

MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2015

Those in attendance: Deputy Mayor Bill McInnis
Councillor Michael Graves
Councillor Sandra Mailman
Councillor Jennifer McDonald
Councillor Andrew Tanner
Councillor Wayne Thorburne

Regrets: Mayor David Walker

Also present: Ken Smith, Chief Administrative Office
Sandy Mair-Dodman, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Police Chief John Collyer
Larry Feener, Acting Town Engineer
Sandra Porter-Lowe, Executive Assistant

1. **ORDER**

Minutes of a meeting of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, held in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Monday, November 9, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Bill McInnis chairing.

2. **ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

15-236

Moved by Councillor Tanner, seconded by Councillor Thorburne that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater accept the November 9, 2015 Town Council meeting agenda as circulated. Motion Carried.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3.1 Christmas on the LaHave

Police Chief John Collyer advised that, following an incident at the South Shore Exhibition Parade this summer, there was discussion regarding parking on parade routes.

To alleviate these safety concerns, and to provide room for manoeuvring large vehicles such as fire apparatus, there will no longer be parking permitted on Empire Street for parades in the Town.

The Police Chief advised that this will be clearly communicated through traditional and social media. Public Works will provide appropriate signage indicating that no parking is permitted.

Councillor Michael Graves extended an invitation to all to attend the Christmas on the LaHave Parade on Saturday, November 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m.. He noted that King Street and the Old Bridge would be closed at 5:00 p.m. that day to allow for set-up. He said there would be many decorated and lighted floats in the parade, and this would be followed by a spectacular fireworks show. The LED light exchange would, again, be held. New this year will be pop-up choirs and food bank drop-off locations along the route. The food bank donations will be picked up by Purolator Courier. Canada Post will collect letters to Santa along the

parade route. There will be food booths as well. Councillor Graves encouraged people to look for additional details in the South Shore Breaker.

On Dec 5, the annual Whimsical Children's Store will be open. Councillor Graves said that the Whimsical Children's Store provides an opportunity for children to shop in a no-pressure, non-commercial environment. Entry is a food bank item.

3.2 Mayor and Council Events

Deputy Mayor McInnis and other members of Council took the opportunity to review events which were attended on behalf of Council in the recent past.

In the Mayor's absence, Deputy Mayor McInnis reviewed the events Mayor Walker attended. The Mayor attended the NSCC Open House on October 27. From October 28 to 30, he was part of the Atlantic Mayors' Congress in Shediac, New Brunswick. It was noted that the Spring 2016 Mayors' Congress would be hosted jointly by the Town of Bridgewater and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. On October 30, Mayor Walker brought greetings on behalf of the Town to the Father Adrian Butts Knights of Columbus Charter Night banquet at St. Joseph's church hall. The Mayor attended the NS Police Long Service Medal Ceremony on November 2, where Sergeant Terry Brekker received his 15 year award, and (recently-retired) Constable Wade Keddy received his 25 year award. It was noted, with sympathy, that Mae Forbes passed away recently. Mae was thought to be Bridgewater's oldest resident.

Deputy Mayor McInnis attended the Bridgewater Fire Department's Banquet, where six members received long-service awards. Deputy Mayor McInnis had the privilege of presenting an award in recognition of forty years as a firefighter to Pat Langille. Arden Weagle, Darren Dahl, Peter Rowsell, Stephen Girvan, and Phil Oakes were presented awards in recognition of 25 years as a firefighter.

Councillor Thorburne took part in a flag ceremony at Brookside Cemetery, where flags were put on the graves of veterans.

Deputy Mayor McInnis reminded all of the upcoming service at the Cenotaph on November 11th.

Deputy Mayor McInnis encouraged participation in the November Food Bank Challenge. The Town has accepted a challenge to collect food bank items from the Municipality of the District of Chester and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. This challenge will be held throughout the month of November, and will benefit the food bank. The Deputy Mayor reminded those in attendance that food bank items are also accepted at the DesBrisay Museum and through the Great Haul-a-Day Food Drive through the local police service.

4. PRESENTATION(S)

4.1 Achievement Awards

The recipients were not present.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Report - Peter Oickle

Peter Oickle thanked Council for the opportunity to provide an update of the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC). Two years ago, there was a strategic planning process, which laid out that the Heritage Advisory Committee provide an annual report to Town Council.

Mr. Oickle reviewed the mandate of the Heritage Advisory Committee, a committee of the Town.

The Heritage Advisory Committee has worked on the Cemetery Sign Project this year, and through fundraising campaigns, have put approximately 3/5 of the signs in place. The names were submitted by the public, and the names were selected by the Heritage Advisory Committee.

