

Monthly Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021

Present

Mayor Basil Stewart
Deputy Mayor Norma McColeman
Councillor Bruce MacDougall
Councillor Justin Doiron
Councillor Barb Ramsay
Councillor Cory Snow
Councillor Greg Campbell
Councillor Brian McFeely
Councillor Carrie Adams
Rob Philpott, Chief Administrative Officer
Kristen Dunsford, Director of Financial Services
Brian Hawrylak, HR Officer
Members of the Media
Members of the Public

Call to Order / Approval of Agenda / Any Conflict of Interest Declaration

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stewart at 6:30pm

Motion It was moved and seconded;
That The Agenda be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration – There were no conflicts declared by any Council member with any item on the agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Motion It was moved by and seconded;
That The minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated May 17, 2021 and the minutes of the Special Council Meetings dated May 12, 2021, May 19, 2021, June 1, 2021 and June 15, 2021 be approved as circulated.
Motion Carried

Presentations

Mayor Stewart, Deputy Mayor McColeman, Councillor Snows and Adams presented Sheila Laughlin a plaque in recognition of her retirement.

Mayor Stewart, Councillors MacDougall, Ramsay and Police Chief Poirier made a plaque presentation to Sue Bowness in recognition of over 30 years as a Crossing Guard in Summerside.

Planning Board - Chair, Councillor Brian McFeely

COS 21-111

Resolution It was moved and seconded

WHEREAS an application was received from Amalgamated Holdings Ltd. for a zoning amendment PID # 553875 from Light Industrial (M1) zone to Service Commercial (C2) zone under the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw*;

AND WHEREAS zoning bylaw amendment 0135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw* was read and declared as read a first time at the Council meeting held on May 19, 2021;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 5.7 of the zoning bylaw, Council shall consider the following general criteria, as applicable:

- Conformity with all requirements of this Bylaw;
- Conformity with the Official Plan;
- Suitability of the site for the proposed development;
- Compatibility of the proposed development with surrounding land uses, including both existing and projected uses;
- Any comments from residents or other interested persons;
- Adequacy of existing water, sewer, road, storm water and electrical services, city parking, and parklands for accommodating the development, and any projected infrastructure requirements;
- Impacts from the development on pedestrian/vehicular access and safety, and on public safety generally;
- Compatibility of the development with environmental, scenic and heritage resources;
- Impacts on City finances and budgets;
- Other matters as specified in this Bylaw;
- Other matters as considered relevant.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning amendment 0135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw* be hereby declared as read a second time.

This bears the recommendation of the Planning Board meeting held on June 1, 2021.

[schedule B is attached]

**ZONING AMENDMENT 0135
A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF SUMMERSIDE ZONING BYLAW**

The Council of the City of Summerside under authority vested in it by Section 18 and Section 19 of the *Planning Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988 Cap. P-8* hereby enacts as follows:

- I. The zoning for PID # 553875 shown on Schedule B of the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw*, is designated as Service Commercial (C2) zone, hereby excluding it from its former designation of Light Industrial (M1).

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-112

Resolution It was moved and seconded

WHEREAS an application was received from Amalgamated Holding Ltd. for a zoning amendment for PID # 553875 from Light Industrial (M1) zone to Service Commercial (C2) zone under the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw*;

AND WHEREAS zoning bylaw amendment 0135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw*, was read and declared as read at two separate meetings of Council held on different days;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT zoning bylaw amendment 0135, a bylaw to amend the *City of Summerside Zoning Bylaw* be hereby formally adopted.

