

## Monthly Council Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2018

### **Present**

Mayor Bill Martin  
Deputy Mayor Frank Costa  
Councillor Bruce MacDougall  
Councillor Gordie Whitlock  
Councillor Brent Gallant  
Councillor Norma McColeman  
Councillor Greg Campbell  
Councillor Tyler Desroches  
Bob Ashley, Chief Administrative Officer  
Rob Philpott, Director of Financial Services  
Brian Hawrylak, HR Officer  
Lorri Laughlin, Director of Communications  
Members of the Media  
Members of the Public

### **Call to Order / Approval of Agenda / Conflict of Interest Declaration**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin

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

**Conflict of Interest Declaration** – No conflicts were declared by Council on any agenda items

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion**                      It was moved and seconded;

**That**

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated March 26, 2018 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated March 26, 2018 be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

### New Business

Councillor DesRoches recognized Billy Bridges for his recent recognition by the Province and announcement by the city for the naming of Billy Bridges Park.

Councillor McColeman commended the award winners at the recent City of Summerside awards ceremony.

Presentations:

Summerside native, Nikki Gallant, read two poems in recognition of April being National Poetry Week.

### **Ode to the Park Swing**

By Nikkie Gallant

*Wind whizzes past my ears.  
Pumping feet, lower legs:  
Up and down .  
Leaning in, pulling back,  
Chain links pulled taut.  
They pinch my fingers, but I don't care,  
Soaring higher, ever higher.  
Horizon rising and falling.  
The slide back almost as thrilling as the rush forward,  
In full tick-tock motion.*

*One more kick and I might just have lift-off  
and find myself floating, weightless, beside the low, rising moon.  
Or instead I may fly over the bar, upside down,  
all they way back around.  
Terrifying: exhilarating!*

*The street lights about to glow.  
Soon we'll have to go, walking gingerly home,  
Careful not to step on the cracks...*

*...but not yet.  
One more try.*

*Push harder!  
I'm on my way, Moon!*

### **Sing Your Own Song** By Elaine Harrison

*Sing your own song Paint your own pictures  
Write poems, build houses, and think your own thoughts.  
And don't, for heaven's sake, let the professionals or critics  
Tell you that you can't,  
That you are trespassing on their territory, on forbidden ground,  
The holy ground of art for the artist, the professional.  
And don't let them tell you that you need a course or a degree  
before you can paint, or write, or bake bread or plant a garden  
or do anything.*

*Depend more on yourself and less on others to tell you what you can do.  
Recover the lost self-reliance of the artist, craftsman, builder, and thinker.  
Dare to create something of your own and be proud that you did it yourself  
and it will have something of you in it, and not be just like all the other synthetic  
things advertised for consumers of this and that.*

*Don't be intimidated by talk about conceptual art, minimal art, romantic realism,  
cubism, etc.  
Or by literary talk of influences, sources, metres, and figures of speech.  
To create a painting or song or poem, is better than just to know all about the  
history of art or poetry.  
Approach art directly rather than through an ambush of historical or bio-  
graphical material,  
And let your imagination take you beyond photographic reality.  
And don't be afraid to say you like it or you don't like it!  
Don't wait for the critics to tell you what you should like.  
Art is an adventure for you to experience firsthand.*

## Mayor and Junior Council

Junior Mayor Anna Clark”

*“Good evening, as me and the jr council here tonight have learned, we’re so very lucky to live in a community with a program that not only allows us to see how our city runs, but to have a say in it as well because as we’ve been quickly learning, teenagers may just know what they’re talking about sometimes. I’m extremely happy to be here as one of the voices of the youth in our community, and I would like to say thank you for having us back here tonight.*

*Although there is not a large amount of you on council, you all put in enormous effort to make our city run as smoothly as possible and are doing a very good job making sure it happens. After seeing inside how the city is run we brought back some ideas to discuss together and with some of our peers in school.*

*An idea that sparked the interest of many was to have an art facility for painting, spray painting, whatever you feel, it could be a new building or an older one that has been fixed up a bit. Essentially this would be a place for anyone with a knack for art to go and be themselves with others of similar interests. They could pay a small fee per month that would help pay for the cost of keeping it up and running, and those with extra supplies could bring them in and leave it at a station for other artists who may not be able to afford art supplies. This will allow the art culture in Summerside to bloom as young and older artists come together.*

