



**Council Meeting Minutes
March 5 2018**

Present: Mayor Hadley, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Russell, Councillor Snow , CAO Jim Davis

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Brophy

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Mayor Hadley.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C'lr Chisholm and seconded by C'lr Snow that the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

3. Minutes

Moved by C'lr Chisholm and seconded by C'lr Russell that the minutes of February 20th,2018 be approved as presented .

Motion Carried

4. Reports

Duck Pond Report –C'lr Snow

C'lr Snow presented a quote on developing a revitalization conceptual plan from Strait Engineering (\$3,275 plus HST).She asked Council to provide for the cost of the plan in the 2018-19 budget. She plans to work with the Recreation Director to secure 50% of the cost of the plan from Community, Culture and Heritage. Included in the plan are topographical information as well as design work which will involve the use of armour stone, fencing , replacing ties and the cost estimates for the work. C'lr Snow is hopeful in having , portions of materials for the project donated by local businesses and is hopeful that Council will consider including in the 2018 2019 budget.

Moved by C'lr Russell and seconded by C'lr Chisholm that the cost of Strait Engineering's Duck Pond Revitalization Conceptual Plan be included in the 2018 2019 budget.

Motion Carried

5. Report on Stafford & Spring Street

6. Mayor Hadley gave a brief update on the requested closing of street right of way for unopened portions of Stafford Street & Spring Street. It was noted the Town Council must give notice of

intent to close the portions of Stafford and Spring Streets to public use by advertisement in a local newspaper. The notice must set out the time and place for a public hearing and must describe the portions of the streets to be closed sufficiently to identify them.

It was the consensus of Council that the matter be referred to the Town Solicitor for further direction on the motion(s) necessary to facilitate the request.

School Future Update

Council noted the on-going meetings with the School Board and the updates we have been receiving from the Board. Included in the discussion were the condition of the school, operating costs, required repairs, turnover date (July 6th, 2018), insurance coverage transition, power reconnection procedures. It was noted that after the level one environmental assessment is complete (late April) members of Council will be meeting again with the Superintendent and staff of the Board to review the results and its implications. A draft RFP for a study on the Future Use of Mulgrave Memorial School was presented to Council for their review. This will be issued pending results of the environmental assessment. Council noted they will be looking at forming a community committee to discuss the future direction of the school.

Gallery Discussions

Among topics discussed with the Gallery were

- 1) What Atlantic Lotto Grants are received by the town (Recreation grants on application)
- 2) What amount does the town receive from the provincial government for roads (zero)
- 3) The heavy traffic on Main street from trucks delivering heavy materials to and from the industrial wharf of Strait of Canso Superport Corporation and its destructive effect (it was mentioned a public demonstration to show citizens displeasure)
- 4) The condition of the school when it is turned over to the Town (Council has been updated continually and assured that it will be kept in good condition.)
- 5) Strait of Canso Superport Corporation was discussed and the need for more communication

Mayor Hadley left the chair as the discussion continued.

Moved by C'lr Bob Russell and sec'd by C'lr Chisholm that the Town Council request a meeting with Strait of Canso Superport Corporation officials to discuss concerns over their operations and how it is affecting the Town infrastructure, particularly road wear and tear from heavy trucks.

Motion Carried

Mayor Hadley returned to the chair.

Adjournment

Moved by C'lr Chisholm and sec'd by C'lr Russell that the meeting adjourn.

Adjournment at 7:25 pm

Motion c'rd

Minutes approved by:

Mayor Ralph Hadley

Minutes recorded by:

CAO Jim Davis