

# Town of Sussex

Minutes of Meeting of Council held this  
18th day of October, 2011

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The Town Council of the Town of Sussex met in special session, by appointment of the Mayor of the said Town, in the Council Chambers of the said Town on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 Wright, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the agenda for this special Town Council meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

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

The purpose of the special Council meeting was to entertain a request Seismotion Inc. to carry out seismic surveys along the eastbound lane of Route 1 in the Sussex region. Approximately 600 metres of work will be done within the municipal boundaries of Sussex. The Chief Administrative Officer informed Council that the Town has been notified that the seismic surveys had already been carried out within the boundaries of the Town without the Town's permission.

Present at the meeting was Alex Dupras, a representative of Seismotion Inc., who informed the Council that the seismic test had in fact been carried out and that the company was of the opinion that they did not need the Council's permission since they had permission from the

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Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation. Mr. Dupras indicated that they felt that they had the proper permits to carry out the work. He noted that the reason that the Company did not wait for the Council's permission was due to the cost both financially and in time that would be lost by waiting for the outcome of the special Council meeting. The Council members present ask questions of Mr. Dupras and expressed their frustration and disappointment that the Company did not respect the process and wait for the decision of Council was made regarding the municipalities permission to carry on the test within municipal boundaries. The Council members noted that not only were they upset that the process was not followed but also that their trust of the companies involved in the seismic work was lost with their decision not to respect the authority of the municipal Council.

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that a letter be sent to the Minister of Natural Resources and other Ministers relating to the exploration and seismic testing under the Mayor's signature with a copy to the Premier of the Province reflecting the Town's frustration with the company involved in the seismic testing in the Sussex area and the lack of respect that the company had for the municipal authority and the refusal to follow the proper process in this matter. Motion carried.

His Worship Mayor Carr requested a representative of the citizens, who were present at the meeting, to address Council on this matter. A spokesman for the group, Mr. Rick Roth, addressed Council and pointed out the depth of concern in the community regarding the shale gas

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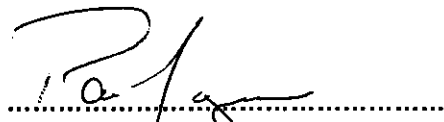
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exploration and that people are very concerned about the environmental impact of the potential drilling and fracking in the area.

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

  
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MAYOR CARR

  
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