*Another idea that appealed to many of us as we are heading into our much anticipated summer is too try and open up some more job opportunities for youth as many of us are saving for cars, post secondary education, moving out, and just the future in general. These jobs could be an internship here at city hall, or at different places around the city. As well as opening jobs another idea was to start a program that allows youth to see into their careers of what they’d like to become, “bring your kid to work day” does allow this but on a very small scale and some kids don’t enjoy their day and are then left unsure of what they’d like to pursue.*

*Hopes for summer jobs from teens is growing now as our city does so well with immigration and diversity, as someone had mentioned our first evening here, our jr council has all different ethnicities and walks of life, and I believe that allows us more viewpoints of ways to improve which helps makes Summerside the best place we can make it.*

*With so many youth and new coming families now in Summerside we thought a great idea would be to step up green spaces for the city so people can go out and enjoy them. Opening an outdoor area downtown for people to go enjoy their lunch break, would bring a little more life into our downtown area. We could have tables, flowers, and buskers could go play music every once and a while to attract in some more visitors. This spot could have public wifi and just overall be a nice spot to go and catch a break from a busy day at work or school. We could tie this space into the culture of summerside by adding plaques about the past of our city and what downtown building once were many years ago. In addition, adding picnic benches to the park across from SIS will allow students to go out and eat lunch away from the loud cafeteria and give us some time to relax in the fresh air before going back to class in the afternoon. On top of improving the green spaces themselves the city could add a few more street lights here and there to light up the path a little better for that dark walk home after say a late night baseball practice. This would make the streets not only safer for students and other pedestrians but it would reduce the stress level that may come with walking down dark roads alone. These street lights could be solar powered in order to help keep the city green.*

*In winter we know that sometimes the weather likes to trick us and make everything very icy before covering it in snow, after going on our city tour and getting to see firsthand how it's really all done, we all mutually agreed that the city does an amazing job keeping the streets and sidewalks clear of snow and ice making sure that drivers and pedestrians are safe during the rough winter months here on the island.*

*Finally, I would like to say thank you all for giving me and my classmates an experience to see how much thought and effort is put into making a city run, from culture to water treatment, this city truly does have something to offer for anyone who takes a minute to look. Jr mayor and council has enlightened us all in a wonderful way that only something as hands on as this program can provide. we hope you take all of our suggestions not only into consideration but put a few into action as well. Thank you. “*

### **Smoke Free PEI**

Frank Morrison and Gary MacDougall representing Smoke Free PEI made a presentation to City Council.

The objective of their program is to:

- Create a Healthy Environment to Live, Work and Play
- Eliminate Exposure to Second Hand Smoke/Drifting Smoke
- Assist Individuals in Quitting Smoking
- Encourage Communities and Individuals to be Positive Role Models.

Smoke Free PEI would like all communities on PEI to update their bylaws.

Councillor MacDougall suggested it may be something that the GPS should look into, that Mayor stated that it will be passed onto the GPS committee.

### **Steve Howard – Renewable Lifestyles**

Mr. Howard stated that there has been new information come forward from since he last spoke from information sharing and residents sharing research. He stated that a city in California has put a halt to a similar purchase because other options were becoming more viable. He stated amortizing something for 35 years is a long time to be locked into old technology. He stated that there is no emergency forcing this decision.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Martin stated that he attended an announcement at East Prince Youth Development Centre, he had meetings with Senator Dianne Griffin and Minister Chris Palmer. He attend the City Gala Awards and the Big Hearts dinner at Credit Union Place.

## **Financial Services**

### **Report:**

Deputy Mayor Costa:

“My report tonight is very brief and will cover our most recent financial results as well as our final results in 2017. While the City has recorded a surplus in the General Fund and it is early in the fiscal year, it should be noted that it is common for surpluses to be realized during the first quarter of the year.

One contributing factor is that the City usually does not commence any significant capital projects until the spring, when the weather conditions become more favorable for outside work (eg. roads, water and sewer, etc). As such, the financial results tend to “smooth out” over the course of the year once these projects get underway. The same applies for our utilities and our capital spending.

The City’s financial statements were audited by Grant Thornton, and they have indicated without reservation, that we can rely on the information presented in these statements and that the City’s internal controls are sound. The City’s financial performance was positive in 2017 and where we expected it to be.

Finally, we are pleased to announce improvements in the way the City receives payments from its utility customers. These improvements include the ability to now accept payments online, as well as the ability for customers to be set up on “budget billing”. This feature allows you as a customer to pay the same amount each month, based on your average per month consumption for the previous year. This helps avoid spikes in your electric bill caused by seasonal changes in how much energy you use.

