MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL
May 7, 2012

Minutes of a special meeting of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, held in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on Monday, May 7, 2012, commencing at 6:25 p.m., with Mayor Carroll Publicover presiding. Those in attendance: Deputy Mayor David Walker; Councillors Jim Bell, Patrick Hirtle, Bill McInnis, David Mitchell and Greg Ritcey. Also in attendance were Ken Smith, Chief Administrative Officer; Harland Wyand, Town Engineer; Dawn Keizer, Director of Finance; Eric Shaw; Director of Planning; and Sandra Porter-Lowe, Executive Assistant.

Mayor Publicover noted that the purpose of calling this special Council meeting was to deal with one matter, which was time-sensitive.

Eric Shaw, Director of Planning, advised that the proposed 2012/13 Capital Budget includes a capital expense of $50,000 (Gas Tax) for the development of Bridgewater's Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP), which must completed by December 2013 in order for the Town to continue receiving Gas Tax. Part of the MCCAP will include detailed flood mapping (including sea-level rise projections, storm surge projections, erosion projections, etc.). To do this work properly and accurately, the Planning Department must acquire LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) mapping.

The Planning Department was recently presented with an opportunity to work with NSCC (Applied Geomatics Research Group) to acquire this mapping now, and at an extremely good price ($14,492.75 + net HST). Although the $50,000 budget for the MCCAP is expected to be approved by Council on May 14, staff is seeking pre-approval. With this preapproval, the LiDAR mapping can be flown in a matter of days before the vegetation becomes too full.

In addition to the MCCAP, this LiDAR mapping will be a useful tool for the Town's Downtown & Waterfront Master Plan work and for other planning and development purposes for years to come.

12-114 Moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Hirtle that Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater pre-approve $14,492.75 plus net HST to allow for LiDAR mapping, as per the request outlined in Document 12-102. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

12-115 Moved by Deputy Mayor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hirtle that the May 7, 2012 Special Town Council meeting hereby be adjourned. (Time: 6:30 p.m.)

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Sandra Porter-Lowe, Executive Assistant Carroll W. Publicover, Mayor