

TOWN OF SHEDIAC

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2011
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Raymond Cormier, Mayor
Peter Breau, Deputy Mayor
Jacques LeBlanc, Councillor
Charles LeBlanc, Councillor
Laura Gallant, Councillor
André Caissie, Councillor
Michel Thibodeau, Councillor
Normand Belliveau, Councillor

AND: Gilles Belleau, Town Manager
Jeannette Bourque, Town Clerk
Réjean Godin, Finance Director
Paul Boudreau, Directeur of Community Services
Paul Lang, Director of Economic Development
Donald R. Cormier, Fire Chief
Sgt. Paul Ouellette, Acting Commanding Officer, District 4
André Frenette, Director of BPC
Marc Fougère, municipal representative on the BPC
About twenty residents
Three (3) journalists

ABSENT: Ernie O'Brien, Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Raymond Cormier declared the meeting open at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opens with the singing of the National Anthem followed by the special prayer of council.

Mayor Cormier introduced Mr. Gilles Belleau, the new Town Manager who started on the job on July 11. The Mayor also took the opportunity to praise the work of Réjean Godin, who had been filling the Town Manager position on an acting basis in addition to being Finance Director.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C11-136 Moved by: Normand Belliveau
Seconded by: Charles LeBlanc

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C11-137 Moved by: Charles LeBlanc
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
June 27, 2011 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

Due to the presence at the meeting of a delegation wishing to find out Municipal Council's position on the rezoning of a property located at 40 Inglis Street, a motion is put forth to deal with this issue at the outset rather than later in the meeting.

C11-138 Moved by: Jacques LeBlanc
Seconded by: André Caissie

That resolution no. 7 "Rezoning – Inglis Street" be
dealt with immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

C11-139 Moved by: Jacques LeBlanc
Seconded by: Peter Breau

Whereas Municipal Council received a request on
May 27, 2010 to change the zoning of a property
identified by PID 00866004 and located at 40
Inglis Street from Residential Zone (R2) into an
integrated development zone to permit the
development of a campground on the existing
land;

Whereas Municipal Council by resolution adopted
on June 28, 2010 agreed to the rezoning under the
provisions of the *Community Planning Act*;

Whereas pursuant to subsection 39(5) of the *Act*,
"[w]here land or a building or structure to which a
resolution or an agreement under this section
pertains is developed or used contrary to the
provisions of the resolution or agreement, or

where the developer fails to meet a time limit prescribed therein, the council may cancel the resolution or the agreement.”

Be it therefore resolved that the resolution adopted on June 28, 2010 and the agreement signed on February 14, 2011 be cancelled.

MOTION CARRIED

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

a) Susan Tilley-Russell, Executive Director of The Arthritis Society, Atlantic Region – SUBJECT: *Arthritis month*. Invitation to proclaim September *Arthritis month* in Canada. The Chair reads the proclamation.

C11-140 Moved by: Jacques LeBlanc
Seconded by: Laura Gallant

That September 2011 be proclaimed *Arthritis month* and that the proclamation be posted in appropriate areas.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Mireille Laroche, Acting Executive Director, Employment Insurance Policy, Human Resources and Skills Development of Canada – SUBJECT: Employment Insurance pilot projects. In response to a letter from the Mayor, Ms. Laroche advises that the 2011 budget provides for the one-year renewal of the employment insurance pilot projects.

c) Donald Boudreau, President of the Sail East 2011 Regatta organizing committee - SUBJECT: Letter of thanks. The president conveys his sincere thanks to the municipality (Council and staff) for the exceptional support given to the Sail East 2011 event.

d) Conrad Grant, President of Coopérative de Shediac Ltée and Jean-Claude Bertin, Coop Manager - SUBJECT: Bicycle Rally. The executive board and the manager convey their sincere thanks to Director Paul Boudreau for his participation in the first Bicycle Rally. The group plans on organizing the activity again next year.

e) Renald and Jocelyne Durepos, 445 Acadie Street, Shediac, NB - SUBJECT: Letter of thanks. Parents of the hockey player Pierre Durepos convey their sincere thanks to Paul Boudreau and the municipality for the reception organized in their son's honour.

f) Julie Melanson, Acting Director, Eastern District, Canadian Cancer Society - SUBJECT: Relay for Life 2011. The director highlights the participation of the Town of Shediac in the 2011 Relay. Ms. Melanson reports that the activity has surpassed all expectations by raising more than \$170,000.

g) Kimberley Atkinson, 45 Caissie Avenue, Shediac - SUBJECT: The resident complains that young people loiter around and litter on her property near the park and the path. Ms. Atkinson asks that the municipality erect a fence to keep young people from trespassing on her property.

The Town Manager advised at the meeting that he has taken steps to obtain estimates in order to submit a proposal to Council.

h) Jean-Claude Bertin, President of Centre-Ville Shediac Downtown Inc. - SUBJECT: The president advises that upon receiving proposals for the installation of a wireless Internet network (i.e. Wi-Fi) downtown, the board of directors is prepared to make a recommendation to the municipality. Further to analysis of these proposals, it is recommended to accept the BellAliant proposal.

