

TOWN OF WINDSOR
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2018 at 7:00 – 7:27pm
Council Chambers, 100 King St, Windsor, NS

Attendance:

Anna Allen	Mayor, Chair
Laurie Murley	Deputy Mayor
John Bregante	Councillor
Jim Ivey	Councillor
Shelley Bibby	Councillor (arrived at 7:04pm)
Louis Coutinho	CAO
Shelleena Thornton	Municipal Clerk
Doug Armstrong	Director of Finance
VanEssa Roberts	Director of Community Development, Tourism & Recreation
Todd Richard	Director of Public Works
Scott Burgess	Fire Chief, WFD

Regrets: None

Public:

Colin Chisholm	Reporter, Valley Journal Advertiser
26	Members of the Public

- 1. CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL** – Mayor Allen called the special meeting of council to order at 7:00pm and noted it was a one-matter agenda. Following this meeting will be the Strategy & Policy Committee meeting.
- 2. HOCKEY ARENA / HERITAGE PROJECT RECOMMENDATION RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

MOVED BY MURLEY/BREGANTE THAT THE LONG POND SITE BE THE PROPOSED ARENA LOCATION AND THAT STAFF BEGIN ANALYSIS AND WORK ON OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO ADVANCE THIS APPLICATION FOR PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL APPROVALS;

THAT DISCUSSIONS TO MODIFY HALIBURTON HOUSE TO INCLUDE EXPANSION OF THE HOCKEY HERITAGE MUSEUM BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

THAT STAFF EXPLORE THE RE-BIRTH OF THE STANNUS STREET RINK; AND FINALLY,

THAT STAFF EXPLORE ALL POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDING WITH KING'S-EDGEHILL SCHOOL, NS MUSEUMS, OTHER PROVINCIAL AGENCIES AND/OR PRIVATE SECTORS, ON ACHIEVING OUR HOCKEY HERITAGE GOALS.

MOTION CARRIED (COUNCILLOR IVEY VOTED NAY).

Prior to voting on the motion, discussion was held. Some concerns raised at previous meetings were reiterated. Points raised by Councillor Ivey included:

- Modifying Haliburton House (as identified in the motion on the floor), would fall with the Hockey Heritage Society, not the Town of Windsor; therefore, should not be in the motion;
- Not sure what “re-birth of the Stannus Street Rink” means as it is not defined in the proposed motion and there is no staff direction;
- No financials have been brought forward and the proposed motion does not ask staff to come back to council on anything;

Councillor Bibby arrived at 7:04pm (Councillor Ivey continued)...

- Confusion as to the Town of Windsor’s position on being in the rink business (past meeting minutes reflect it doesn’t want to be, then it is, then not, and again, will be);
- No analysis has been done on the tax impact to Windsor residents;
- No public consultation has been done despite previous meeting minutes reflecting sessions would be held;
- Newport Rink budget of \$6.7 million was two years ago and they had some things to start with (ice plant, land). To build at Long Pond now, two years later and require things like land and an ice plant, chances are it will cost more;
- How can council ask the public to get behind this project when the public have not been consulted and they continue to be left out.

Councillor Ivey proposed an amendment to the motion noting that the removal of the second and third motion points wasn’t because he didn’t support them, but rather that, he didn’t feel modifying Haliburton House was a council/staff responsibility and that exploring the re-birth of the Stannus Street Rink wasn’t defined in the original motion.

Proposed Amendment:

MOVED BY IVEY/ THAT STAFF BEGIN ANALYSIS AND WORK ON OBTAINING ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION SUCH THAT COUNCIL CAN REVIEW THAT INFORMATION AND THEREAFTER LOOK TO ADVANCE THE APPLICATION AS APPROPRIATE, AND

THAT STAFF EXPLORE ALL POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDING WITH KING’S-EDGEHILL SCHOOL, NS MUSEUMS, OTHER PROVINCIAL AGENCIES AND/OR PRIVATE SECTORS, ON ACHIEVING OUR HOCKEY HERITAGE GOALS. MOTION LOST DUE TO NO SECONDER

CAO Coutinho spoke to financials. Until council provided direction at the February 13th Committee of the Whole Meeting, staff was not in a position to obtain a ‘Class D’ estimate. He referenced scaling the project to include a basic rink but should funding become available, include a walking track, etc. Up until this time, everything has been conceptual. The plan has changed many times based off input from people, including the Agricultural Society back in the day.

He also indicated he received direction from council with respect to talking with NS Museums re. Haliburton House and the Hockey Heritage Society Museum, as well as looking at other options, including the Stannus Street Rink.

Mayor Allen addressed some points, noting that staff can now get the figures to build the rink; get a Class D estimate now that council is providing direction. Some people don’t want this project to move forward for whatever reason and many social media comments are rumour. The intent is to engage the public as soon as council/staff has something. At this time, without having the location identified, staff couldn’t get the figures. If the proposed motion gets passed, staff can proceed, which will include the public once council/staff have information. Windsor will not over-build; it has to be affordable.

(Three members of the public arrived at 7:19pm).

CAO Coutinho indicated he wished to address misinformation raised on Facebook by Mr. Harry Ullock that had to do with his and the Mayor's reputation and integrity. CAO Coutinho referred to Mr. Ullock's Facebook post. CAO Coutinho started to raise many misinformed points within the Facebook post. Point of order was called by Councillors Ivey & Bibby at 7:26pm. Mayor Allen stressed the need to stop the ill-truths in the community. She encouraged anyone and everyone with questions, to please contact the Town and the appropriate staff will provide factual information. The community needs to get together to move this forward.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BREGANTE/IVEY THAT AT 7:27PM, WITH NO FURTHER MATTERS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. MOTION CARRIED



Chair, Mayor



Municipal Clerk

