

11th

September, 2015

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 Friday, the 11th day of September, 2015, at 5:45 o'clock in the evening.

The following members of the Council were present: His Worship Mayor Thorne; Deputy Mayor Carr; Councillors Wilson, Ryan, Milner and Hutchings. Councillors Boyle and Armitage were absent. Also present at the meeting was the Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Hatcher and the Town Clerk/Treasurer, Paul Maguire.

It was moved by Councillor Hutchings, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the agenda for this Special Town Council meeting be approved. Motion carried.

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

The purpose of this special meeting was for two items: 1. Leonard Drive - Storm Sewer and Street Improvement, and 2. Sussex/Sussex Corner – Amalgamation Resolution.

The CAO, Scott Hatcher, reviewed with Council the tender results to Contract #15-2269 (Sussex) and Contract #15-2221 (Sussex Corner) for the 2015 Designated Highways Improvements on Leonard Drive.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Carr, seconded by Councillor Wilson, that the Council award the tender for Contract 15-2269 - Sussex

Improvements for the 2015 Designated Highway Improvements on Leonard Drive to the low bidder EJ Cunningham Ltd. for the tender price for work within Sussex in the amount of \$556,391.50, inclusive of HST, conditional on approval of the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Village of Sussex Corner for work being completed in the Village of Sussex Corner. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed correspondence from the CAO, Scott Hatcher, regarding the amalgamation plebiscite requirements for the proposed amalgamation between the Town of Sussex and the Village of Sussex Corner. The costs associated with conducting the plebiscite are estimated at \$28,909.00, with \$15,000.00 funded by the Department of Environment and Local Government and the balance equally split between the Town and the Village. It is estimated the Town's net cost to conduct the November 9, 2015 vote at \$9,500.00.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Carr, seconded by Councillor Wilson that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the Town of Sussex Municipal Council engaged a working Steering Committee to undertake a Feasibility Study and have been meeting since June 2015 to share and study the interest regarding an amalgamation project with the Village of Sussex Corner;

WHEREAS a Feasibility Study has been accepted by the Town of Sussex Municipal Council and has been forwarded to the Province of New

Brunswick for the amalgamation of the Town of Sussex and the Village of Sussex Corner, and that the study demonstrated that this amalgamation would be beneficial to both the Town of Sussex and the Village of Sussex Corner;

WHEREAS there was public consultations regarding the amalgamation of the Town of Sussex with the Village of Sussex Corner to create a larger municipality;

WHEREAS the population of the two municipalities involved are desirous of holding a plebiscite on November 09, 2015 to vote either in favour or against this proposed amalgamation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sussex Municipal Council approves the Feasibility Study submitted by the Steering Committee which has demonstrated that this amalgamation would be beneficial to both the Town of Sussex and the Village of Sussex Corner;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sussex Municipal Council proceed with a plebiscite under the authority of Subsection 68(1), and Subsection 68(2) of the Municipalities Act, R.S.N.B. (1973) Chapter 22 and amendments thereto, to determine if the majority of those eligible electors of the Town of Sussex who vote in the plebiscite are in favour of the proposed amalgamation, on the same date and time to coincide with a similar vote within the Village of Sussex Corner asking the same question;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sussex Municipal Council access the assistance of Elections NB to organize and hold the plebiscite;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sussex Municipal Council is in favour of the amalgamation if a majority of 50% + 1 of the eligible electors within the Town of Sussex who vote in the plebiscite, vote yes to the following question;

"Are you in favour of the amalgamation of the Town of Sussex and the Village of Sussex Corner as a new municipality?"

Yes __, No __

Êtes-vous en faveur de la fusion de la Ville de Sussex et du Village de Sussex Corner en une nouvelle municipalité?

Oui __, Non __

Motion carried.

The Council agreed to the budget as outlined for the plebiscite and His Worship Mayor Thorne and Council noted that this resolution was a very important event in the evolution of the Town of Sussex and they encourage citizens of the Town to get out and vote in the plebiscite.

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It was moved by Deputy Mayor Carr, seconded by Councillor Milner, that this Special Meeting of the Town Council, of the Town of Sussex, adjourn. Motion carried.

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MAYOR THORNE

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TOWN CLERK