These changes are the result of feedback we have received from customers as well as our own efforts to make the payment process as streamlined and as hassle-free as possible. Further details on how to register for these new features will be included with your next electric bill.”

**Resolution** It was moved and seconded;

**Whereas** The City of Summerside partners with the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Government of Canada to fund selected infrastructure projects through the Gas Tax program; and

**Whereas** The City will partner with five other island communities on a Gas Tax application to fund an update of the geographic information for each community;

**Be it resolved** That Council authorizes the City to enter into an application for funding under the Gas Tax program (Municipal Strategic Component) with these communities, to facilitate up-to- date imagery of our City for planning and development matters. The project is estimated to cost \$200,000 in total, and the City’s share is projected to be \$30,000.

**Resolution Carried**

## **Economic Development**

### **Report:**

Councillor Gallant:

The Economic Development Office continues on a fast pace of welcoming Immigrant Investors to our community seeking new opportunities in North America and specifically Summerside. The program has been a positive change for our community as many of these potential investors look to bring a diversity and complimentary approach to our business community, most looking to settle with families and all wanting to truly integrate in the business and social aspects of Summerside.

While it is expected that not all our interviews will result in investment in Summerside, our approach has been to aggressively promote the merits of doing business in Summerside, the services our organization and community can provide to support these individuals and family and put our best business case forward on why it makes sense to invest in Summerside.

With that, we understand that there are unique circumstances that lead to these investors to also look at other parts of the island but our approach and specifically our job as a community is to be as professional and open to doing our best to position Summerside and work towards a truly community based retention plan. With that the EDO will continue in its approach to selling Summerside and welcome those who choose Summerside as a potential for investment and continue the dialogue to which we have started.

As mentioned last month the EDO is continuing to work with several local business looking at significant expansion opportunities in Summerside. And while the majority of clients have asked to remain confidential at this point, the signs are pointing towards an investment rich 2018 and represent many key sectors in our local economy. Some companies are working with EDO as part of their labour recruitment strategy and we would be remise if we did not mention the vast tools and programs available to assist local companies in their pursuit of labour talent. Specifically a program that is gaining momentum in Summerside with local business is the Atlantic Immigration Pilot is a part of the Atlantic Growth Strategy, identified as a key initiative under the Skilled Workforce/Immigration pillar. This three-year pilot program was established to help address resource and labour gaps that sectors are facing, and to help businesses attract and retain labour. The pilot program forms part of an overall Atlantic Growth Strategy and is a great tool for filling the talent gap. We encourage companies wishing to learn more about this program or register your business to participate, to visit <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/atlantic-immigration-pilot>

Mr Mayor, this concludes my remarks for this evening, and to sum it up, I think spring is in the air and with that optimism for Summerside. Investment inquiries are up, location inquiries are up, there is significant interest in bringing some new serviced land onto the market and our local business are looking at growth opportunities. As always our City and Economic Development Department will continue to champion all things business and we look to grow our population and business offerings.

## Technical Services

### Report:

Councillor MacDougall

“According to the calendar we are almost a month into Spring, and we are busy preparing for this construction season.

We had a really good construction season last year in the residential sector and this year is also starting off strong. This month, similar to last month, we again issued a few residential permits which will allow for an early start to the construction season. There were a couple of single family homes, mini home, semidetached, as well as a 6-unit building, which shows a nice mix of housing construction this early in the year.

Staff have turned their attention and efforts in order to prepare for this construction season. Staff are pulling together tender documents so that tenders will be able to go out very soon, in order to get them started as soon as the weather will permit. Paving has already closed and we expect work to start near the end of May. Tenders are currently in different stages of progress for Sidewalks, Curbing, Infill, Water and Sewer with all those expected to close by the end of April and start by the end of May.

In regards to our own City projects: Renovations at the treatment plant are nearing completion, New well field tender for the building and associated equipment closed and that work is expected to start any day now.

Staff continues to review and assist the public with development and building permit inquiries. Citizens are encouraged to stop in and speak to staff for assistance with their projects that they may have planned for this upcoming construction season. “

**Resolution** It was moved and seconded;

**Whereas** Kool Breeze Farms (DaMama’s Kitchen) is requesting Council approval in accordance with Section 13 of the *Licensing Bylaw SS-05* to operate a mobile sales establishment at 225 Read Drive, PID # 406439.

