



TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
PUBLIC MEETING
Feb 7, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Donna Thistle
Tracy Caines
Stephen Norman

Councillors:

C. Pike
C. Austin
C. Howlett
C. Dawson
C. Wells – (Speakerphone)

ABSENT:

C. Sutherland

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.

The Mayor addressed Procedure & Protocol – Too much casualness in the meeting. At the January 21, 2019 Special Public meeting Municipal Affairs requested a copy of the recorded meeting that was typed verbatim. Noted there are too many sidebar conversations which makes the minutes very difficult to type. It is imperative that there are no sidebar conversations, everyone has to be respectful to all and everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

The Mayor called for any additions/amendments to the agenda:

Mayor Thistle added under Planning & Development: Dead end roads.

**RESOLUTION
2019/027**

HOWLETT/AUSTIN:

**BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEB 7, 2019 PUBLIC
MEETING AS AMENDED.**

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

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

**1.1) Minutes of
Previous Meeting**

Minutes of Jan 10, 2019 Public Meeting were presented for review. The Mayor called for any errors or omissions to previous meeting.

**RESOLUTION
2019/028**

HOWLETT/AUSTIN:
**BE IT RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED FOR THE PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING OF
JANUARY 10, 2019 AS PRESENTED.**
IN FAVOUR: (6) Thistle, Austin, Dawson, Pike, Howlett, Wells
OPPOSED: (0)
RESOLUTION CARRIED

Minutes of Jan 21, 2019 Special Public Meeting were presented for review. The Mayor called for any errors or omissions to previous meeting.

**RESOLUTION
2019/029**

HOWLETT/PIKE:
**BE IT RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED FOR THE SPECIAL PUBLIC COUNCIL
MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2019 AS PRESENTED.**
IN FAVOUR: (6) Thistle, Austin, Dawson, Pike, Howlett, Wells
OPPOSED: (0)
RESOLUTION CARRIED

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Business arising
Action items

- Capital Works Funding – Water System – Application applied.
- Capital Works Funding – Recreational Infrastructure – Application applied.
- 1 Forest Drive has been reimbursed.
- Legal Counsel has been obtained for HR Issue.
- Powerline Hazards Course cancelled.
- WHMIS course completed.
- Vehicle Policy draft under review, has been sent out to all Council for review and too come back to a COW for further discussion.

(3) Notices of
Resolutions
Arising of
minutes

NOTHING TO REPORT.

Delegations &
Guests

Elaine Huxter – 4-10 Willow – Apologized that she would not be able to stay for the full meeting. Mrs. Huxter read a Message to Council and provided a copy to Council – see attachment.

(4) Committee
reports

4.1 OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS:

4.1.1 Lagoon Repairs

The Lagoon has several aerators that are not currently working, the Lagoon may possibly have to be drained to fix the problem. This will be a significant cost that was not budgeted for in this fiscal year. This will be a capital expenditure. Repairs will be

addressed in the coming spring. Will be looking for contractors and quotes.

4.2 EMERGENCY MEASURES:

4.2.1 NOTHING TO REPORT

4.3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Thistle stepped out of her Chair and Councillor Austin stepped in so the Mayor could speak to the matter of Dead-end Roads,

4.3.1 – Dead End Roads – Mayor Thistle stated Councils have made decisions in the past and there were mistakes made along the way. Those decisions are not to be made critical to any councilors as they try to do things for the right reasons. There are currently three dead end roads in the Town of Steady Brook which include Woodland, Birch Street and Keough's Lane. Each one of those roads had an opportunity to continue straight through and would have prevented dead end roads. Keough's Lane is so small that you have to actually go in there in the pickup truck to get the garbage. Snow plows you have to back in and push out. The opportunity to fix those situations has gone from the Town forever because of decisions that were made. Right now, the reason Council made the decision to purchase 4-10 Willow was to prevent dead end roads from happening again. Whether people agree or disagree whether we did it right or wrong its done. There is an opportunity to build 6 building blocks on 4-10 Willow and an opportunity to build 6 on Birch Place with no dead ends but could have ended up with two more cul-de-sacs. The town bought this land only to control it and to end up with a road that did not have a dead end. It would improve snow clearing, it would improve garbage collection and improve emergency measures. Council did not buy it to start building houses or anything else. There is a reason we bought the land and it was done for the right reason which was to eliminate the same problems that occurred in the past.

With 12 new building blocks with the average tax rate in Steady Brook it would be create about \$45,000.00 a year in revenue which would help prevent the town from raising the mil-rate.

