



TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
PUBLIC MEETING
April 4, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Donna Thistle
Tracy Caines
Stephen Norman (left at 8:15pm)

Councillors:

C. Wells
C. Austin – Via Speakerphone
C. Howlett
C. Sutherland
C. Dawson

ABSENT:

C. Pike

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item

1) Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Thistle called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone present.

Mayor asked if there were any additions to the Agenda.

Mayor added the following to the Agenda under Administration.

- 4.7.1 Operation Manager Contract
- 4.7.2 Vehicle Policy Amendment

Councillor Dawson stated he didn't agree with the additions to the Agenda.

**RESOLUTION
2019/043**

WELLS/HOWLETT:

**BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 4, 2019 PUBLIC
MEETING AS AMENDED.**

IN FAVOUR: (5) Thistle, Austin, Wells, Howlett, Sutherland

OPPOSED: (1) Dawson

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Councillor Dawson discussed the motion – The policy states the package is to be ready 4 days prior to the meeting so Councillors can adequately prepare for the meeting. Operations Manager Contract has been put on the Agenda and taken off multiple times. It was taken off the Agenda on April 3 by email correspondence. It's not reasonable to add an item to the Agenda without proper notification as it does not allow time for

preparation.

Mayor Thistle stated Councillor Dawson statement was duly noted. Operations Manager Contract has been on the table for 5 months and to the best of the Mayors knowledge it was taken off the Agenda due to not knowing whose responsibility it is to word the amendment of the Vehicle Policy. It only came off because staff did not have time to word the amendment. Mayor stated she put the item back on the Agenda and the Agenda has been approved.

Councillor Dawson did not approve with the Mayor.

**1.1) Minutes of
Previous Meeting**

Minutes of March 7, 2019 Public Meeting were presented for review. The Mayor called for any errors or omissions to previous meeting.

**RESOLUTION
2019/044**

WELLS/SUTHERLAND:

**BE IT RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR PUBLIC COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2019 AS PRESENTED.**

**IN FAVOUR: (6) Thistle, Austin, Dawson, Howlett,
Sutherland, Wells**

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

The Mayor made a procedural error and had to go back and read out the approval of the Agenda and approval of March 7, 2019 Public Meeting as there was no consensus of Council.

Town Clerk asked Councillor Dawson if he was in favor of the Agenda and the Minutes. Councillor Dawson stated he was still trying to find the Contract for the Operations Manager in his package.

The Mayor apologized for the procedural error.

**S (2)
Business arising
Action items**

Councillor Wells questioned Motion 2019/041 pertaining to not using "Civic Addresses" verses "Par ID's". The reasoning behind the Par ID's was explained to Councillor Wells. Using Par ID's is a better way of protecting a resident's identity.

Note: Councillor Wells was out of town when this was discussed at a Council of the Whole Meeting.

**(3) Notices of
Resolutions
Arising of
minutes**

NOTHING TO REPORT.

Delegations & Guests

Peter Rowsell

Mr. Rowsell questioned the functionality of the Fire Hydrants last year and received an email from the Town of Steady Brook saying the Fire Hydrants worked fine. Mr. Rowsell stated the Fire Department was told not to turn on the Fire Hydrants due to the water pressure in the PRV chambers. Mr. Rowsell wanted clarification on the functionality of the Hydrants.

Mr. Rowsell stated the PRV gage in his home is showing pressure spikes.

Mr. Rowsell would like to know why we are only having 1 clean up this year verses 2 clean ups.

Operation Manager stated the Fire Hydrants are functional however there are some risk if over pressured. Operation Manager stated, if there was a fire the hydrants would be opened up and would deal with the repercussions after.

Operation Manager stated Northridge will be servicing the PRV Chambers starting April 8, 2019 starting with the 3 blow off stations, then continuing with working on the PRV chambers where they will clean out the valves and CRD's. There will be a regular maintenance schedule. There is a plan in place.