The HAC also is responsible for the registration of heritage properties in the Town of Bridgewater. The Walker home on St. Phillip's Street, was recognized, and there are several in the near future to be recommended for registration. There is consideration being given to establishing a Town plaque as part of the registration process. A Heritage Recognition Award was presented for the first time in 2015, and the next award will be presented in February 2016.

Three university students were employed at the Museum this summer, with one student providing support to the HAC. The students produced written materials for distribution, produced a video of the walking tour of heritage buildings, and did summer walking tours. He presented a booklet to each member of Council, "The Historic Streets of Bridgewater", describing many properties throughout the Town and their historical significance.

The HAC is also involved in other activities, such as heritage displays, participation in the Growing Green Festival, Community Picnic, and the Fall Heritage Conference.

Moving forward, the HAC hopes to register additional heritage properties, give workshops, and promote the Town's heritage.

Mr. Oickle thanked Council for the opportunity to provide this update.

6. MINUTES

15-237

Moved by Councillor Mailman, seconded by Councillor Tanner that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve and confirm the minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular Town Council meeting as circulated. Motion Carried.

7. PLANNING ITEMS

7.1 Conveyance of Gow Drive (portion)

Ziegler Homes Ltd. (the subdivider) advised the Development Officer that they wish to create a residential building lot by subdividing a portion of PID 60663416, located east of Langille Drive and north of the existing public extent of Gow Drive. The Subdivision By-law of the Town of Bridgewater requires that all new residential lots abut a public street. Therefore, in order for the Development Officer to approve the proposed subdivision of land, a newly created segment of Gow Drive, specifically the cul-de-sac bulb, must be accepted and declared a public street by Council. Until such time as Council accepts the deed in fee simple for the

succeeding portion of the Gow Drive, final endorsement of the Plan of Subdivision to create the proposed building lot may not be granted.

Development Officer Nick Brown noted he was recommending that 130 feet of Gow Drive be taken over. The circumstance is a little different than other street take-overs in that in this case the takeover takes place before the construction of the street and services. A performance surety can be given equal to 125% of the construction costs of the street and services, Mr. Brown noted.

15-238

Moved by Councillor Thorburne, seconded by Councillor McDonald that Council for Town of Bridgewater accept the deed for the segment of Gow Drive as outlined in Document 15-174, and accept as a public street, contingent on the receipt of the letter of credit and the approved deed descriptions for the street parcel. Motion Carried.

8. CORRESPONDENCE - INFORMATION

No correspondence for information purposes was received by Council.

9. CORRESPONDENCE - ACTION

No correspondence for action came before Council.

10. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee Re-Appointments

David Mitchell and Matthew Davidson are eligible for re-appointment to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee as Citizen Members.

David Mitchell was previously completing the term of Gary MacNeil and will now start his own term (he is now eligible to begin the three 3-year terms). Matthew Davidson is re-offering for his second 3-year term.

15-239

Moved by Councillor Mailman, seconded by Councillor Graves that Council for the Town of Bridgewater endorse the recommendation of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture and reappoint David Mitchell and Mathew Davidson to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee, effective immediately, for a term ending October 31, 2018. Motion Carried.

10.2 Proposed Revisions - Town of Bridgewater Achievement Awards Policy

The Town of Bridgewater Achievement Policy #53 was last amended on December 9, 2002. This policy recognizes the pursuit of excellence by its citizens, groups and organizations on a provincial, national and international level.

Mayor David Walker, CAO Ken Smith, the Administrative Assistant and the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture reviewed Policy #53 at a recent meeting. Proposed amendments were forwarded to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee for discussion and input at its October 27, 2015 meeting. The document was further revised resulting from input received at the meeting.

Concerns were raised regarding teams which were not based specifically in the Town of Bridgewater (such as regional teams). It was noted that residents on such teams, where Town residents did not form at least 50%

of the members, would not be recognized for their achievements.

There was significant discussion, and the Director noted that the policy had been crafted with as many inclusions as possible, and was intended to be used in the next year to see how it worked out.

A member noted that the scope of the policy had been expanded, so that was a good step in the right direction.

15-240

Moved by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Mailman that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater approve the revised Policy 53 - Achievement Awards Policy as presented in Document 15-173 and declare it as Policy for the Town of Bridgewater effective immediately. Those in Favour: Deputy Mayor McInnis; Councillors Graves, Mailman, McDonald, and Thorburne. Against: Councillor Tanner. Motion Carried.

11. BUSINESS ARISING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No matters were brought forward under the category of "Business Arising and Unfinished Business".

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

13. SUNDRY

There were no sundry items.

14. ADJOURNMENT

15-241

Moved by Councillor Thorburne, seconded by Councillor Tanner that the November 9, 2015 Town Council meeting hereby be adjourned. (Time: 6:44 p.m.) Motion Carried.

Sandra Porter-Lowe
Executive Assistant

Bill McInnis
Deputy Mayor