C11-141 Moved by: Jacques LeBlanc
Seconded by: Charles LeBlanc

That we accept the recommendation of the board of directors of Centre-Ville Shediac Downtown Inc., as presented, and that the installation contract for a Wi-Fi network downtown be awarded to BellAliant at the total cost of \$30,755.17.

MOTION CARRIED

i) Doug Robertson, Tech sud-est/south east – SUBJECT. Thank-you note to Director Paul Lang and to the municipality for supporting their activity this year.

6. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Financial reports

The municipality's financial report ending July 31, 2011 is circulated to council members. Various other reports are also circulated. One of these showed salaries paid out to employees in recreation and installations by the end of July 2011 compared to July 31, 2010. Councillor Belliveau stated his great disappointed that the municipality would have spent the same amount in salaries as last year despite having two fewer employees on payroll.

Protection services

Fire department - The monthly statistical reports for June and July 2011 are circulated to council members.

Police service - The monthly statistical reports for June and July 2011 are circulated to council members.

Report from the BPC - The Beaubassin Planning Commission presented a report comparing construction permits issued from January 2010 to July 2010 and for the same period in 2011. A report comparing the number of permits issued from 2007 to 2011 (ending June 30, 2011) is also presented.

Report from Visitors Information Centre

A report is presented showing visitor statistics at the Visitors Information Centre in June and July 2011. That month, 24,668 tourists dropped by the V.I.C.

7. REPORT FROM TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager provided a verbal report on the administrative situation since his employment began. He thanked the Council and staff for their confidence and support. He admitted that days have flown by quickly since he started. He announced that he is in the process of assessing staff duties with a view to restructuring the organization. He highly recommended that Council adopt a strategic plan to overcome the new challenges that will undoubtedly arise.

8. RECOMMANDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Les Ami.e.s du Centre multifonctionnel de Shediac

A proposal was submitted to Council in favour of striking a committee that will be mandated to evaluate programs, services and equipment offered at the multipurpose centre; to study proposals from artists under the Corrid'art program; to provide suggestions, ideas and recommendations to the centre's management for the improvement or development of programs and services. This committee would be composed of two municipal council members, five residents, the Director or the Assistant Director of Community Services and the Director of Economic Development.

Signage

The committee in charge of studying the signage issue submitted its report to Council. The committee was mandated to revise the provisions of the zoning by-law pertaining to signage. The committee proposed amendments with respect to sandwich signs, projecting signs, collective signs and other types of signs.

complaint from a resident concerning the construction of sidewalks at the town's western entrance. The resident was displeased because he could neither access nor exit his property. The Town Manager indicated that the issue has been resolved. The Councillor also expressed concerns about the construction site for the condo development on Pleasant Street. Neighbours are very unhappy that a municipal fence has yet to be installed. The Town Manager indicated that he would look into the issue.

Councillor Jacques LeBlanc announced that a boxing gala will take place at the Festival Arena on September 17. The Councillor asked for a follow-up from the administration on the development of parks as approved by Council. Councillor LeBlanc also asked the administration to look into the possibility of a path overlooking Breaux Bridge Street to access the LJR soccer field. He raised concerns about vehicle traffic speeds on Rachel and Caissie Streets.

Councillor Charles LeBlanc took advantage of the meeting to congratulate the organizers of the 2011 Motorcycle Rally, which he found to be a wonderful activity.

Councillor André Caissie suggested the possibility that the municipality provide public notice of construction work to be undertaken, such as building sidewalks or other types of projects.

Councillor Michel Thibodeau expressed concerns about traffic at the new multipurpose centre. He suggested putting up a temporary roadblock to keep vehicles from going on the sidewalk.

11. INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Normand Belliveau asked whether there will be any figure skating at the arena this winter. Director Paul Boudreau replied that he is in discussions with someone who may be interested in putting together a CanSkate program for beginners.

Councillor Laura Gallant inquired about the situation with the property located at 81 Comeau Street. The Town Manager indicated that he is still working on the issue. Councillor Gallant also raised concerns about traffic at the intersection of Pleasant and Belliveau Streets.

12. INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BY-LAWS - None

13. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Signing officers for cheques

C11-143	Moved by:	Michel Thibodeau
	Seconded by:	Jacques LeBlanc

Whereas the Municipal Council of the Town of Shediac must authorize persons to sign cheques and other bank documents in lieu and on behalf of the Town of Shediac.

Be it resolved that Mayor Raymond Cormier, Deputy Mayor Peter Breau, Town Manager Gilles Belleau and Treasurer Réjean Godin are authorized to sign cheques and other bank documents in lieu and on behalf of the Town of Shediac.

