

TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2021, 6:45 p.m. Electronic Meeting

A. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

A Special Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Brad Henderson, Deputy Mayor Kate Akagi, Councillor Marc Blanchard, Kurt Gumushel, Lee Heenan, Jamie Hirtle, Steve Neil.

Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator, Alexander Gopen, Senior Planner, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 429 - 11/21

Moved by Councillor Hirtle Seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi

That the Agenda be approved as presented. 6 – 0
Carried

C. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Briana Cowie, Executive Director of Eastern Charlotte Waterways Presentation on Electric Car Ride Share Program Project: Village!

Rose Beltran Garcia provide the presentation on the Eastern Charlotte Waterway electric rideshare program Project: Village! A large initiative that includes food, shelter, and transportation under the project. We are working on rural transportation using 4 electric vehicles throughout Charlotte County. Key objectives include an operations framework for care share transportation, securing municipal and community leader support, attaining feedback and addressing areas of concern. A timeline of the project was provided for Council review including granting process to roll out in the community. Anticipated public launch in the spring of 2022. The goal is to provide a car share service across multiple people expanding transportation opportunities to groups of low income within our community. Ms. Garcia discussed the membership application program and procedure for all members looking to book electric car-share services. Council was provided a breakdown of service policies and penalties and charges documentation which will be provided to all users. Fare structure and matrix were shown including cost distribution concepts based on operational costs and base fare rates. There are level 1 and level 2 charges based on memberships purchased and the use of the vehicle. There is a registration fee, monthly plans, or year-locked in plans offering variable rates.

Council thanked the representatives from Eastern Charlotte Waterways for their presentation. Council asked the presenters on the processes between a short-term and a long-term user. This is based on a fee structure offering discounts to those persons who will be renting the vehicle for long-term opportunities. Additionally, there is a membership sign-up process that will review driver abstracts and additional information to ensure users are put in the property membership categories. Council asked how to ensure those with lower income situational issues have access to the vehicle and how they can afford the rental. Staff are still working on additional support options for these users and hope to have a balanced approach to the funding model. Council noted that the Project: Village included a housing component, and that Council should review options for building affordable housing.

E. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS

 By-Law 21-06, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews to Impose a Special Business Improvement Levy for 2022 for Third and Final Reading, BTHC211002

Read by Mayor Henderson in Full for Third and Final Reading.

Motion: 430 - 11/21

Moved by Councillor Hirtle Seconded by Deputy Mayor Akagi

That Council grants leave for Third and Final Reading of By-Law 21-06, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews to Impose a Special Business Improvement Levy for 2022 in the Town of Saint Andrews.

6 - 0 Carried

2. 145 Princess Royal Street Demolition Order as per By-Law 19-04, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises, PS211106

Councillor Blanchard - On this topic, I will be voting against the motion, but I do support the motion to demolish. It has been duly debated and discussed; I was supportive of an extension.

Councillor Gumushel - I echo Councillor Blanchard's comments.

Councillor Neil - I felt very similar to my other Councillors. In the discussions we had and the realization of the process for two to three additional weeks to complete, I will be voting in favour of this.

Deputy Mayor Akagi - Council had great deliberation and process. I agree with Councillor Neil on this that there will be time to get their stuff out. As a safety factor to our community, firefighters, and first responders, I will be voting to have it demolished.

Motion: 431 - 11/21

Moved by Councillor Neil Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That Council approves the immediate demolition, clean up, safe removal, and disposal in an approved landfill facility of the entire structure at 145 Princess Royal Street as per Section 10(1)(c) of By-Law 19-04, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises.

Opposed Councillor Blanchard and Councillor Gumushel

4 – 2 Carried Motion: 432 - 11/21

Moved by Councillor Neil Seconded by Councillor Heenan

That Council directs staff to hire a third-party company to complete the immediate demolition, clean up, safe removal, and disposal in an approved landfill facility of the entire structure at 145 Princess Royal Street as per Section 10(1)(c) of By-Law 19-04, A By-Law of the Town of Saint Andrews Respecting Dangerous or Unsightly Premises by December 31st, 2021.

Opposed Councillor Gumushel 5 – 1
Carried

- F. NEW BUSINESS
- G. QUESTION PERIOD
- H. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS
- I. MAYOR'S COMMENTS
- J. CLOSED SESSION
- K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 433 - 11/21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Akagi Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

At 7:21 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

6 - 0 Carried

Brad Henderson, Mayor

Paul Nopper Clerk - Senior

Administrator

