillor Bent expressed condolences to Rick Stanley on the recent passing of his father.

10. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Resolution #19-438
Councillor Tilley/Councillor Hillier

Be it so resolved that the meeting adjourn.

- carried unanimously

Richard Murphy
Deputy Mayor

Gail Pomroy
Town Clerk