Mayor Thistle stated that this Council worked really hard on preparing the budget this year and that cuts had to be made. Council did not want to raise the taxes for 2019. Unfortunately, there is only 1 clean up instead of 2 due to the increase cost of tipping fees.

(4) Committee reports

4.1 OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS:

4.1.1 Pressure Reducing Valves Update – The Mayor stated the PRV's has been a problem for a long time, even before her time on Council.

Councillor Dawson asked why the Town of Pasadena was not doing the servicing anymore. Mayor Thistle stated they told us they will not come again. Councillor Dawson asked did the Town of Pasadena report any findings when they serviced the PRV's at their last maintenance schedule. Mayor stated they provided the regular maintenance but since have decided they will not be doing it anymore. Councillor Dawson would like to know why they will not be doing it. Mayor Thistle told Mr. Dawson to ask Pasadena why. Councillor Dawson said he would look into it. The Mayor asked staff if we received a letter from Pasadena stating they would not service the PRV Chambers. Staff did not receive a letter. The Operation Manager stated he had met with the Public Works Superintendent in Pasadena and their Town Manager stated they are too busy to work outside their own community. They are willing to help in a case of an emergency and are willing to show the Operations Manager how to service the chambers. Right now, the Town of Pasadena doesn't have

the manpower to help Steady Brook at this time. Councillor Dawson will check with the Town of Pasadena for further clarification.

Councillor Howlett asked if we were under a contract with the Town of Pasadena. Councillor Wells stated we have an agreement with them for regular service and agreed on wages. There was no binding contract. The Mayor stated it is not something the Town did wrong the reason is because the Town of Pasadena is too busy. The Mayor stated we now have Northridge hired to do the work. Operation Manager stated they do all of Marble Mountains servicing and they are experienced with the Town's PRV's. Mayor Thistle stated they have done work for us before.

4.1.2 Asset Management Update – Operation Manager reported a draft policy is out for review to AIM Network and to the Mayor as she is part of the AIM team. There will be an information session with Council. The GIS Mapping system is being updated by AIM Network. The Mayor added that part of the whole procedure of Asset Management is that AIM Network will walk through the town's assets and map them. Council then has to make a policy on what level of service the community wants to maintain. It has long term affects for budgeting. It is a very complicated but simple process. The Mayor would like to have a meeting with the entire town as this is an important document where infrastructure dollars needs to be spent. An email will be sent out to residents requesting their attendance in the near future.

4.1.3 Water Workshop Gander Update – Operation Manager reported there was focus on disinfection and particle removal. The Town of Steady Brook does disinfection well however particle removal is an issue which the town is currently trying to rectify with an MCW project. There are changes coming to the Canadian drinking water standards. Recommending that each Municipality have a Certified Water Technician (CWT). Population less than 500 a CWT is not required. Steady Brook is close to being on that border. This is something the Town should consider. Operations Manager stated he met some great contacts to reach out to and draw their expertise. The Mayor stated hiring a CWT would be a part of the Asset Management decisions and do the Town even want to hire a CWT. Very important decisions have to be made and Council would appreciate the resident's feedback.

4.2 EMERGENCY MEASURES:

4.2.1 Councillor Dawson reported there were 2 items regarding the Steady Brook Little Rapids Fire Department he would like to discuss.

1. Service District Little Rapids held their AGM meeting and approved their 2019 Regional Budget. The numbers did not change for Steady Brook however the numbers for Little Rapids did change. Overall budget for the Fire Department has changed. It is now up to Council once again to review the budget and sign

or not sign the Budget. As a new member of the Fire Committee Mr. Dawson is not aware if the budgeting and the approval process is a continuing issue. Councillor Dawson raised a point that the budget needs to happen simultaneously with the Town of Steady Brook's budget process. The problem is Little Rapids does their AGM in Feb/Mar whereas Steady Brook does theirs in Nov. The Fire Committee is currently in discussions now to try and prevent this from happening again. Councillor Dawson stated for the Budget to come back after Council has already approved it makes it awkward.

