

TOWN OF SHEDIAC

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 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, Director of Community Services
Paul Lang, Director of Economic Development
Donald R. Cormier, Fire Chief
Cpl. Alain LeBlanc, District 4 RCMP officer
Marc Fougère, municipal representative on BPC
Armand Robichaud, director of Centre-Ville Shediac
About ten citizens Downtown Inc.
One (1) journalist

ABSENT: Ernie O'Brien, Councillor

1. OPENING PRAYER AND 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.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C11-204 Moved by: Jacques LeBlanc
Seconded by: Charles LeBlanc

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C11-205 Moved by: Laura Gallant
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 31, 2011 and of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of November 14, 2011, respectively, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

Presentation of cheques

The President presents a cheque for \$500 to Richard Blouin, President of the Shediac Relay for Life. Mayor Cormier also presents a cheque for \$500 to George Richard, President of Handi-Voile. He presents a cheque for \$500 to Emerise Boudreau, President of the Suicide Prevention Walk.

Presentation by Patsy Chamberlain, Executive Director of Enterprise South East

Ms. Chamberlain addresses Council to introduce this community development agency and the services it offers to entrepreneurs in the region. The Director also outlines the 2012 priorities set by the Enterprise South East Board of Directors.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

a) Msgr. André Richard, Archbishop of Moncton - SUBJECT: “*Together in faith*” Major Fundraising Campaign. Msgr. Richard expresses his sincere gratitude to the municipality for its contribution to the Moncton Archdiocese fundraising campaign.

b) Paul Ménard, President of the Shediac Public Library Board - SUBJECT: Library Book Rate Program. The President asks the municipality to urge the premier and federal government representatives to maintain this program.

C11-206 Moved by: André Caissie
Seconded by: Normand Belliveau

That we support the President’s request with respect to the Library Book Rate Program.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Ruth A. Boudreau, President of the Canadian Kidney Foundation, South-East Chapter – SUBJECT: Sponsorship request for the 4th **RENA-BOWL**. The President solicits a contribution for this activity held on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at the Bowlarama bowling centre in Dieppe.

C11-207 Moved by: Normand Belliveau
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

That a donation of \$500.00 be made to the 4th
RENA-BOWL.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Friends of/Amis de Moncton Hospital - SUBJECT: Request for financial assistance.

It is agreed to defer the request to the 2012 budget deliberations.

e) Monette Léger, Captain of the Snow Hackers Team - SUBJECT: Request for financial assistance.

It is agreed to defer the request to the 2012 budget deliberations.

f) Jeannette Bourque, Town of Shediac Clerk - SUBJECT: Letter of resignation. Effective January 2, 2012, Ms. Bourque has decided to retire after 27 years of service for the municipality.

It is agreed to accept Ms. Bourque's resignation.

6. REPORTS FROM STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Financial reports

Council receives a report on the municipality's financial position as at October 31, 2011, along with a budgetary update. A report on expenses incurred by Council members is also circulated.

Protection services

Fire Department - The monthly statistical report for October 2011 is circulated to Council.

Police Department - The monthly statistical report for October 2011 is circulated to Council.

Report from the BPC – The Beaubassin Planning Commission tabled a report comparing construction permits issued in the period from January 2010 to

October 2011. A report comparing the number of permits issued from 2007 to 2011 (as at October 31, 2011) is also tabled.

7. REPORT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager reports on a visit by François Varin, Executive Director of Rues principales Foundation. Mr. Varin spoke at the Centre-Ville Shediac Downtown Inc. annual general meeting last week. The Foundation offers services to municipalities interested in revitalizing their downtown area. Mr. Belleau advises that efforts to develop a strategic plan are ongoing. The Town Manager further mentions that steps have been taken to conduct study on the implementation of a pedestrian crossing on Main Street near the Sobeys store. The results of this study should be shared with the Department of Transport by the end of this year. In response to a request to verify road signs in various locations, the Town Manager advises that he has to meet with the foreman next week to discuss the matter further.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

- No cases

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Granting of ice time to LJR Girls Hockey Team

Last March, the LJR high school girls hockey team asked Municipal Council to consider a 100% rate reduction for practice time on weekdays between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. At the time of the request, Municipal Council mandated the administration to look into the issue and to provide recommendations. Since September 2010, the team has been charged 50% of the prime time rate. Since then, the girls hockey team has been charged a total of \$2,971.98.

It is recommended that a 100% rate reduction be granted for ice time on weekdays between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the basis that the girls' hockey team is the only ice user in that timeframe during the week and this should not be considered prime time since it is getting very little use.

C11-208	Moved by:	Normand Belliveau
	Seconded by:	Michel Thibodeau

That we accept the recommendation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Donation to Arena – Ad sign

At the meeting of October 31, 2011, Municipal Council mandated the administration to renegotiate for a two-year period the agreement to have in

place an ad sign at the Festival Arena for the amount of \$750.00. The administration is in receipt of this amount and would like to know Council's intention as to whether it should be deposited in the general fund or donated to an organization using the facilities.