Resolution Carried 8-0

HR & Legal Affairs, Culture Summerside and Policy & Bylaw Review Committee

Human Resources and Legal Affairs Report:

- The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee as well as department sub-committees continue to meet on a regular monthly basis
- The department provided support at various meetings this month
- Contract negotiations continue with outside workers and electrical union
- Summer students have been hired at Culture Summerside and at Credit Union Place
- Congratulations to Sheila Laughlin who retired this month after starting at Credit Union Place when it opened in 2006

Culture Summerside Report:

Three Oaks Senior High School Graduate Art Exhibit

Culture Summerside is excited to once again host the Three Oaks Senior High Graduate (TOSH) Art Exhibit. It has been a June art exhibit for a number of years. The staff feel it is a privilege to display the work of community youth completing their high school years and moving on to the next step in their life journey. The grad class art

students are excited to invite the public to view their work. The students exhibiting their work are: Josie MacDonald, Olivia MacKinnon, Landon Teatro, Lauren Stordy, Mya Burnett, Emily Doucette, Jamison England and Lacey Arsenault. These students have had a broad range of experiences in their studies in art at TOSH for the past three years, including a focus on drawing instruction, all painting mediums, sculpture, print making and art history.

We invite everyone to come and view the exhibit, and to support our talented youth artists in Summerside.

The exhibit is open to the public, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, free of charge. The Lefurgey Cultural Centre is located at 205 Prince Street, Summerside.

Summerside Arts Festival

Wyatt Heritage Properties Inc. has received funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage and Innovation PEI for the presentation of the 2021 Summerside Arts Festival slated for July 19 through July 21. The three day festival celebrates the arts in our community through exhibits, artist and artisan demonstrations, and musical performance. Again this year, a Drive Thru Art Exhibit will be featured on Prince Street and artist/artisan/musical performances and demonstrations will be presented as a walk through experience on the lawn of Wyatt Heritage Properties. The festival continues to grow in popularity each year with both the community and visitors.

Summer Students

Five summer students have begun their training as museum interpretative guides and front-line workers.

The Olde Fashioned Carnival

The Olde Fashioned Carnival that is normally delivered in June is being considered for a date in late August. This is dependent of COVID restrictions and CPHO guidelines.

The Lobster Carnival

The 2021 Summerside Lobster Carnival will concentrate on the delivery of a delicious, cost friendly, traditional lobster supper, take out style. This tasty island treat will be available for pick up from the comfort of your car and appeal to a variety of senses as the sights and sounds of live music flood the drive thru environment. This traditional lobster supper prepared by Chef Robert Pendergast includes a 1 pound Island lobster, potato salad, coleslaw, a locally made cookie and a beverage. In the spirit of accessibility this amazing supper is priced at \$20.00 plus tax. The drive thru will be located on Prince Street on July 8th from 4 to 7 pm. Tickets are going fast and can be purchased on the Summerside Lobster Carnival website or purchased in person at the Lefurgey Cultural Centre.

Policy & Bylaw Review Committee Report:

Good evening Mayor and all members of Council, and residents of Summerside.

I would like to bring everyone up to date on the latest efforts of the BPR Committee.

As part of our effort to ensure our bylaws are consistent with provincial legislation and other requirements, we are updating various bylaws as new information comes to our attention.

We have a new bylaw as well as proposed amendments of three existing bylaws to consider this evening.

Procedural Bylaw

Earlier this year, the Province enacted several changes to the Municipal Government Act which require corresponding amendments to the City's Procedural Bylaw. The proposed amendments to the bylaw are twofold:

- Electronic Meetings – the proposed amendments follow recent amendments to the Procedural Bylaw Regulations under the MGA, which provide clearer rules for conducting electronic meetings (see section 10)
- Committee Terms of Reference – the Procedural Bylaw Regulations require that the Committee Terms of Reference be spelled out in the Procedural Bylaw. The Terms of Reference proposed are the same terms of reference from the City's former Committee Bylaw (enacted in 1999), except that the Bylaw, Policy and Review Committee is a new committee whose terms of reference were drafted based on a policy document from the former "Governance, Policy and Strategy" (GPS) Committee. (see section 28)

The first reading of this proposed amendment will take place tonight.

Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information bylaw

The second piece of business concerns our Access to Information bylaw.