Other things that are going on around this town that we can't get to is Forest Drive and the boat launch, this is the most dangerous turn in Steady Brook. Makes sense to straighten this road out, this would be a good thing for the Town and the Town should take it on.

The Mayor stepped back into her chair.

Councillor Dawson asked a question why we are stopped on the boat launch. Mayor Thistle stated we were hoping to have the land sold and had some money to do something with it. We have not had time to talk about it any further because we are too busy worrying about how to sell the land. Mayor Thistle stated it has been tabled at Council meetings before Mr. Dawson was on

Council but right now the Council is stuck on a decision. Operations Manager Steve stated there is a conceptual design done.

4.4 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

4.4.1 NOTHING TO REPORT

4.5 GREAT HUMBER JOINT COUNCIL:

Councillor Wells stated they have elected a new executive.

4.6 FINANCE:

4.6.1 – Approval of Invoices - \$29,215.07

RESOLUTION
2019/030

HOWLETT/PIKE:

**BE IT RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE INVOICES
PRESENTED TO COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,215.07.
IN FAVOUR: (6) Thistle, Austin, Dawson, Pike, Howlett, Wells
OPPOSED: (0)
RESOLUTION CARRIED**

4.7 ADMINISTRATION:

4.7.1 – Legal Counsel – Rescind Motion # 2019/025

Operations Manager stated Municipal Affairs has specifically asked that he make clarification on his initial recommendation to Council to seek legal advice pertaining to the investigation of 4-10 Willow. Operations Manager recommendation to seek legal counsel hasn't changed. However, for clarification, Municipal affairs told Council they "**could**" have a lawyer present, they did not say they "**should**" have a lawyer present.

Councillor Wells had a question pertaining to the existing item – If he was to interpret the matter, the new motion would be the exact same motion? Is that correct? The Mayor stated that was correct. Councillor Wells stated so we are going to rescind the motion to make the exact same motion again? Mayor Thistle stated that is correct. Councillor Wells stated that seems redundant if not foolish. Mayor Thistle stated for the purpose of Councillor Wells and everyone else, the public meeting of Jan 21, 2019 there was a motion to hire a lawyer. There was some controversy & Municipal Affairs got involved. Municipal Affairs said Operations Manager used the word "**should**" instead of "**could**". Meaning that Municipal Affairs would have said they told us we had to seek legal counsel and Municipal Affairs didn't want that, they wanted the world to be aware they only said we "**could**" have a lawyer present and not "**should**" have one present. However, at a meeting with Municipal Affairs where many members of Council were present Municipal Affairs told Council verbally, we "had" to rescind it. This Council got together

and decided to rescind it. However, we asked for that in writing from Municipal Affairs and they didn't put it in writing at that time. Municipal Affairs felt that Council had decided to hire a legal counsel based on "should" they wanted the motion rescinded or reconsidered and reintroduced as a new motion for debate. Mayor Thistle continued to state it is not a "fact" that Municipal Affairs can force Council to rescind a motion. We got it in writing we may "wish" to rescind the motion. Mayor Thistle stated if it is the will of this Council to rescind the motion & make it over again so be it. Is there a motion to rescind motion 2019/025?

DAWSON:

**RESOLUTION
2019/031**

**BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK RESCIND
MOTION # 2019/025.**

**THERE WAS NO SECONDER FOR THE MOTION
THEREFORE MOTION FAILS.
MOTION # 2019/025 STANDS AS IS.**

4.7.2 – Great Humber Joint Council Policy – Attendance of GHJC meetings.

**RESOLUTION
2019/032**

HOWLETT/WELLS:

**BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK ADOPT
THE GREAT HUMBER JOINT COUNCIL POLICY AS,
PRESENTED ON FEB 7, 2019.**

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

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

4.7.3 – Town Office Parking – Option B – The decision to go with Option B will have to go back to Council for further review.

4.8 WATERSHED AND ENVIRONMENT:

4.8.1 – Next meeting March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

5. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

NOTHING TO REPORT.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

NOTHING TO REPORT.

7. COUNCILOR'S / MAYOR FORUM:

Mayor Thistle wanted it stated for the Public Record with a show of hands from the guests who would want the Town of Steady Brook to sell the land at a loss. No one put up their hand.

Mayor Thistle wanted it shown for the Public Record who thinks we should get rid of the land because it is controversial, in the most orderly fashionably possible manner without the town losing money. 15/25 show of hands.

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

**RESOLUTION
2019/033**

**DAWSON:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
ADJOURN THE MEETING ON JAN 10, 2019.**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE MARCH 7, 2019.

Mayor Donna Thistle

Town Clerk