

Town of Sussex

Minutes of Meeting of Council held this
19th day of September, 2011

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The Town Council of the Town of Sussex met in regular session, by appointment of the Mayor of the said Town, in the Council Chambers of the said Town on Monday the 19th day of September, 2011, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

The following members of the Council were present: His Worship Mayor Carr, Deputy Mayor Thorne, Councillors Campbell, Black, Fulton, Bradley, Wilson and Wright. There were no absentees. Also present at this meeting were the Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Hatcher and the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Maguire.

It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the agenda for this regular Town Council meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried. The agenda was amended by adding under Item # 6 - Delegations, Petitions and Correspondence: E) Virtual Agent Services.

No members present declared a conflict of interest on any items on the agenda at this time.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex held on August 15, 2011, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

His Worship Mayor Carr noted that September is Arthritis Awareness Month.

A letter was received from the Commission of Corrections Service Canada informing the Town Council that the week of November 13 -20, 2011, is Restorative Justice Week.

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It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the letter from the Commissioner of Corrections Service Canada be filed. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the residents of Coventry Walk Subdivision with concerns over the entrances and exits to the Walking Trail in the Coventry Walk area. The letter was signed by 13 residents and noted that there was originally planned three entrances and exits to the Walking Trail system in the area, however, only two of the exits have been fully developed. The residents are requesting that the second entrance to the Walking Trail on Bryant Drive be fully developed. The Council noted that it is still the intention of the Town to develop the second entrance on Bryant Drive and that it will be included in the 2012 Capital Budget. The Council instructed the Town to notify the residents who signed the letter and neighbours whose properties abut the entrance that the Town intends to develop in 2012 and in the meantime, if possible, the brush could be cut so that the entrance/exit could be used by citizens if they need to enter or exit the Walking Trail at that location.

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that the letter from the residents of Coventry Walk Subdivision be filed. Motion carried.

A rezoning application was received from T. Allioson Gerrish, the Solicitor for the applicants for the property with the civic address 221 Main Street. The rezoning request is to rezone the property from its present "R2" zone to a Highway Commercial zone.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Black, that the rezoning application for 221 Main Street be accepted and that the application be forwarded to the Administration Committee for review and development of the required by-laws to proceed with the rezoning process. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Director of Human Resources for Virtual Agent Services informed the Town that they will be consolidating their work and agent group in the Sussex area into the Main Street location and will be vacating the property located at 22 Maple Avenue, 2nd floor in Sussex, by December 31, 2011.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the letter from the Director of Human Resources for Virtual Agent Services be filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Black, that the Fire Report for the month of August, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried. During the month the Fire Department responded to a total of 17 calls with 12 calls originating within the Town of Sussex and five out of Town calls.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Black, that the Building Inspector's Report for the month of August, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Building Inspector issued one permit for new construction for a value of \$22,100.00, 43 permits for renovations, repairs, alterations and additions for a value of \$802,030.00 and two permits for demolition for a value of \$28,200.00.

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It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the Development Officer's Report for the month of August, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried. The report indicated that during the month the Development Officer approved two building location surveys, one tentative amending subdivision plan and one amending subdivision plan.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Black, that the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Human Services Committee Meeting dated September 12, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve the amendment to the Municipal Recreational Program Schedule of Fees Policy, Policy RD-21. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Thorne, that Council approve the Sussex Tennis Association's request to construct an equipment building in Princess Louise Park adjacent to the Tennis Courts. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve the donation of obsolete items from the Kiwanis Swimming Pool that have been deemed obsolete by the Town with a letter drawn up by the Administration stating that the Town has no liability with regards to the transfer of items from the Kiwanis Swimming

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Pool and also on the condition that all safety and first aid items be checked for expiry and that all outdated items are disposed of. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the report of the Economic Development and Long Range Planning Committee meeting dated September 13, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve that the Town become a member of The Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick for an annual fee of \$226.00, H.S.T. inclusive. Motion carried.

Councillor Wilson declared a conflict of interest on the next item on the agenda and vacated the Council Chambers for any discussion or decision on the item.

The Chairman of the Economic Development and Long Range Planning Committee noted that the Irving Group has offered the Town the sale of the land on Stewart Avenue where the old Irving Sawmill was located for a purchase price of \$30,000.00 per acre. The Chairman noted that at this time the Town would not be making an offer to the Irving Group for this land.

Councillor Wilson returned to the Council Chambers from his conflict of interest.

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that the report of the Works Committee meeting dated September 13, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the report of the Protective Services Committee Meeting dated September 12, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Thorne, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that Council approve that the automatic door openers and safety stops for the doors at the Fire Station be purchased from Atlantic Windoor Ltd. for a cost of \$2,542.50 including H.S.T. plus wiring costs. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that the report of the Administration Committee meeting dated September 15, 2011, be received as circulated. Motion carried.

The Administration Committee Chairman noted that the Administration Committee had reviewed a memo from the Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Hatcher, detailing the results of a public tender opening for Contract 50-003-11, Church Avenue Improvements – Phase I. The results of the tender were as follows:

Maguire Excavating Ltd.	\$620,142.87
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$790,367.20.

The Chief Administrative Officer informed the Committee that these tender bids were substantially over the allotted 2011 construction budget previously forwarded to Council for this work and he recommended not to award this tender at this time and that the project should be retendered at a later date with a revised scope of work.

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It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Bradley, that Council not award the tender for Contract 50-003-11, Church Avenue Improvements – Phase I, at this time. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that Council approve for payment accounts for the month of August, 2011, totaling \$630,803.07. Motion carried.

Councillor Wilson addressed Council on three projects that he feels needs leadership from the Provincial Government to improve the finances of the Province. The three projects are as follows:

- Shale Gas;
- Third Potash Mine; and
- Forestry.

Councillor Wilson noted the dire fiscal situation that the Province finds itself in and that all three projects could bring financial benefit to the Province's fiscal situation. Councillor Wilson spoke on the Shale Gas projects and noted that the project needs a fair regulatory system that protects the environment but also encourages industrial development in the Province. Councillor Wilson feels that there is a need for leadership and a vision on each of these projects which could potentially entice industry taxes and jobs in the Province. Councillor Wilson noted that at a later date he would inform Council on his views on the other two issues of the third Potash Mine and Forestry.

Councillor Fulton brought forward that the Communities In Bloom Committee is looking for a volunteers and participants for the 2012

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planting season and to become involved in the Communities In Bloom project.

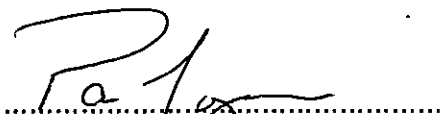
Councillor Black noted that he supports Councillor Wilson's position on the Shale Gas issue and that the senior level of government should show leadership in developing Natural Resources in the Province in order to create jobs.

His Worship Mayor Carr informed the Council that he will not be running for the Office of Mayor in the 2012 municipal elections but instead intends to run as a Councillor. His Worship was making this announcement at this time in order that interested candidates will have time to reflect and investigate the many responsibilities of the Office of Mayor.

His Worship noted that the next regular Council meeting will be held on October 24, 2011.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Fulton, that this regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Sussex adjourn. Motion carried.


MAYOR CARR


TOWN CLERK