The current version of this bylaw was drafted based on the MGA Regulations. The new version was drafted based on provincial Freedom of Information legislation. When drafting the old bylaw, it was unclear which of the two legislative regimes applied, and the decision was made to go with the MGA Regulations – which provided more authority for Council and better cost recovery. The Privacy Commissioner took the position that it is the provincial legislation that applies, and made a compelling case for this. The new bylaw accords with FOIPP and has received the Privacy Commissioner's blessing.

The second reading and formal adoption of this amended bylaw will take place tonight.

Open Fires Bylaw

The Committee in consultation with Fire Services reviewed the feasibility of implementing an open fires bylaw for the City. At the present time, there are guidelines in place to provide oversight of these fires. However, the Committee is recommending that a bylaw to regulate this issue would be more appropriate. First reading had taken place at the May monthly meeting, and we are proceeding with the second reading and formal adoption of this bylaw this evening.

Records Retention Bylaw

The Province revised the Schedule in the Records Retention Regulations under the MGA, which came into force on January 30th, 2021. The Schedule being enacted aligns with the new requirement set by the Province. This will be confirmed in a resolution tonight.

Unightly Premises Bylaw

One other project that the Committee is working on, concerns the unsightly premises bylaw. The Committee had previously reviewed this bylaw to ensure its criteria was sufficient to address any and all properties that fit the definition of unsightly.

More recently, Council has expressed a desire to develop other tools that may help in addressing unsightly properties in the community. To that end, the Committee is looking at various methods, legislation and processes used by other municipalities across the country.

We will bring the results of our review to Council in the near future.

This concludes my report for the month of June. I or the CAO would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

COS 21-116

Resolution It was moved and seconded

Whereas Updates have been made to CS-2 Procedural Bylaw

Be it resolved that CS-2 Procedural Bylaw be read a first time at this meeting

Schedule A attached (CS-2 Procedural Bylaw)

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-117

Resolution It was moved and seconded

Whereas CS-2 Procedural Bylaw was read for a first time at this meeting

Be it resolved that CS-2 Procedural Bylaw be declared read a first time

Resolution Carried 7-1 (Councillor McFeely voted against)

COS 21-105

Resolution It was moved and seconded

Whereas CS-29 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information Bylaw is a bylaw to provide for the public right of access to certain City records, and to control the manner in which the City collects, uses and discloses personal information

And Whereas CS-29 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information Bylaw was read a first time at the May 17, 2021 Monthly Council meeting

Be it resolved that CS-29 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information Bylaw be read a second time at this meeting

Schedule A attached (CS-29 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information Bylaw)

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-106

Resolution

It was moved and seconded

Be it resolved that CS-29 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information Bylaw be declared read a second time at this meeting

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-107

Resolution

It was moved and seconded

Whereas CS-29 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information Bylaw was read a first time at the May 17, 2021 Monthly Council meeting and read a second time at this meeting

Be it resolved that CS-29 Access to Information and Protection of Personal Information Bylaw be formally adopted

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-108

Resolution

It was moved and seconded

Whereas CS-35 Open Fires Bylaw is a bylaw to provide guidelines for the oversight of open fires in the City of Summerside

And whereas CS-35 Open Fires Bylaw was read a first time at the May 17, 2021 Monthly Council meeting

Be it resolved that CS-35 Open Fires Bylaw be read a second time at this meeting

Schedule A attached (CS-35 Open Fires Bylaw)

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-109

Resolution

It was moved and seconded

Be it resolved that CS-35 Open Fires Bylaw be declared read a second time at this meeting

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-110

Resolution

It was moved and seconded

Whereas CS-35 Open Fires Bylaw was read a first time at the May 17, 2021 Monthly Council meeting and read a second time at this meeting

Be it resolved that CS-35 Open Fires Bylaw be formally adopted

Resolution Carried 8-0

COS 21-115

Resolution It was moved and seconded

Whereas The Province of PEI has published a new Records Retention Schedule.