**And Whereas** Section 13 of the *Licensing Bylaw* provides that Council shall allow or refuse an application based on the following considerations:

- safety;
- desirability;
- impact on established businesses in the City;
- public convenience; and
- such other considerations as it deems appropriate.

**Be It Resolved** that Council grant approval to Kool Breeze Farms to operate a mobile sales establishment at 225 Read Drive, PID # 406439. The license is subject to,

- Paying a license fee of \$500 for a non-local business as per Licensing Bylaw SS-05 Regulations;
- Special events require written approval of the event organizer, submitted to the City three days in advance.
- A food health permit is approved by the Province;



- Litter disposal containers are provided on- site;
- Hours of operation 11:00 am to 7:00 pm;
- Letter(s) of permission from property owner(s).

This bears the recommendation of the Technical Services Committee [Planning Board] Meeting of April 3, 2018.  
**Resolution Carried**

**Police/Fire& Emergency Planning**

Councillor McColeman:

**Police Report:  
 Committee and Volunteer Work**

Our police service continues to work with several organizations in our community. Several members are on different committees/groups which address many issues such as: family, social, educational & security concerns. During March our members took part in a ringette game against the Special Olympians. These athletes love the interaction with police and once the game was over, won by these Olympians, we had a social with them as well. Great PR by our members.

**Training and Service Enhancements**

Police review meetings during March, four members taking ‘Containment of a Scene’ training 9-1-1 meeting, 9 members took part in the week-long SFST (Standard Field Sobriety Testing), 4 members attending a critical incident response seminar, one member attended an Intoxilizer course.

**Community Policing Activities**

Three female officers took part in International Women’s day activities with Minister Biggar, members took part in a media blitz regarding child car seat safety, one member involved in a video clip on ‘tip myths for teens re marijuana use’, one member interviewed by CBC re upcoming Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, Security presentation to tax centre, presentation to ‘young drivers of PEI’, Junior Mayor & council tour of police services, police/teachers hockey game, Chief did a talk to kids at our local YMCA on police work, one Aide-de-Campe duty for D/C Walker.

**Occurrence Statistics**

The following is a list of some of occurrence totals for March 2018.

- Traffic Accidents –**29**
- Crimes Against Persons (Assaults, Threats, etc.) – **26**
- Crimes Against Property (Thefts, B & E’s, Mischief, etc.) – **93**
- Impaired Driving Offences – **3**
- Highway Traffic Act Tickets – **80** (Speeding, stop signs, hand held devices, etc.)

Parking Tickets Issued – **123 & 20** Warnings  
 Provincial Traffic – **44** (Fail to remain, Due Care & Attention, Disqualified Driving, etc.)

**Fire Services Report**

*There were 9 paged calls for the month of March; the breakdown is as follows:*

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b># of Calls</b>
Alarm Panel	3
Structural Fires	1
Electrical Fire	1
Cancelled Call	1
Miscellaneous	1
Smoke Complaint	2

There were 5 training opportunities for the month totalling 31 hours; the breakdown is as follows:

<b>Mar 05/18 - Community Connections Pre-Plan</b>	<b>1 hrs</b>
<b>Mar 12/18 - Truck Work / Hose Work</b>	<b>2 hrs</b>
<b>Mar 13/18 - Ladder Co. Inventory to Spreadsheet</b>	<b>1.5 hrs</b>
<b>Mar 17-18/18 - Fire School Level 1</b>	<b>25 hrs</b>
<b>Mar 19/18 - Company Practice</b>	<b>1.5 hrs</b>

- Members of our fire department would like to say thank you to all residents who contributed to our boot drive for Muscular Dystrophy. The annual event has our members standing in front of Atlantic Super Store literally with a firefighter’s boot in hand asking for donations for the cause. This year \$3700 was raised and our association will happily increase that total to \$4000.

## Community Services

### Report:

Councillor DesRoches:

- City staff took part in the Meetings and Conventions PEI Regional Sales Blitz road trip from April 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. The itinerary took members of M&CPEI to Fredericton, Moncton and Halifax to meet prospective clients, introducing them to Prince Edward Island and all it has to offer large and small groups when visiting for a meeting on convention. The trip also allowed staff to network with other local industry professionals.
- In the month of March 133 new members joined Credit Union Place
- The Aquatics Center had 10,877 people visit in March.
- An average of 550-625 people a day were using the Aquatics Centre
- The Summerside Western Capitals have concluded their 2017/2018 season at Credit Union Place. They had a great season, and the team at CUP look forward to working with the organization again next season.

