

TOWN OF SHEDIAC

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2011
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Raymond Cormier, Mayor
Peter Breau, Deputy Mayor
Jacques LeBlanc, Councillor
Charles J. 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 & Tourism
Connie Bourgeois, Deputy Clerk
A citizen
A journalist – Le Moniteur Acadien

ABSENT: Ernie O'Brien, Councillor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Raymond Cormier declared the meeting open at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C11-221 Moved by: Michel Thibodeau
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS (continued)

The Finance Director addresses the meeting to continue the elaboration of the proposed 2012 budget. Mr. Godin comments that the municipality has seen an increase of 11.27% in tax revenue. He adds that the debt ratio could decrease to around 10% this year.

Questions arise about the \$39,500 entry in the budget for the development of the Pascal Poirier Park project. These funds are said to be earmarked for conducting a market study, preparing a business plan and paying engineering costs and the architect's fees, among other expenses. A lengthy discussion follows. Council members resolve to leave the funds in the budget but would appreciate more details. Municipal representatives on the Pascal Poirier Park Committee are asked to return to Council with the requested information.

The issue of the skateboard park relocation is also raised. A few councillors want to ensure that funds are allocated to this initiative in 2012. It is further mentioned that monies should be budgeted to assess the state of the old CN train station building.

The Finance Director goes on to discuss the proposed general operating budget for Water Services. He indicates that about sixty units were added to the 2012 line item due to new construction. The rate remains unchanged at \$326.70, minus a \$29.70 discount on accounts paid by the end of March 2012.

4. ADOPTION OF BEAUBASSIN PLANNING COMMISSION BUDGET

C11-222 Moved by: Peter Breau
Seconded by: Laura Gallant

Whereas the Beaubassin Planning Commission gave a presentation to Municipal Council disclosing the BPC's 2012 budget projections;

Whereas according to the report submitted to the municipality, the Town of Shediac, as the BPC's partner, will contribute \$211,502, which represents a total increase of \$15,876 compared to the approved 2011 budget.

Be it resolved that the proposed 2012 budget is approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

A councillor comments that, since the proposed increase represents salary increases for CAB staff, he would like to see those details.

5. ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGETS

General operating fund

C11-223 Moved by: Jacques LeBlanc
Seconded by: Normand Belliveau

That the Shediac Municipal Council adopt a budget of \$9,837,780 for the year 2012, that the sum of \$7,728,686 be the warrant of the municipality in 2012, and that the tax rate(s) for both the Shediac and the Shediac-Harbour View Estates communities be at 1,4784.

That Council order and direct the levying by the Minister of Local Government of the said warrant on real property liable to taxation under the *Assessment Act* within the Town of Shediac.

MOTION CARRIED

General operating fund – Water Services

C11-224 Moved by: André Caissie
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

Pursuant to section 1 of By-law No. 05-24-1, a by-law relative to the payment of user-charges for the water system, that the user-charge per unit for municipal water be \$326.70 for the year 2012, with a discount of \$29.70 to be applied to accounts paid by March 31, 2012 at the latest, and that other fees comply with the most recent motions and amendments to the said by-law.

MOTION CARRIED

6. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Shediac Lions Club

For the past several years, the Shediac Lions Club has organized a fundraiser and gift drive to help the needy over the holidays. Proceeds are distributed among various organizations and individuals to help ensure a better quality of life.

C11-225 Moved by: Normand Belliveau
Seconded by: Michel Thibodeau

That the sum of \$100.00 be given to the Shediac Lions Club towards this activity.

MOTION CARRIED

7. MOTIONS

Transfer of funds

C11-226 Moved by: Normand Belliveau
Seconded by: Michel Thibodeau

Whereas certain expenses budgeted for 2011 will not be incurred.

Be it resolved that the sum of \$100,000 is transferred to the general capital reserve fund as stipulated in subsection 4(1) of Regulation 97-145 adopted under the *Municipalities Act*. In accordance with subsection 7(1) of the said regulation, subsequent use of these funds requires a resolution by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Transfer of funds

C11-227 Moved by: Laura Gallant
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

Whereas certain expenses budgeted for 2011 will not be incurred.

Be it resolved that the amount of \$7,028 is transferred to the general operating reserve fund as stipulated in subsection 3(1) of Regulation 97-145 adopted under the *Municipalities Act*. In accordance with subsection 7(1) of the said regulation, subsequent use of these funds requires a resolution by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Transfer of funds

C11-228 Moved by: Michel Thibodeau
Seconded by: Laura Gallant

Whereas certain expenses budgeted for 2011 out of the Water Services operating fund will not be incurred.

Be it resolved that the sum of \$21,050 is transferred to the service or utility operating reserve fund as stipulated in subsection 5(1) of Regulation 97-145 adopted under the *Municipalities Act*. In accordance with subsection 7(1) of the said regulation, subsequent use of these funds requires a resolution by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Transfer of funds

C11-229 Moved by: Charles LeBlanc
Seconded by: Normand Belliveau

Whereas certain expenses budgeted for 2011 out of the Water Services operating fund will not be incurred.

Be it resolved that the sum of \$100,000 is transferred to the service or utility capital reserve fund as stipulated in subsection 3(1) of Regulation 97-145 adopted under the *Municipalities Act*. In accordance with subsection 7(1) of the said regulation, subsequent use of these funds requires a resolution by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

8. READING OF BY-LAWS

1st reading of By-law No. B-12-10

C11-230 Moved by: Peter Breau
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

That By-law No. B-12-10, a by-law relative to the budget of Centre-Ville Shediac Downtown Inc., be introduced and subject to first reading by title.

MOTION CARRIED

The Town Clerk undertook first reading by title of By-law No. B-12-10.

C11-231 Moved by: Peter Breau
Seconded by: Jacques LeBlanc

That we accept first reading by title of By-law No. B-12-10.

MOTION CARRIED

2nd reading of By-law No. B-12-10

C11-232 Moved by: Peter Breau
Seconded by: Normand Belliveau

That By-law No. B-12-10, a by-law relative to the budget of Centre-Ville Shediac Downtown Inc., be subject to second reading by title and in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

The Town Clerk undertook second reading of By-law No. B-12-10 by title and in its entirety.

C11-233 Moved by: Peter Breau
Seconded by: Laura Gallant

That we accept second reading of By-law No. B-12-10 by title and in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Normand Belliveau and seconded by Councillor Jacques LeBlanc that the meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Raymond Cormier, Mayor

Jeannette Bourque, Town Clerk