Be it resolved that the Schedule of CS-30 Records Retention Bylaw be revoked and substituted with the new Schedule

(Schedule attached)

Resolution Carried

Police/Fire& Emergency – Chair, Councillor Barb Ramsay

Fire Report:

There were 29 fire calls during May:

- 3 - Medical First Responder Calls
- 10 - Alarm Panel Calls
- 3 - Electrical Fires
- 3 - Mulch Fires
- 3 - Smoke Complaints
- 1 - Carbon Monoxide Call
- 2 - Miscellaneous Calls
- 4 - Cancelled Calls

Firefighters trained a total of 398 hours for the month, doing the following:

May 02/21	Level 1 Review
May 03/21	Annual Hose Testing
May 03/21	Pump Training
May 03/21	Spring Preparation for Rescue Truck
May 03/21	20-hour “Assisting Individuals in Crisis” Course
May 07/21	Study SFD Operating Guidelines
May 10/21	“Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator” Course (Part 1)
May 10/21	Annual Hose Testing
May 12/21	Annual Hose Testing
May 12/21	Driver Training & Road Test
May 10/21	New Firefighter Orientation
May 17/21	20-hour “Group Crisis Intervention” Course

May 17/21	“Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator” Course (Part 2)
May 25/21	OH&S Meeting
May 26/21	Annual Hose Testing
May 27/21	Fitness
May 31/21	Annual Hose Testing
May 31/21	Engine 3 Work

Notes:

- Great amount of time and effort is put into the annual pressure testing of all our hose, it’s much better to find problems now as opposed to during an emergency.
- All firefighters who drive an emergency vehicle were required to participate in a two-part course called:
 - “Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator”.
- Fire Chaplain Somers took part in two 20-hour courses entitled:
 - “Assisting Individuals in Crisis”
 - “Group Crisis Intervention”
- Chief Enman would like to announce Summerside’s newest firefighters:
 - Murray Spencer
 - Chris Avery
 - Zack Culleton
 - Keith Johnston
 - Tommy Campbell

Emergency Measures

As part of its ongoing emergency preparedness efforts, the City recently participated in a table-top exercise that was facilitated by the provincial Emergency Measures Organization. This session provided an opportunity for the City to test and mobilize its response to an emergency. We were joined by community partners during this exercise, which helped raise our awareness of things we have done (and need to do) to better prepare our community to respond to future emergencies. The engagement was quite positive, and we are working with the provincial EMO to assess our plan and further refine it where needed.

In addition, we are continuing to strengthen our relationships with the community we serve. Recently, we met with members of the Christian Council of Summerside to build upon much of the work that we have done in partnership with them, over the past year. It is great to see this engagement with our partners, and we look forward to continuing to work them in the weeks and months ahead.

Police Report:

Committee and Volunteer Work

Members continued to do some virtual meetings although with the restrictions loosening up, more in-person meeting are expected. During May, two of our SPS members attended at the Atlantic Police Academy as instructors for several days to train the current class of cadets in Standard Field Sobriety Training.

Training and Service Enhancements

During May our new part-time officers qualified in firearms & CEW (Taser) training conducted by our own training officers. Also during May, several road checks were conducted focusing on cell phone usage while driving and other infractions. Several charges for cell phone usage were laid along with other Highway Traffic infractions.

Community Policing Activities

During May several SPS members assisted a local school in doing practice lockdown drill. Dep/Chief Walker assisted the Lt. Governor as an Aide-de-Camp as she attended the Holland College graduation. One member volunteered in coaching the 3 Oaks ball hockey team and also volunteered at the College of Piping.

Occurrence Statistics

The following is a list of some of occurrence totals for May 2021.