Councillor DesRoches congratulated Aaron Doyle for the continued success of the Mardi Gras hockey tournament.

**Resolution** It was moved and seconded;

That The City of Summerside work in collaboration with the Province of PEI for the development of a boundless play structure at Notre Dame Park, with the park being re-named after Summerside native Billy Bridges in recognition of his athletic accomplishments

**Resolution Carried**

## HR/Legal Affairs/Heritage & Culture

### Report:

#### HR and Legal Affairs Report

- The Department is gearing up for summer hiring. The City hires summer students and seasonal laborers in various department. Interested applicants should visit the City website for details on how to apply.
- Posture Talk happened on April 6th, with Physiotherapist Blythe Martin explaining the health benefits to good posture. This went along with our Posture Perfect monthly challenge where staff were provided back strengthening exercises to do each day in April.
- Donuts and Coffee were awarded to the winners of the Employees at Work photo contest, with Electric Crew coming in first, followed by Economic Development and then the Ice Makers.
- Green Commute is starting May 7th, 2018 and will be running until September 21st with internal staff and offered to external workplaces and individuals within the community.
- The '8Weeks to 5K' program is running from May 7th until June 30th. This is a program for beginner runners to start their running journey with a mix of a running/walking days and leg strengthen exercise days.

- WHMIS Director, Supervisors & Managers talks happened April 4th and April 10th. Staff training for WHMIS 1988 & WHMIS 2015 will begin April 16th & April 17th.
- First Aid training will be offered for expired staff members on April 25th & April 26th.
- JOSH committee is scheduled to meet on April 25th. A few members will be attending the WCB Workplace Safety Conference the following day on April 26th.
- We continue recruit for our City of Summerside Relay for Life Team, participating in the event on June 9th.

### **Culture Report:**

Culture Summerside, is working on the 2018 Summerside Lobster Carnival. The program is now on line at [www.summersidelobstercarnival.website](http://www.summersidelobstercarnival.website).

We are working diligently with businesses in the community to form partnerships that will best represent the goals of the business and the carnival in presenting a top quality event for community and visitors. We are staggering the announcements of those who have come onboard to keep the carnival in the forefront of public interest. Due to the overwhelming success and demand for the traditional lobster supper we are offering two evenings of lobster suppers this season at the carnival.

Wyatt Heritage Properties Inc. is working on planning the Summerside Arts Festival, the new name for the Arts in Motion-Chautauqua Festival. The purpose of the name change is to give greater clarity to what the festival represents, which is the promotion and celebration of our vibrant arts community. The new name will also allow a broader scope of inclusion for future growth.

The tourism season has begun with demand building for Wyatt Historic House Museum tours.

Culture Summerside staff are working on the cataloguing, appraisal and arranging of museum and archival collections. Work includes improved storage, the building of electronic database records and general preventative maintenance work.

### **GPS Committee Report:**

#### **Background**

The GPS Committee has a Terms of Reference which specifies August to August as the annual term of current members. Council appoints or reappoints the Chair, Vice-Chair and two citizens representatives each year in August.

The Municipal Elections are November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. To avoid repeating committee appointments or reappointments twice in a span of three months, it is practical to extend the term of the present GPS from August to October 2018. The committee can be reconstituted shortly after the new Council takes office.

#### **Facility Fees & Waivers**

Council approved the GPS recommendations on Facility Fees, Waivers and Discounts last month. An workplan has been drafted to get started on the recommendations. This workplan includes a schedule of rates for facility bookings and services to be designed by staff for general distribution.

### **Municipal Bylaws and MGA Compliance**

A list of bylaws and a workplan for review will be coming to GPS at the next meeting. Some bylaws may be appropriate for GPS review while others are better suited to come directly to Committee of Council for input and direction. For those bylaws in the latter group, staff will be doing most of the preparatory work. For example, any potential changes to the election bylaw should be contemplated by the full membership of Council.

### **Suggestions: Meeting Procedures Bylaw & Monthly Report Reading.**

It has come to our attention that the Meeting Procedures Bylaw has not been updated for many years and does not adequately reflect the City's present governance structure. Some sections could do with clarifications in language and several definitions can or should be added. GPS suggests that Council can give direction to review the Meetings and Procedures bylaw and to come back with recommendations in July.

The subject of councillors reading monthly departmental reports was raised at the last GPS meeting. Opinions range between the pros and cons of this monthly ritual. We raise the subject here and now to see if there is any interest in either exploring alternatives or keeping the status quo. This subject may be amenable to direct public input, since the monthly readings are done in the public forum largely for the purpose of keeping the public abreast of latest organizational activities, challenges, and successes.