2. Fire Board Committee has lost a Steady Brook member (Amy Murphy) who has resigned as a volunteer. Councillor Dawson stated on behalf of the Committee he would like to thank Ms. Murphy for her time and commitment served to the Fire Committee. The Fire Committee is now seeking a new representative from Steady Brook to replace Ms. Murphy.

Councillor Austin asked if Councillor Dawson had anything else to report. Councillor Dawson replied he has nothing else to report.

Councillor Wells had a question pertaining to Committee replacement. Will the Town send out an email notifying resident's the Fire Committee is seeking a new member. **Action** Staff to send out a detailed email seeking a new member from the Town of Steady Brook. Councillor Dawson will touch base with staff with details. Approval of Council is not required.

Mayor Thistle asked if that was all Mr. Dawson had to report. He stated that was it.

4.3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

NOTHING TO REPORT.

4.4 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

4.4.1 Councillor Sutherland – Corner Brook is looking into getting a legal ATV trail. Food for thought if the Town of Steady Brook is willing to entertain doing the same. Councillor Sutherland is hoping to have some open discussion on the idea. The Mayor would like some input from the guest after the meeting if they would like to voice their opinion.

4.5 GREAT HUMBER JOINT COUNCIL:

4.5.1 – NOTHING TO REPORT – Due to travel interruption Councillor Wells was unable to attend.

GHJC minutes to be printed and put in a binder.

4.6 FINANCE:

4.6.1 – Approval of Invoices - \$38,048.95.

**RESOLUTION
2019/045**

HOWLETT/SUTHERLAND:

BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK APPROVE THE INVOICES PRESENTED TO COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,048.95.

IN FAVOUR: (5) Thistle, Austin, Wells, Howlett, Sutherland

OPPOSED: (1) Dawson

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor asked why Councillor Dawson is not approving the invoices. Councillor Dawson stated he can not approve the invoices as we have been paying salaries and has yet for 5 months passed a contract through council. Therefore, Councillor Dawson objected to the motion. Mayor stated he approved invoices before. Councillor Dawson stated he made a mistake.

4.6.2 Ultimate Gas Tax Agreement 2019-2024

**RESOLUTION
2019/046**

HOWLETT/WELLS:

WHEREAS: THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE FEDERAL GAS TAX FUND BASED ON A PER CAPITA FORMULA WHICH HAS BEEN BASED ON 2016 CENSUS POPULATION.

BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK ACCEPT THE ULTIMATE RECIPIENT GAS TAX AGREEMENT FOR 2019-2024 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$137,994.00. THIS AMOUNT IS DIVIDED OVER A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS.

IN FAVOUR: (6) Thistle, Austin, Wells, Howlett, Sutherland, Dawson

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Thistle asked if this included the new budget amount. Staff informed the Mayor it does not include the new amount. Mayor Thistle stated there is another amount of roughly 26,000.00 being distributed to the Town of Steady Brook. The Town has not received notification confirming the amount as of today's date.

4.6.3 Gas Tax Excess Funds – Project # 252-2013-2768

**RESOLUTION
2019/047**

HOWLETT/AUSTIN:

WHEREAS: THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK CURRENTLY HOLDS EXCESS FUNDS APPROXIMATELY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$372.02 FROM PROJECT # 252-2013-2768 PROJECT TITLE TOWNSUITE SOFTWARE UPDATE.

BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK TRANSFER THE EXCESS AMOUNT APPROXIMATELY OF \$372.02 FROM PROJECT # 252-2013-2768 TO THE ULTIMATE RECIPIENT GAS TAX FOR THE 2018-2019

FEDERAL GAS TAX YEAR.

IN FAVOUR: (6) Thistle, Austin, Wells, Howlett, Sutherland, Dawson

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Councillor Wells questioned is this what the norm is to do with excess money. It was noted yes.

