

Minutes
Town of Three Rivers
Special Council Meeting

Date: February 11, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm

Members Present Eddie MacAulay, Wayne Spin, Debbie Johnston, John MacFarlane, Jane King, Alan Munro, Gerard Holland, Ronnie Nicholson, Cameron MacLean, David McGrath, Cindy MacLean, Cody Jenkins, Isaac MacIntyre,
Others Present CAO Jill Walsh, Andrew Daggett, about 17 public, 1 media.

1. Call to Order

Mayor MacAulay called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Cody Jenkins
Seconded By Wayne Spin
To approve the agenda.

Carried (19-16)

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict.

4. Delegations, Special Speakers and Public Input

4.1 Letters received

Mayor MacAulay referenced the four letters received and asked the writers of the letters if they wanted to speak to their submissions. None spoke at this time as all felt the letters said what they wanted to express.

4.1.2 Letters received after the agenda was sent out

4.2 Jock Beck

Mr. Beck spoke to the rezoning application on behalf of the Montague Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD). He suggested that a through street from MacIntyre Ave. to Main Street via the Wightman Street right-of-way would decrease traffic on MacIntyre rather than increasing it. It would give residents an option to go that way and also give a secondary exit and emergency route to bypass the Queens Road/Main Street intersection. He also expressed concern over the proposed four stories of the apartment complex given the capabilities of the MVFD. He suggested that the Town should consult with the Fire Departments on large scale projects in their areas.

4.3 Don Sutherland

Mr. Sutherland expressed his concern about a through street and thought it would bring heavier traffic to MacIntyre Ave. rather than easing it. He stated that the residents were told when Connolly Cres was developed that no access through from MacIntyre Ave to Main Street would be granted. He suggested that the developer place the apartment building behind the Superstore.

4.4 Boyd Munn

Mr. Munn expressed his concern that the property to be rezoned was sufficiently large to allow for three more similarly sized units beyond the one being proposed.

4.5 Norm Coffin

Mr. Coffin purchased his home at 316 Connolly Cres about a year ago and expressed concern about the size of the property proposed to be rezoned, expressing that many more units could be built with no further input from the public if the rezoning is approved. He questioned if a portion of the property closer to the Superstore could be rezoned and accessed from Main Street.

4.6 Other comments

Councillor Nicholson - suggested that access should be from Main Street and there might be a need for a fence for separation.

Jock Beck - thought Council should consider constructing a sidewalk from Queens Road to at least the hospital.

Dot Campbell – suggested it would be beneficial to plan ahead so actions taken now would contribute toward the eventual development of the whole piece of land.

5. Decision on Rezoning of Property PID 934364

After much discussion and some suggestions from the Council and public, Mayor MacAulay requested that the discussion go back to the Planning Board for input from the developer, residents, Dept. of Transportation and the Planning Board, with a recommendation to come to the March meeting of Council.

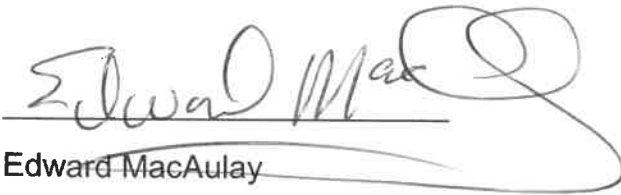
6. Adjournment

Mayor MacAulay adjourned the meeting at 6:44.



Jill Walsh

CAO



Edward MacAulay

Mayor

February 11, 2019

Members of Three Rivers Planning Board

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to appear before this meeting as you contemplate the various factors impacting on the proposed project .

The operations carried out by the Fire Department follow logical progressions .They include, among others, planning, assessment, equipment acquisition, recruitment, training, operation, and co-operation. All these keep in mind necessary redundancy , flexibility and a measure sometimes of open-minded ingenuity.

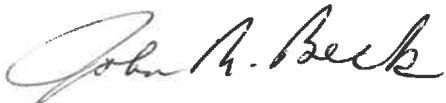
Many of these factors must be considered in municipal planning as well!

Future planning would surely suggest that cul-de- sacs should be replaced by through streets when ever possible from a snow removal and fire protection supply point of view. Creation of portions of land which may be difficult to access seems counter- productive. Apparatus turning radius, water supply, snow piling, exit planning, and many other factors come into play.

The suggestion that anything should be constructed in housing that exceeds three stories in height should be rejected given our present capability for rescue beyond that height.

The idea that significant project planning should seek input from the agency tasked with its protection prior to project approval seems sensible. In many cases, those agencies would defer to Provincial Authorities but perhaps would still be able to offer helpful suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Beck

Deputy Chief

Montague Volunteer Fire Brigade