

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting
December 18, 2017 @ 7pm

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Mayor Arthur Slipp, Deputy Mayor Amy Anderson, Councillor Theresa Blackburn, Councillor Randy Leonard, Councillor Bill Hogan, Councillor Jeff Bradbury, Councillor Catherine Sutherland.

Staff: CAO John Pinsent and DAS Ann Marie Voutour

Media: Bugle/Observer

Others: John Keenan, Michael Martin and Paul Twyford

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Slipp welcomed those in attendance and commented on the following community events:

FMI expansion is now complete and is now 40% larger.

Crime Stoppers Dinner was held on December 9.

Saint James United Church Choir Cantata was held on December 11.

Town of Woodstock Christmas Party was held on December 14.

Woodstock High School Concert was held on December 14.

First Annual Christmas Dinner at Meduxnekeag Consolidated School.

The 11th annual Mayor's Levee will be held on January 1st from 2pm to 4pm.

The Dooryard Festival Christmas will be held on December 19 at the McCain Community Theatre.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of agenda. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #289-2017

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes, November 27th, 2017 as distributed. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #290-2017

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Meduxnekeag River Association Signage

CAO Pinsent advised this would be reviewed in the new year.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

CAO Pinsent presented Departmental Reports for the month of November.

MOTION: Accept Departmental Reports for November 2017 as presented, excluding financial reports and payment of bills. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried #291-2017

FINANCE:

Councillor Sutherland reviewed the Budget Analysis for November 2017.

MOTION: To accept Financial Reports for November 2017 as presented and ratify paid bills in amount of \$603,019.49 and approval of payment of unpaid bills in amount of \$214,830.44 to be paid when funds are available for a total of \$817,849.93. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard. Carried #292-2017

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Richard Blaquiere – Legal Cannabis Outlets

A letter was received from Richard Blaquiere requesting Council contact Minister Rogers' office to determine how to assign Woodstock as a site for a Legal Cannabis outlet.

MOTION: To refer the request from Richard Blaquiere, to determine how Woodstock could be considered for a site for a Legal Cannabis outlet, to the Protective Services Committee. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Hogan. Carried. #293-2017

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NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of First and Second Reading
Proposed Amendment to By-Law #A-251
A By-Law Respecting Sunday Shopping

By-Law A-251-1
A By-Law to Amend By-Law No A-251
A By-Law Respecting Sunday Shopping

The Council of the Town of Woodstock; under and by authority vested in it by the Municipalities Act, Section 11 (1) (e.1) hereby enacts as follows:

Preamble

The purpose of this By-Law is to amend the By-Law #A-251, A Sunday Shopping By-Law.

Title

This By-Law may be cited as a By-Law to amend By-Law #A-251, A By-Law respecting Sunday shopping.

1. By-Law A-251, A By-Law Respecting Sunday Shopping enacted on the 17th Day of December 2004, together with all amendments, is hereby amended by deleting section 3 and adding a new subsection (3) as follows:
 3. The hours of operation a retail business may operate on a weekly day of rest shall be from 1200 hours to 1700 hours except where the Weekly Day of Rest falls on Christmas Eve and / or New Year's Eve then the hours may be from 0800 hours to 1700 hours.

MOTION: First reading in its entirety, By-Law #A-251-1, a By-Law to amend By-Law #A-251, A By-Law respecting Sunday Shopping in the Town of Woodstock. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Hogan. Carried. #294-2017

MOTION: Second reading by title, By-Law #A-251-1, a By-Law to amend By-Law #A-251, A By-Law respecting Sunday Shopping in the Town of Woodstock. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard. Carried.

#295-2017

Deputy Mayor Anderson declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

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Public Presentation – Proposed Rezoning

From RM – Residential Mixed to HC – Highway Commercial

A Portion of PID# 10249308 – Deakin Drive - T Cook Construction Property

DAS Voutour advised there have been no submissions received for or against the proposed rezoning.

MOTION: To set the Public Hearing date for the rezoning of a portion of PID 10249308, Deakin Drive for January 22, 2018. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried #296-2017

Public Presentation – Proposed Rezoning

From SC – Suburban Commercial to R2 – One, Two and multiple Family Residential

12 Houlton Street Properties

DAS Voutour advised there have been no submissions received for or against the proposed rezoning.