- Calls for Service – **659**
- Traffic Accidents – **20**
- Reported Crimes of Assaults & Threats – **27**
- Theft Reports – **38**
- Impaired Driving Offences – **9**
- Highway Traffic Act Charges- **84 plus 39 speeding**
- Break & Enter Reports (Business & Residential) – **7**
- Drug Enforcement Charges – **11**

COS 21-113

Resolution

Be it resolved that

It was moved and seconded

The City of Summerside (CAO) allow an Inspector to enter upon the property situated at 405 Chestnut Avenue (PID # 307371) in the City of Summerside and have the property brought into compliance with the requirements of the ‘City of Summerside Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises Bylaw CS-11’. This cost is to be initially borne by the city and invoiced to the owner.

As well, Council directs staff to utilize all legal means at its disposal to effect a permanent solution to the ongoing unsightliness of the property

Resolution Carried 8-0

Municipal Services – Chair, Councillor Bruce MacDougall

Report:

In comparing sewage receiving numbers with other years the Waste Water Treatment Plant is seeing an increase in drop off sewage from pumpers of 50%.

- The sewage treatment plant performed the following maintenance this month:
 - Secondary Clarifiers have been cleaned
 - Cementech mixer was repaired
 - Rotary Drum Thickener injector nozzles and drive chain was replaced/cleaned.
 - AirPol received a thorough cleaning (first since plant started operations)
 - Overhead door rollers were replaced on the biosolids building
- Public works installed four speed bumps (Arcona Street, Craig, Beaton and Robinson Avenues), two additional speed humps were procured.
- New no parking signs have been installed along Maple Avenue and Greenwood Drive.
- Hot asphalt road patching continues throughout the city and is expected to be complete by end of July. All water breaks from previous winter have been repaired with asphalt (concrete removed).
- Driveway culvert repairs have seen 20 completed and are now on the second list of addresses.
- Street signs have been repaired as noted from winter damage and weather events (high winds). Pope Road and Mill Crescent, Chestnut Avenue, Saunders avenue etc.....
- The right of way repairs has been completed throughout the City from winter plow damage. (Topsoil and seed)
- Traffic line painting continues at a good pace with 84 of 180 crosswalks completed.
- Sidewalk maintenance has commenced with 56.28 square meters of sidewalk blocks replaced.
- The Street sweeper continues to not work well for emitting dust and plugging in certain conditions. The operations department is currently working on a solution with the manufacturer.

GENERAL OPERATIONAL STATISTICS:

Water and Sewer Utilities:

- 32 water samples were taken with clear of bacteria.
- 15 chlorination samples taken all within parameters.
- 3 water service was repaired this month.
- 2 water main break was repaired this month. (Park Hill Place Valving repair and Brockville Street)
- 8 water taps have been completed for contractors work and new developments.
- 10 water turn on and offs for the month.
- 9 sewer calls this month.
- Sewer effluent to harbor (328,213 cubic meters treated).
- 174,784 gallons of septage received to the plant from outlying areas. (servicing the county).
- 355 Tons of Bio fertilizer were created this month at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Electric Services – Chair, Councillor Greg Campbell

Report:

Work Tasks Highlights:

- The Summerside Sunbank Request for Proposals for engineering, procurement and construction services closed on June 11, 2021. There are 6 submissions to be evaluated over the next few weeks to recommend

the awards on the Battery Storage, the Solar Farm and the utility interconnection works by the evaluating committee.

