



**TOWN OF SAINT ANDREWS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**March 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex Council Chambers**

A. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Saint Andrews Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:56 p.m. with the following members present:

Deputy Mayor Kate Akagi, Councillors Mark Bennett, Marc Blanchard, Kurt Gumushel, Annette Harland, Jamie Hirtle, Steve Neil, and Darrell Weare.

Chris Spear, CAO/Treasurer, Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior Administrator.

Absent: Mayor Brad Henderson and Councillor Lee Heenan.

B. LAND RECOGNITION OF THE PESKOTOMUHKATI NATION

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 063 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Agenda for the 230306 Regular Council Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. be approved as presented.

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Carried

D. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Alexandra Woodworth, Presentation from New Brunswick Power on the Development of Small Modular Reactors at Point Lepreau

Ms. Heather McKnight, presented on behalf of New Brunswick Power regarding an update on the Advanced Small Modular Reactor Development. Ms. Knight highlighted the need for energy change drivers with climate change, energy security, costs, economic benefits, and innovation mindsets. Noted that New Brunswick Power is looking at all alternative energy sources to provide power to New Brunswick and for selling purposes. Looking at a phase-out of fossil fuels and looking towards hydro generation, nuclear, biomass, wind, solar, and imports. New Brunswick is at the forefront of the development of advanced reactor technologies at Point Lepreau between now and the mid-2030s. Ms. Knight discussed the ARC-100 Sodium Cooled Fast Reactors in development and the current activities taking place and the goal of sustainability. Ms. Knight noted another reactor in development called the Moltex Energy SSR-W Salt Fast Reactor. This is another style of reactor in development and is projected to be in place by the late 2030s. It was noted that many business

sectors for supply chain management are looking at these energy types including manufacturing and assembly, engineering and technology support, materials, labour, planning and management, quality assurance, environmental and safety, transportation, and ongoing technical and fleet supports.

Council thanked Ms. Knight for her presentation and descriptions of the ARC-100 and Moltex Reactors. It was noted that these reactors can reuse the fuels being used at multiple nuclear facilities in Canada. Council asked what would be done with the spent fuel after being in the new reactors. Ms. Knight noted they are working on long-term storage for these fuels, including those used in the current reactors. This is a cross-Canada process but the storage units would need to be resized and shaped. Different material considerations for long-term canisters to prevent leakage. Finland was brought forward as an example of working on long-term nuclear waste disposal. Ms. Knight stated that four ARC Reactors and one Moltex Reactor are looking to be built on the Point Lepreau site. There is a lot of opportunity to build in these areas. Council noted energy requirements are going up and what programs and uptake have been provided to drive energy usage down. Mr. Bob Scott from New Brunswick Power, noted they have had great success with the heat pump programs and are working on alternative measures, noting the Shediac solar field recently installed.

F. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1. Minutes of the 230206 Regular Council Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Motion: 064 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Hirtle

That the Minutes of the 230206 Regular Council Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. be adopted.

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Carried

- 2. Minutes of the 230221 Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Motion: 065 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Minutes of the 230221 Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. be adopted.

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Carried

- 3. Minutes of the 230227 Special Council Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Motion: 066 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Blanchard

That the Minutes of the 230227 Special Council Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. be adopted.

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Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS**H. STAFF REPORT/FINANCIAL REPORT, PS230303, PW230307, FA230312, RCS230305, PED230306, PW230308, PW230309, FA230313, FA230314**

CAO Spear provided a presentation to Council highlighting the Staff Reports and Financial Reports from the Town. Council brought forward concerns about a recent Planning Review and Adjustments Committee decision prior to Local Governance Reform regarding a lobster holding facility at the end of St. Andrews North Road. CAO Spear noted that if Council wishes to discuss this at a later meeting, a presentation from the Planners is recommended for providing background. Staff will identify the best course of action for the Council to provide feedback on how to participate. It was noted that Councils generally do not interfere with the decision-making of the PRAC or PAC as these groups are appointed by Councils. Staff will seek the best course of action for Council consideration.

Motion: 067 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Hirtle

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews accepts all the Staff Reports and Financial Reports as presented.