4.6.4 – Transfer Monies to GIC - \$100,000.00 x 3

**RESOLUTION
2019/048**

HOWLETT/WELLS:

**BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
TRANSFER \$300,000.00 TO A GIC ACCOUNT IN \$100,000.00
INCREMENTS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS NEEDED.**

IN FAVOUR: (6) Thistle, Austin, Wells, Howlett, Sutherland, Dawson

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

There was some question about the transfer of increments.

4.7 ADMINISTRATION:

4.7.1 Operations Manager Contract – Motion

Mayor Thistle stated the Operations Manager contract has been battered around since last November. It has been reviewed by the committee, it has been brought to Council, it has been available for review and it had some changes made to it. Mayor stated everybody around the table whether you agree or disagree has had ample time to read it. We have consulted with our lawyer and we are allowed to bring a motion forward. Some members of Council felt they did not have the authority to make a motion. The lawyer stated we do have authority to do so. Mayor Thistle stated it has been put on the Agenda and taken off simply because nobody new how to word an amendment to go with the vehicle policy. Mayor Thistle reported there is no change to the Operations Manager Contract, none at all. There is no reason not to make the Motion and then, Councillor Dawson will have no reason not to vote on paying him. Mayor stated they are going to make the motion. Councillor Dawson tried to speak to the discussion and was told no and Councillor Austin read the motion.

Mayor Thistle asked for a seconder.

Mayor Thistle asked if anyone would like to speak to the motion.

Councillor Dawson stated the package should have a copy of the contract that Council motioned. Councillor Dawson stated he does not have a copy in his package and asked other Councillors if they have it in their package. Councillor Dawson stated so, nobody has it in their package and here we are voting on

something with no information to view. Policy states 4 days prior packages are to be given to Council for review. Without the contract being in the package how does Council know what the final document is. Councillor Dawson stated the information needs to be included in the package and Mayor Thistle is blind sighting the process. Councillor Dawson stated it is an abuse of procedural policy.

Councillor Austin stated you have had the contract a number of times to look at it in the past.

Councillor Dawson stated it has to be included in your package that you are making the motion on and the contract is not in our package and here we are supposed to be prepared to discuss it. Earlier the week it was put in the package and then it was taken out, then at the last minute it gets slipped in. Councillor Dawson would like to know how are you supposed to prepare yourselves as you are supposed to do when the package does not include this and now it does?

Mayor Thistle asked if Councillor Austin can now speak.

Councillor Austin stated we have had the contract over and over it hasn't changed we are just trying to make a vehicle policy to add to it.

Councillor Dawson stated sounds like a change to him.

Councillor Austin stated no.

Councillor Dawson disagreed.

Councillor Wells asked is it a fact it should be part of the package?

Mayor Thistle stated to check Robert Rules. Councillor Dawson stated that has nothing to do with the package.

Mayor Thistle stated Roberts Rules says any member of Council can add an agenda item at the meeting. Mayor Thistle stated we have not had the package for 4 days in which case if this is a breach the entire agenda is a breach.

Councillor Wells stated based on his own experience in the last 5 months everyone has seen the contract however nobody should be blindsided. Is there merit to what Councillor Dawson has said? Councillor Wells asked should it be present in the package? Does it say that in black and white? Councillor Dawson read out the Policy. **See Policy attached.**

Councillor Austin stated he has seen the package before.

Councillor Dawson stated he has not seen the contract to motion.

Councillor Dawson stated it is not fair to try and slip something in last minute with no documents to support the motion. Something of a discussion is different if you wanted to add it to the agenda but something of a motion should have the documentation to

support it.

Councillor Wells stated so you agree over the past 5 months you have had ample opportunity to view it but your going to hang it up on technicality.

Councillor Dawson stated if this item is to be motioned it therefore should have a package to go with that motion. This is not something that is insignificant, taxes were raised by \$70,000.00. A Contract was deferred but now somehow it is on the table. Councillor Dawson stated you are going to do what you continue to do so carry on. Councillor Dawson stated Procedure and Legislation should be followed.