Outstanding water bill – 35 Cornwall Road (10 Scovil Road)

The property was serviced by a private well and therefore not connected to the municipal water system for several years. Since a water main runs in front of the property, the municipality always charged user-charges for the service. With interest, the water bill for this property is rather high. In 2007, the municipality proposed to settle the account, but the property owner never accepted the offer. The property owner's family would like to settle the debt following his recent death. The family asked the municipality to consider extending the same offer made to their father in 2007, in addition to \$500.00 in interest charges.

A discussion ensues concerning the applicable interest rate on outstanding water bills. It is suggested to revise the by-law relative to user-charges for the water system. Some councilors believe that amounts owing are justifiable given the by-law currently in force.

C11-209 Moved by: André Caissie
 Seconded by: Normand Belliveau

That we accept the offer to pay the capital as negotiated in 2007, in addition to \$500.00 in interest charges, subject to the disconnection of the private well in compliance with provincial regulation.

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

Outstanding water bill - 358 Main Street

The owner of a property located at 358 Main has asked the municipality to waive interest charges incurred in relation to his property for the period from August 2006 to May 2011. He claims that the building was leased during that period to an individual who was required to pay for water and sewage pertaining to the property. The owner states in his letter that he had to regain control of the company in 2011 and paid existing debt, except interest charges on the outstanding water bill. He asks that Municipal Council waive interest charges on this account.

The discussion on interest charges applied to outstanding water bills continues. Some councilors are of the view that this situation is totally different since the property is connected to the municipal water system.

C11-210 Moved by: André Caissie
Seconded by: Charles LeBlanc

That payment be made as prescribed by the applicable by-law.

Question: Councillor Normand Belliveau objects to the motion for the same reasons he supported the previous request.

The vote is recorded as six (6) in favour and one (1) against. Councillors Jacques LeBlanc, Charles LeBlanc, Laura Gallant, André Caissie, Michel Thibodeau and Deputy Mayor Peter Breau support the motion. Councillor Normand Belliveau votes against it. The motion is duly carried.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

2012 budget projections - Centre-Ville Shediac Downtown Inc.

Director Armand Robichaud addresses Council to outline the proposed 2012 budget. Projected revenue and expenses equal \$69,660. Mr. Robichaud provides an overview of activities planned for 2012 in the downtown area. He mentions that the territory covered by Centre-Ville Shediac Downtown Inc. has expanded since last year, and a few new buildings have been erected on Main Street.

11. INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Councillor Normand Belliveau inquires about the fence that was supposed to be built around the Saillofts project. He claims that no fencing has been erected since the project began more than one and a half year ago. He adds that residents in that neighbourhood are not very pleased with the situation. It is agreed that the Town Manager will be mandated to meet with the contractor to share these concerns and to ask for co-operation in complying with rezoning conditions.

The councillor also raises concerns about water overflowing in ditches due to heavy rainfall. The Town Manager explains to Council that certain areas have been identified as problematic and the issue must be addressed during budget deliberations.

Councillor Belliveau inquires about the amalgamation process. He claims that residents of Alléluia Road would like to amalgamate with the municipality in order to benefit from municipal services available to the rest of the population. The President clarifies certain points at the meeting. Firstly, he highlights that the amalgamation of Alléluia Road is already included in the amalgamation

proposition submitted to the province. With respect to servicing these new residents, he states that they will receive services only once the area is developed.

Councillor Jacques LeBlanc inquires about the proposed project for renovations to the Festival Arena. The Town Manager states that he has a meeting with the engineers next week to discuss the project.

Deputy Mayor Peter Breau reports that he has received many complaints from residents concerning lights that are out on electric poles. He would ask the administration to identify the lights that no longer work and to notify Energy New Brunswick of the situation.

Councillor Charles LeBlanc asks whether the administration has conducted a study of traffic flow at the Châtellerault Street intersection. He indicates that some residents have complained about the speed of vehicle traffic in that area. He would ask the administration to follow up on the issue.

12. INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BY-LAWS - None

13. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Cancellation of meeting

C11-211	Moved by:	Peter Breau
	Seconded by:	Normand Belliveau

Be it resolved that the meeting scheduled for December 26, 2011 be cancelled due to the holiday season and that extraordinary meetings be called instead for December 5, 6 and 12, if necessary, with a view to adopting by-laws and to commencing the 2012 budget deliberations.

MOTION CARRIED

14. NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES

The President addresses the meeting to announce that he has chosen the persons who will sit on the selection committee for the hiring of two employees. Committee members are Town Manager Gilles Belleau, Finance Director Réjean Godin, Councillor Laura Gallant and Murielle Allain, a citizen.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Normand Belliveau and seconded by Councillor Jacques LeBlanc that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Raymond Cormier, Mayor

Jeannette Bourque, Town Clerk