MOTION CARRIED

Awarding of contract - Extension of water distribution system – Evergreen Drive

C11-144 Moved by: Jacques LeBlanc
Seconded by: Laura Gallant

Whereas the administration launched a call for tenders for the extension of the water distribution network;

Whereas the five following tenders have been submitted:

- Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$105,067,40
- Rockwood Transportation Co. Ltd.	\$95,775,41
- Carson Construction (1999) Ltd.	\$88,592,00
- Entreprises Bastech Inc.	\$74,071,50
- Bowers' Construction Ltd.	\$66,251,90

Whereas following review of submitted tenders, it is recommended to award the contract to the bidder having submitted the tender with the lowest bid price.

Be it therefore resolved that contract No. 11-105 be awarded to Bowers' Construction Ltd. for the amount \$66,251.90 (HST included).

MOTION CARRIED

Application for financing

C11-145 Moved by: Charles LeBlanc
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

Be it resolved that the Town Clerk, the Treasurer or the Mayor be authorized to issue and to sell to the

New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a debenture of the Town of Shediac in the amount of \$351,000 as refinancing for certificate no. AL 26-2001, subject to the conditions stipulated by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, to pay the principal and interest on the said debenture; and be it resolved that the Town of Shediac agree to issuing postdated cheques to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, upon request, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the said debenture.

MOTION CARRIED

Amalgamation of territory

C11-146 Moved by: Peter Breau
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

Whereas the Town of Shediac is developing at a considerable rate;

Whereas the Town of Shediac lacks geographical space to expand into an important centre of attraction in the South East;

Whereas changes to the Route 11 interchange and Route 15 will improve traffic flow while opening a door to the development of the Scoudouc Road LSD;

Whereas the unincorporated area south of Lino Road (LSD of Shediac) offers the Town of Shediac substantial potential for commercial and residential development;

Whereas the Department of Local Government is prepared to work jointly with the Town of Shediac to examine the amalgamation of territory.

Be it resolved that pursuant to subsection 14(2) of the *Municipalities Act*, the Municipal Council of the Town of Shediac petition the Minister of Local Government to institute proceedings with respect to the amalgamation to the municipality of the territories set out in the schedule, being the unincorporated area south of Lino Road (LSD of Shediac) and the area north of Route 15 (LSD of Scoudouc Road).

MOTION CARRIED

Five-year plan – Improvements to provincially designated highways

C11-147 Moved by: André Caissie
Seconded by: Michel Thibodeau

Whereas the Department of Transportation has requested an update to the five-year plan in order to establish its regular program of improvements to provincially regulated highways for the 2012 construction season.

Be it resolved that the five-year plan be submitted as follows:

2012 - New exit for the municipality on Route 15 near Riverside Drive;

2013 - Replacement of culvert across Ohio Road and replacement of railings on both sides and pavement; repairs to Foch bridge and its surface;

2014 - Pavement on Main Street (Route 133) from Sackville Street to westerly town limits;

2015 - Pavement on Main Street (Route 133) from Germaine Street to easterly town limits; and

2016 - Pavement on Main Street (Route 133) between Germaine and Sackville Streets.

MOTION CARRIED

Town Manager's benefits

C11-148 Moved by: Normand Belliveau
Seconded by: Laura Gallant

Whereas in the absence of Claude Boudreau, the Town Manager assumes the duties of Director of Municipal Operations.

Be it resolved that the Town Manager be entitled to monthly travelling expenses of \$300.00 as

compensation while the Director of Municipal Operations is absent.

Be it further resolved that the Town Manager's benefits be adjusted to reflect employer and employee contributions to the pension plan that were increased to 6.5% from 5%.

MOTION CARRIED

By-law relative to the composition of municipal council

C11-149 Moved by: Peter Breau
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

Whereas the by-law in force provides for the election of a mayor by all voters within the municipality, of four councillors elected in their respective wards, and of four councillors at large.

Be it resolved that the administration is mandated to initiate procedures for the amendment of this by-law so that councillors of the Town of Shediac be elected by all voters within the municipality as councillors at large.

Question: A Councillor inquired about the number of councillors elected in municipal elections and expressed a desire to have this number reduced from eight to six.

C11-150 Moved by: Normand Belliveau
Seconded by: Charles LeBlanc

That the main motion be amended to read that six councillors instead of eight may be elected as councillors at large.

The vote is recorded as three (3) in favour and four (4) against. Councillors Jacques LeBlanc, Charles LeBlanc and Normand Belliveau vote in favour of the motion. Deputy Mayor Peter Breau and Councillors Laura Gallant, André Caissie and Michel Thibodeau vote against it. The motion is rejected.

THE MAIN MOTION IS CARRIED.

14. NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES

The Chair appointed Councillors Laura Gallant and Charles LeBlanc as members of the management committee with respect to the redesign of Pascal-Poirier Park. He also appointed Deputy Mayor Peter Breau and Councillor to the committee called “Les Ami.e.s du centre multifonctionnel de Shediac”.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jacques LeBlanc and seconded by Councillor Laura Gallant that the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Raymond Cormier, Mayor

Jeannette Bourque, Town Clerk