- Work continued to reroute electrical wiring around the new central street round about. The circuits will be back to normal by the end of June with much of the infrastructure relocated to make way for the roadway constructions.
- At the end of May the electrical substation suffered from a failed voltage regulator in the wee hours of the morning which has caused an estimated \$150,000 dollars of damage and will take a few months to repair. The timing of repairs is highly dependent on material sourcing.
- Work focused on cable installation operations between Starlite Subdivision and Bernard/Acadia Avenue extension. The Starlite subdivision is ready for energizing the lines and allowing development construction to commence. Bernard Avenue extension is 90% complete and will be ready for new home construction by the end of the month.
- Trees cleared on Chestnut Street for a reconductoring operation this month.
- Operations have been removing empty poles (no wiring on them) throughout the City this Month.
- The area of Gavin estates and along Pope road had several power outages and interruptions occur which has been located and repaired. There were animal issues, a bad insulator causing bumps to the line, weather events and finally the substation damage. This area was reviewed, and all items found were repaired.
- Power Plant and Technicians Maintenance consisted of:
 - Water and Harvard traffic light repairs
 - Substation lighting and boardwalk lighting repairs
 - 2021 Meter changes continue
 - Generator #5 yearly maintenance was completed
 - Heather Moyses and Water Street traffic light repairs
 - 2 water heater repairs under Heat For Less Now
 - Two radar speed signs were installed (South Drive and Water Street)
 - Linkletter Wellfield Generator backup repairs
 - Generator #2 turbo coolant leaking – repairs underway (heat exchangers ordered)
 - Queen Elizabeth park lighting was repaired for the seasons activities.
- Generator #8 (1983) governor replacement work has been awarded and will be complete by end of August.

GENERAL OPERATIONAL STATISTICS:

Electric Utility:

- 38.8% of our Electricity came from wind in May.
- Generator run hours were 16.5 hours.
- 16 new electric customers energized this month.
- 6 Electrical Service Upgrades
- 11 new poles were installed and 1 removed.
- 4 transformers were installed and 1 removed.
- 2035 Meters of Primary wiring installed.
- 44 service calls were responded to this month.

Technical Services – Chair, Councillor Justin Doiron

Report:

The 2021 construction season is in full swing. Staff have closed and awarded the majority of the City’s tenders for this season. The sewer work on Autumn St. is completed, the Pope / Central project is ongoing, as well as Paving and Sidewalk. Water main replacement on Central St. and Sewer main replacement on Heckbert are progressing along. Work is also happening at the intersection of Walker and Granville. The boardwalk replacement tender is just getting going and it is anticipated that a few other tenders will be starting shortly. We continue to update our website on the progress and various locations where our City projects are happening in the City.

Staff continues to review and assist the public with pending developments and building permits to be issued for this year. Staff have had another busy month with numerous planning related activities. We had a discretionary use for Langille Ct., zoning amendment from M1 to C2 on Greenwood Dr. and a couple more mobile sales establishments. We also brought forward and processed revisions to our R4 standards to bring them more in line with other jurisdictions. This month we will be having meetings on, 2 restricted uses on Industrial Cres, a rezoning for major residential development on Water St East as well as a rezoning on Central street for a car dealership. 24 building permits with a value of \$12.6 M were issued for the month of May with a total year to date value of \$28 M. We issued, 2 semi-detached, 2 commercial renovations/ change of uses, 3 single family houses and 1 – 4 unit Town house, and 3 residential and Industrial additions. We also had 4 deck and sign permits this month as well a one large Commercial permit for the Hotel on Notre Dame. We had a good variety in the type of permits issued this month, to support a diversity in development in our City. 3 of the 5- & 6-unit town houses on the upper end of McEwen are coming along with one getting close to completion.

Developers are stopping in and speaking to staff for assistance with their proposed projects for 2021. Citizens are also still encouraged to ask for assistance with their projects that they may have planned for 2021.

COS 21-104

Resolution It was moved and seconded

Whereas tenders were called for the Reads Corner Lift Station Project 2021.

And whereas the following tenders were received:

Bidders	Bid Amount includes 15% HST	Schedule (Weeks)
Curran & Briggs Limited	\$1,195,423.85	15
Ron’s Plumbing and Heating Inc.	\$2,616,250.00	18

Be it resolved that the tender submitted by Curran & Briggs Limited for the Read’s Corner Lift Station Replacement Project 2021 to a total amount of \$1,143,448.90 (10 % HST included) be accepted as it was the lowest tender received.