MOTION: To set the Public Hearing date for the rezoning of the following Houlton Street properties for January 22, 2018:

164 Houlton Street – PID# 10117323	166 Houlton Street – PID# 10150902	170 Houlton Street – PID# 10224293
172 Houlton Street – PID# 10117349	174 Houlton Street – PID# 10215135	176 Houlton Street – PID# 10117364
180 Houlton Street – PID# 10117372	182 Houlton Street – PID# 10117380	184 Houlton Street – PID# 10117398
186 Houlton Street – PID# 10218006	208 Houlton Street – PID# 10124162	212 Houlton Street – PID# 10278448

Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried #297-2017

Deputy Mayor Anderson returned to the meeting.

Planning Advisory Committee – December 18, 2017

DAS Voutour presented the report of the Planning Advisory Committee.

MOTION: To accept Planning Advisory Committee report for December 18, 2017. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried.

#298-2017

3 Nay Votes

(Councillor Hogan, Councillor Leonard and Councillor Blackburn)

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Council directs CAO Pinsent to verify the Planning Advisory Committee has the authority to make the decision regarding determining the percentage of rehabilitation required at 681 Main Street under section 40 of the Community Planning Act and to find out what the Province suggests.

Consideration of Third Reading **Proposed BIA Levy By-Law # L-1.18**

DAS Voutour advised that the BIA assessment was now available, \$15,044,900.00.

MOTION: Second reading by title, By-Law # L-1.18, a By-Law to impose a levy on non-residential property within the Woodstock Business Improvement area. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #299-2017

Proclamation – Alzheimer Awareness Month

Alzheimer's Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS	the month of January is nationally recognized as the time to raise awareness for those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease; and
WHEREAS	the disease is affecting more and more families and the stigma is high; and
WHEREAS	these families suffer in silence and go without support from family, friends, and their communities; and
WHEREAS	this is an attempt to break barriers and provide the help needed;
WHEREAS	THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK wishes to show support for those experiencing the impact of Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia's;
NOW THEREFORE	I, Arthur Slipp, Mayor of the Town of Woodstock, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2018 as ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH in the town and urge all citizens to participate and show support to the individuals and families affected.

MOTION: To adopt the proclamation of the Alzheimer Society and proclaim January 2018 Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard.

Carried #300-2017

2018 General Utility and Capital Fund Budgets

The General and Utility Budget was presented by CAO Pinsent and Councillor Sutherland.

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General Fund:

Councillor Sutherland noted that there will not be a tax increase for 2018.

Utility Fund

In reviewing the Utility budget Councillor Sutherland that there will not be an increase in the Water or Sewer rates for 2018.

MOTION: The Municipality of Woodstock RESOLVES that the sum of \$9,807,562 be the total operating budget of the Municipality, that the sum of \$7,146,479 be the Warrant of the Municipality for the ensuing year, and that the tax rates for the Municipality be \$1.43 (Inside), \$1.38 (Outside) and \$1.38 (Industrial Park). The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount of real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the Municipality of Woodstock. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #301-2017

MOTION: The Municipality of Woodstock RESOLVES that pursuant to paragraph 189(4) of the Municipalities Act, the total budget for the Water / Sewer Utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of \$1,365,769, and total expenditures of \$1,365,769. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #302-2017

Reserve Transfers for 2016

MOTION: To transfer \$11,000 from Utility Operating Fund to Utility Capital Reserve Fund for Wastewater Treatment Plant (to reserve funds for future capital costs for the Waste Water Treatment Plant). Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #303-2017

MOTION: To transfer \$23,000 from General Capital Fund to General Capital Reserve Fund for Police Radios (to reserve funding budgeted in 2017 and not expended). Councillor Leonard, Councillor Blackburn.

Carried. #304-2017

MOTION: To transfer \$274,428 from General Capital Fund to General Capital Reserve Fund for Sale of Hospital Property to Woodstock Baptist Church. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #305-2017

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MOTION: To transfer \$20,000 from General Capital Fund to General Capital Reserve Fund for Library Capital Upgrades (to reserve funding budgeted in 2017 and not expended). Councillor Blackburn, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #306-2017

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:

There will be a special meeting on December 21, 2017 at noon to consider the third reading of the Sunday Shopping By-Law Amendment.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 18, 2018 at 7pm - Town Hall.

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Blackburn, Deputy Mayor Anderson.

Carried. #307-2017

Arthur Slipp, Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- There was no meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services