Operations Manager left the room.

Mayor Thistle gave up the chair to Deputy Mayor Wells so she could speak to the motion.

Mayor Thistle stated the Policy that Councillor Dawson just read states 4 days for Council to have their package, if we adhere to the policy nothing that was done tonight stands as the agenda was not given to Council 4 days in advance.

Mayor Thistle stated the Contract for the Operations Manager was created in November. The By-Election happened the 20th of November. Council wanted to make that motion in December and ever since that time there has been an objection at some level or another similar to Councillor Dawson's comments tonight. The Contract is signed with the Operations Manager and preventing the contract to be motioned is a red herring, according to our legal council we have the authority to do it.

Mayor Thistle stated to Councillor Dawson at some point we have got to act on the matter. Mayor Thistle stated you have not brought anything forward pertaining to the contract only that you think all Council is stupid.

Councillor Dawson stated all we are talking about is procedural.

Councillor Austin stated the motion is out there we need to vote.

Councillor Dawson stated no we should debate the motion.

Councillor Austin stated you have been debating it for the last 5 months.

Councillor Wells asked if the Mayor was taking the Chair back?

Mayor Thistle took the Chair back.

Mayor Thistle stated to Councillor Dawson so far you are only talking about procedure. The entire package is invalid if Councillor Dawson is going to stand on the 4-day policy.

Councillor Dawson stated he is standing on the fact that Council knew what was going to be in the package prior coming to the

meeting whether it was 4 days or not.

Councillor Austin stated lots of times things are added to the Agenda.

Councillor Dawson stated it was added and then taken off. Councillor Dawson stated I think everybody knows what is going on here, and your going to push this through anyway.

Mayor Thistle said Councillor Dawson is suggesting they are going to push it through. Mayor Thistle stated to Council Dawson that he has been trying to stop them from putting the motion forward. The Mayor stated you single handedly did everything you could do with this council to stop us from putting the motion through. Mayor Thistle would like to know why he has a problem with it.

Councillor Dawson asked if he could speak to that.

Mayor Thistle welcomed Councilor's Dawson's input.

Councillor Dawson stated the issue we have here is, in August 2018, a motion was passed for a job description to hire an Operation Manager. Under section 63 of the Municipalities Act, where there is a Town Manager you must discuss hiring with the Town Manager any job positions and this was completely ignored. In November, they signed a contract which I have seen which does not follow the job description. Councillor Dawson stated if he had known this was on the Agenda for discussion, he would have come better prepared. Councillor Dawson stated the contract does not meet the specifications of the job description. The Mayor and Councillor Austin signed the contract in November without a decision of Council. This should have been approved at the Council table before the contract was signed. The Contract was signed without any authority from Council. You are not allowed to do that. Councillor Dawson would like to know if the vehicle policy/amendment is in the contract that he has not been able to see.

Mayor Thistle stated there is a motion coming forth to solve the problem regarding the Vehicle Policy. Councillor Dawson stated he will speak to that as well.

Councillor Austin stated "I'm sure you will".

Councillor Dawson told Councillor Austin to read section 96 of the *Municipalities Act*. The contract was done without the approval of Council 5 months ago and now they are going to try and motion it.

Mayor Thistle asked if anyone else has something to say.

Councillor Austin stated I'm just listening, and it is obvious Councillor Dawson is continuing on with his insults again.

Mayor Thistle asked if Deputy Mayor Wells still has the chair. He replied yes.

Mayor Thistle stated we did have approval of all of Council at the table at that time. If you specifically are going on if there was a motion made this is where there was interference when they tried to make the motion. Administration Committee has been since trying to get this matter resolved. The rest of this Council to the best of the Mayor's knowledge had the matter resolved back in December and couldn't get the motion brought forward because of procedural issues. If this Council made mistakes on procedural issues this wouldn't be the first Council to do that. The Mayor stated Councillor Dawson has made procedural mistakes in the pass and no one is rubbing his nose in it. The point is we have a contract with a person. We have consulted with a lawyer and they have stated we are within our rights to make the motion. We can not undue the contract at this point. Mayor Thistle stated they did their best. Stopping the Contract from happening is pointless.