This bears the recommendation of the Technical Services Committee of June 15, 2021

Resolution Carried 8-0

Report:

We would like to remind businesses and residents within our municipal boundary who receive their electricity from Maritime Electric about our rebate that is available to credit for the additional cost for your January, February and March 2021 utility bills. Maritime Electric applied their rate increase effective January 1, 2021 and this rate increase was not effective for Summerside Electric customers until April 1, 2021. The rebate application form is available on our website (link can be found in the upper right-hand corner of the website) and a copy of your utility bills must be submitted. The approved credit will be processed on your next water and sewer utility bill (if you do not have a water and sewer bill with the City of Summerside a cheque will be issued). If you receive your electricity from Summerside Electric you are not eligible for this rebate as the electric rate adjustment was not effective until April 1, 2021. Please contact us at 902-432-1230 if you have any questions or email customerservice@summerside.ca.

The Minister of Fisheries and Communities, the honorable Jamie Fox, issued notification that several deadlines for municipalities have been extended again this year. Due to this extension the annual year end audit and submission of financial statements are not due to be submitted until October 15, 2021, an extension from July 15, 2021. Our year end audit is well in progress, soon we will determine a date to present our 2020-21 financial statements. It is expected that this presentation will occur during the month of July even though the deadline has been extended to October.

Our preliminary results are projecting a small surplus for 2020-21. We will report on 2021-22 year to date results at the end of our first quarter (April 1 to June 30, 2021).

Now for an update on the status of our utility accounts receivable. As of June 10, 2021, the following is being reported:

- Total overdue balance is \$174,200 compared to \$182,100 at May 10, 2021.
- Approximately 1.6% or \$2,839 of the overdue balance is greater than 60 days past due (this compares to 22.2% or \$428,700 five years ago (May 2016)).

Thank you for the opportunity to present this report, and either myself or the CFO are available to take your questions.

COS 21-114

Resolution It was moved and seconded
Whereas Elections PEI is considering adding Online Voting as an option for the 2022 Municipal Election

And whereas Elections PEI has asked the Cities of Summerside and Charlottetown, and the Towns of Three Rivers, Cornwall and Stratford to consider online voting as an option

Be it resolved that the City of Summerside supports the ability to have online voting as an option along with having 2 advance days plus in-person on election day of voting

Resolution Carried 8-0

Report:

While there is lots happening in the department currently, I am going to keep my remarks somewhat brief this evening and focus on one item, Core Block. I did want to update Council and the public on our advancement of Core Block Properties.

Since the closure of the recent RFP, we felt it was a good time to present an update.

As a bit of a background, the City took over these properties given the lack of traction in finding a path forward to bring new life through a comprehensive redevelopment of these properties and with our commitment to rejuvenating the downtown took a leadership role in starting a more aggressive approach through the acquisition and demolition of the derelict properties.

Given the challenges with Covid and other supply chain issues we did forge ahead with a public RFP in late March to seek a developer or group of developers to propose development concepts for this signature property downtown. We have heard feedback throughout our process that we were going through an RFP process for the sake of doing so and that agreements were in place, post RFP to move forward on the project with a already selected proponent. This is the furthest from reality in regards to this project and in fact we were attempting to attract innovative developers interested in collaborating on a significant project in downtown. Again, I want to ensure the public this evening that this RFP had no predetermined suitors for the redevelopment and in fact went through the RFP to refresh the ideas and approach to this significant redevelopment opportunity.

Specifically, we asked for

1. Make the best commercial and residential use of the property in terms of diversity and intensification.
2. Advance the goals of the City's Downtown Urban Core Plan
3. Contribute to the creation of a mixed-use district that enlivens and enriches the downtown core.