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Carried

I. INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS AND MOTIONS**1. Finance & Administration - Deputy Mayor Akagi****1. Anglophone South School District Request for Annual Turnaround Awards for Students, FA230311**

Motion: 068 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Weare

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews supports the Anglophone South School District 2023 Turnaround Awards for two Sir James Dunn Academy students at a donation of \$400.00 from the Community Assistance Grant Funds.

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Carried

2. Public Works - Councillor Blanchard**1. Tender TSA2023-01 Sidewalk Tractor, PW230311**

Council asked if we are purchasing a third snowblower to help with the trails. Staff noted we are trading in the older unit but can review options for plowing in the future.

Motion: 069 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Blanchard

Seconded by Councillor Neil

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews awards Tender TSA 2023-01 Sidewalk Tractor to Saunders Equipment Ltd. in the net amount of \$214,789.50 plus HST.

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Carried

2. Tender TSA 2023-02 Queen Street Water Main Renewal and Washroom Site Service, PW230310

Motion: 070 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Blanchard

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews awards Tender TSA 2023-02 Queen Street Water Main Renewal and Washroom Site Services to Midi Construction in the amount of \$277,914.75 (HST included).

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Carried

3. Public Safety - Councillor Neil

4. Business, Tourism, Heritage and Culture - Councillor Hirtle

1. Charlotte County Courthouse Engagement Process, BTHC230302

Prior to the Council making a decision on the consulting firm, Broken Shovel Consulting, a request for additional feedback from other communities and organizations who have used Broken Shovel Consulting for verification purposes. Staff noted they will provide additional information for the next meeting for consideration.

Motion: 071 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Gumushel

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews approves the hiring of William Hicks of Broken Shovel Consulting to conduct a visioning exercise for the Charlotte County Courthouse at a cost of \$7,000.00 with funds to come from the initial grant provided by the Province of New Brunswick.

Amended

Motion: 072 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews tables the hiring of William Hicks of Broken Shovel Consulting to conduct a visioning exercise for the Charlotte County Courthouse at a cost of \$7,000.00 with funds to come from the initial grant provided by the Province of New Brunswick.

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Tabled

2. Update on the Huntsman Marine Science Centre Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Pilot Project 2023, BTHC230207

5. Recreation and Community Services - Councillor Gumushel

1. Appointment of Manager of Recreation for the Town of Saint Andrews, RCS230306

Motion: 073 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Gumushel

Seconded by Councillor Weare

That the Council of the Town of Saint Andrews appoints Mr. Mervyn Hanselacker as the Manager of Recreation for the Town of Saint Andrews.

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Carried

6. Planning & Economic Development - Councillor Heenan

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. QUESTION PERIOD

L. COUNCILLORS' AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Akagi wished everyone a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day celebration taking place on March 17th, 2023. Do not forget to participate in the Anglican Parish Extravaganza. Also come out on March 19th, 2023, for a Lenten breakfast of French Toast and Sausage.

Deputy Mayor Akagi noted that on March 17th, 2023, there will be a Kairos Blanket Exercise with Elder Constance Sewel from the Papineau First Nations. This is the first one hosted at Sir James Dunn Academy and one is being hosted on March 18th, 2023, for Council, representatives of the Anglophone South School District and some select members of the public.

Deputy Mayor Akagi wished congratulations to Vicki Hogarth and Patrick Watt from CHCO TV on their recent wedding celebrations. Congratulations to the new couple.

Councillor Bennet brought forward concerns regarding the handling of complaints and By-Law Enforcement in the Wards of Bayside and Chamcook. It was noted that there is a disconnect on who is responsible for the current rules, regulations, and enforcement in these areas and that the constituents are looking for support from the Town in dealing with issues. Staff noted they will provide follow-up to the concerns of the Council at the next meeting and address the situation of public concerns, complaints, and processes moving forward.

M. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

N. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: 074 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Hirtle

Seconded by Councillor Harland

At 8:25 p.m. that Council move into Closed Session per the Local Governance Act Section 68(1)(j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.

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Carried

Motion: 075 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Harland

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

At 9:13 p.m. that Council returns to Open Session.

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Carried

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 076 - 03/23

Moved by Councillor Neil

Seconded by Councillor Blanchard

At 9:13 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned.

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Carried



Brad Henderson, Mayor



Paul Nopper, Clerk - Senior
Administrator