Deputy Mayor Wells stated, as the Chair, the Operations Manager left the room some time ago as he probably felt uncomfortable. Council is walking on a fine line when it comes to discussing Human Resources issues at a Public Meeting. Deputy Mayor Wells stated we need to be respectful to our town staff.

Councillor Dawson agreed especially when you are in a conversation where privileged confidentiality has been broken. Councillor Dawson stated he did not say what was in the contract and what was not in the contract as he does not have it in front of him.

Mayor Thistle stated Section 63 of the Act does not say what Councillor Dawson said it does not say "must" it says "shall".

Councillor Dawson stated it says "must".

Mayor Thistle stated it says "Shall".

Mayor Thistle stated there is a motion on the table and asked, "All in Favour of the Motion".

**RESOLUTION
2019/049**

**AUSTIN/SUTHERLAND:
WHERE AS THE OPERATIONS MANAGER CONTRACT WAS
PRESENTED TO COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER OF 2018 BY
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE AND COW, BE IT RESOLVED
TO RATIFY THE OPERATIONS MANAGER CONTRACT AND
APPENDIX.**

IN FAVOUR: (4) Thistle, Austin, Wells, Sutherland,

OPPOSED: (2) Dawson, Howlett

RESOLUTION CARRIED

4.7.2 Vehicle Policy Amendment

Mayor Thistle stated there is a second motion "Amendment to the Vehicle Policy".

Deputy Mayor Wells read the motion

**RESOLUTION
2019/050**

WHEREAS, IN THE FALL OF 2018, THIS COUNCIL MADE A DECISION TO RESTRUCTURE THE STAFFING COMPLIMENT OF THE TOWN.

AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNCIL NEGOTIATED WITH THE NEW OPERATIONS MANAGER TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TOWN VEHICLE FOR PERSONAL USE FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD OF HIS CONTRACT.

AND

WHERE AS, COUNCIL AGREED TO THIS WITHOUT CAREFUL ENOUGH EXAMINATION OF THE EXISTING VEHICLE POLICY.

AND

WHEREAS WE ARE NOW CONTRACTEDLY BOUND TO THE OPERATIONS MANAGER TO ALLOW THIS USE, WITH LIMITATIONS.

WELLS/AUSTIN:

BE IT RESOLVED COUNCIL AGREES TO OVERRIDE THE EXISTING VEHICLE POLICY FOR A PERIOD OF EXACTLY THE ONE YEAR TERM OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER CONTRACT.

THIS MOTION EXPIRES WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER CONTRACT AND THEREAFTER THE EXISTING POLICY IS BINDING ON ALL STAFF.

IN FAVOUR: (5) Thistle, Austin, Howlett, Wells, Sutherland,

OPPOSED: (1) Dawson

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Mayor Thistle asked if anyone would like to discuss the motion.

4.8 WATERSHED AND ENVIRONMENT:

4.8.1 – NOTHING TO REPORT

5. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

NOTHING TO REPORT.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

NOTHING TO REPORT.

NOTE: Let the record show Mayor Thistle took the "Chair" back.

Deputy Mayor Wells stated the Mayor would have to take the "Chair" back before he read out the last motion.

7. COUNCILOR'S / MAYOR FORUM:

Councillor Howlett – Nothing to Report
Councillor Sutherland – Nothing to Report
Mayor Thistle – Nothing to Report

Councillor Dawson spoke about his previous time on Council during the year of 2008, he stated he did not want to mention this publicly but felt it needed to be addressed and the reason he is doing so is because of October 11, 2018 meeting Ms. Huxter spoke to promote her own agenda.