Since the closure of the RFP, the City of Summerside has received an expression of development interest from our recent RFP. The proposal did fall short in terms of our expectations from the issuance of the RFP but provided significant interest to further explore development ideas and a path forward to bring this significant investment to market. While the nature of the proposal and path forward are still in the premature stage, we will be working with this proponent to further flesh out options to bring this concept to market. We are currently having discussions with several investors as well on ways to move this project forward and encourage anyone interested in developing this project to contact the department to explore some collaboration approaches. It is critical that we as the City seek a highly qualified and capable development team to maximize this site and have every confidence that this project will transform the downtown through a mixed use residential and commercial development and that is our strategic intention to see that through.

To conclude the property is open to anyone wishes to put forth development ideas and partnerships as defined in the RFP to help us transform this property. We are committed to and will see a mixed use project for these lands, we are confident of that.

Report:

The month of May was jam-packed with recreation programming and activities for the Community Services Department, starting with the first inaugural Shipwright's Run. The 10km or 5km running race was announced and is set to take place on Saturday, June 26th with all proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society.

The department announced that all proceeds for the race will go to the Canadian Cancer Society. The department later announced that Summerside Toyota will match all proceeds as a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Active Living division were busy with plenty of recreation and programming in May. They offered various themed days at Credit Union Place, such as May the 4th Be With You (Star Wars theme), Pirate Day (pirate themed) and Marvel Day (comic book themed). Each of these days had various offerings and activities and provided the opportunity for kids to Stay the Day at Credit Union Place and enjoy the facility. The Stay the Day's continue to receive a lot of interest and are often sold-out!

Summer Camps were also announced by the Active Living staff that offers both week-long camps and day camps throughout the Summer. Each having a different theme, the camps focus on providing kids with opportunities to learn, be active and have fun. Week-long camps sold out immediately and few spots remain for the individual day camps.

Active Living also offers programming for adults and seniors. One in particular being 'PAWSitive Strides' which is a 6-week dog walking program that starts at the Dog Park every Saturday. Track Your Trails is another program that entices residents to get out and enjoy the City's parks and trails, those who send in a snapshot of their GPS tracking are eligible to win an Active Living prize pack!

Credit Union Place announced a Youth Summer Pass to Credit Union Place which for \$50 youth/children can gain full access to the pool and bowling lanes at Credit Union Place for 9-weeks over the summer. Rec & Go continues to be offered at Credit Union Place that offers facility users an opportunity to take advantage of their lunch hour with a workout/swim and take-out lunch from fiveelevenwest for \$15!

Sport Entertainment Tourism Summerside has a few event announcements in May, one of which is an international wrestling event called the 'Canada Cup'. This Wrestling Canada event is set to take place at Credit Union Place on July 2, 2022. The sought-after event is expected to attract wrestlers from countries such as South Korea, USA, Russia, Japan and Germany. The event is expected to feature two local homegrown wrestlers in Ligrit Sadiku and Hannah Taylor which will create an exciting experience for local fans.

HockeyFest was also announced in May which is the world's largest travelling road hockey tournament. The all-ages event will feature 9 outdoor half-size NHL rinks with real boards. The event was sent to take place on July 1-3, 2021 at Credit Union Place but due to COVID it has since been bumped to August 27-29, 2021.

The Fred Page Cup host committee continues its preparation for the 2022 event and launched the tournament logo in May. Planning for the event is starting to take shape and more details regarding tickets and ticket packaging will be coming soon.

The Spring edition of Swimming Lessons continued in May and will soon be coming to a close, soon to be followed by the announcement of the Summer edition. The Aquatics Centre continues to be busy with aquatics fitness classes, Masters Swim Club, Dolphins Swim Club and recreational users.

Themed birthday parties continue to be a hit at Credit Union Place which saw 14 in the month of May, and the Veterans' Convention Centre (VCC) saw a total of 37 bookings!

With the Atlantic Bubble planned for June 23rd, staff are excited and preparing for a busy summer ahead.

Adjournment

Motion It was moved and seconded;
That The meeting be adjourned.
Motion Carried

Basil L. Stewart
Mayor

Brian Hawrylak
HR Officer