Councillor Dawson stated Public Minutes require two signatures one of the Mayor and the other of the Town Clerk Manager. Councillor Dawson stated he requested a copy of the Minutes from Municipal Affairs pertaining to a meeting they had on file from a 2008 Public Meeting as there was two sets of minutes for one Public Meeting. The Minutes that Municipal Affairs had did not correspond with the minutes the Town of Steady Brook had on file. One set of minutes were significantly different than the other minutes. Councillor Dawson stated he brought this information to the Council at that time period. Councillor Dawson stated he informed his Council he was going to go to the RCMP, as he had a responsibility as a Councilor to report something wrong. Councillor Dawson conveyed when he went to the next Public Meeting on September 10, 2008 Ms. Huxter and three other Councillors motioned to stop Councillor Dawson from going to the RCMP. The RCMP came in and done an investigation based on forgery charges.

Mayor Thistle stated no charges were laid. Councillor Dawson stated he would like to finish without interruptions.

Councillor Dawson continued to state the RCMP done the investigation and to say they found nothing is not accurate. (There were no charges laid). However, someone had refused to cooperate with the RCMP investigation. Councillor Dawson stated this is the kind of garbage that happens. This is not procedure; this is someone trying to cover other people's mistakes. Councillor Dawson stated as bad as it was back in 2008 it did not cost the Town any money. Councillor Dawson stated when Council in 2008 walked in there was Zero dollars in the bank when their Council finished there was One Hundred & Forty Thousand in the GIC. Councillor Dawson stated this Council there was close to \$300,000.00 in GIC's when they walked in during the year of 2017.

Councillor Dawson stated the responsibility of a Councilor:

1. Financial oversight is critical
2. Follow Legislation/Municipalities Act

Councillor Dawson stated this Council is eluding because of personal reasons he is holding up certain motions. Councillor Dawson stated he has a responsibility to protect tax dollars and to follow the Act and that is his only Agenda.

Councillor Wells – Nothing to Report

Mayor Thistle requested Deputy Mayor Wells to take the Chair as she would like to speak. Councillor Dawson stated if the Mayor gets to speak after passing, he can speak again as well.

Mayor Thistle stated she would like to correct the statement Mr. Dawson made. There have been many numbers of comments about GIC's from many Councillors before and the Mayor would like to point out at any point in time the amount in GIC's vary. The audited statement for 2017 there was 291,000 it was not 400,000.00 as people have eluded to. In 2018 there was 341,000 with a 50,000 surplus. In spite of the fact that people say we wasted money.

Councillor Dawson stated Municipal Affairs has an ongoing investigation with the Town of Steady Brook under *Section 4* of the *Municipal Affairs Act*. There was a letter from Municipal Affairs May 31, 2018 citing where Council did not follow the *Municipalities Act*.

Mayor Thistle stated the investigation was triggered by Councillor Dawson.

Councillor Dawson stated it was triggered by the fact Council did not follow the Act.

Mayor Thistle asked if Councillor Dawson followed the Act regarding the Fire Department "No you didn't".

Councillor Dawson stated they did follow the *Act/Agreement*.

Mayor Thistle stated this is getting embarrassing and it looks like a personal argument between herself and Councillor Dawson. Mayor Thistle stated this is getting out of hand, I am trying to correct a statement that Councillor Dawson made. The audited statements speak for themselves.

Deputy Mayor Wells stated, "I think we are done with the Councilor's forum".

Councillor Austin stated, yes we are done.

Mayor Thistle called for a motion to adjourn.

Deputy Mayor Wells told the Mayor she needs to take her Chair back first.

Mayor took the Chair back.

**RESOLUTION
2019/051**

**MAYOR THISTLE
ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**WELLS:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
ADJOURN THE MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2019 AT 8:14 PM**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE MAY 2, 2019.

Mayor Donna Thistle

Town Clerk

Amendment as outlined in the May 2, 2019 meeting to reflect the time Operations Manager left the meeting.

Admendment as
outlined in the
June 13, 2019 Public
Meeting.
NB