<b>Resolution</b>	It was moved and seconded;
<b>Be it resolved that</b>	Council extend the term of this year's GPS Committee from August 2018 to October 2018
<b>Resolution Carried</b>	

### **Municipal Services**

#### **Report:**

Councillor Whitlock:

Plant effluent for the month of March was in compliance for the full month. The operating permit for the City of Summerside Waste water treatment plant is based on Total Suspended Solids (TSS) of less than 25 part per million and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) of less than 25 part per million. Carbonaceous Oxygen Demand (COD) is less than 50 parts per million. The Province of PEI's department of the Environment regulates the plant and the effluent being deposited into the Summerside Harbor must meet this criterion. Staff sample the effluent from Monday to Friday every working day and send samples to the lab in Charlottetown for certified results. By ensuring the plant treats to these criteria it ensures a safe Summerside harbour and great shell fishery industry. The plant treated 234,067 cubic meters of raw sewage while producing 217 tons of Exceptional Quality fertilizer from its waste sludge processing, with 0 ton of waste going to the landfill and processed 10,443 gallons of primary sewage from the surrounding area. The capital work of adding a centrifuge and new bio-solids scrubbers has been completed and started to be used in regular operations this month. This is expected to reduce operations costs on fertilizer production and reduce ammonia odors from the storage of the fertilizers.

The City's sewer collection efforts focused on service to 11 residents in distress. Crews cleaned the lift stations this month of material buildup and debris.

The City's water utility efforts continued their focus on service to read all water meters, performed 13 shut off and turn-ons, tested and maintain chlorine levels for safe drinking water 12 times throughout the month with the chlorine injectors receiving their cleaning due to crystallization. All water samples for the month (24) were tested clear of all bacteria. Crews repaired one water break and one service lateral this month. Several staff attend a training course on Fire Hydrant maintenance and operations.

In March, staff performed 5 snow plowing events, 11 salting events and 2 cleaning of the downtown for snow. As Spring approaches the efforts in this area will wind down and rights of way repairs will start in May along with Street Cleaning.

The crews continued efforts to repair potholes with cold patch this month. Crews installed two flashing stop signs at Walker and MacEwen Road intersection. Crews repaired several catch basins with loose covers as they were creating a "banging" noise.

Councillor Whitlock stated the Transit Committee had its first meeting last month and identified areas to concentrate on.

### ***Electric Services***

#### **Report:**

Councillor Campbell:

The Electrical Operations team assisted with maintenance at the waste water treatment plant, modifications to the traffic control timings on Heather Moyse Drive, reviewed the intersection of Walker and Granville for proper operations of traffic controls, updated the fuel delivery controls in the power plant, repaired non-working lights on the boardwalk.

Wind power production in March was 54% of our power this month coming from renewable wind energy. The peak electricity for the month was 22.6 MW's.

The City's Electric Utility had 3 new customers this month. The utility experienced 5 customer outage events this month. Crews worked at upgrading the lines for the new College of Piping lines on Bishop Avenue, started the upgrade work to circuit R3 for the ADL plant upgrade, transformer upgrades on the circuits, upgrades to the lines on Harvard Street and repaired 10 street lights. Personnel attended thermography training this month to be able to properly use a heat imaging camera to detect poor connections on the electrical system.

The City sales in its heat for less now program had 0 new units sold in March. The total units contracted for sales remained the same at 376 for March.

**Resolution** It was moved and seconded;

**Whereas** The City of Summerside through Summerside Electric has needs to continue to meet its industry standards of reliability and energy security for electricity and portions of its generation fleet are older than 60 years;

- And Whereas** The City of Summerside through Summerside Electric has analyzed its generation capacity needs for its electricity customers to maintain a cold back up generation fleet in times of community emergencies;
- And Whereas** the City of Summerside through Summerside Electric has determined the requirement of 16 megawatts of generation capacity within the next two to three years;
- And Whereas** the City of Summerside through Summerside Electric has determined it is best to own generation other than to continue to purchase the generation from NB Power;
- And Whereas** the City of Summerside through a public proposal process evaluated both green and conventional options to provide that capacity and selected Kore Energy as the successful proponent to supply the generator;
- Be it Resolved that** The City of Summerside invest in the development of suitable generation capacity of approximately 16 megawatts by authorizing the project estimated expenditures of \$23,211,750 to purchase and install a combustion turbine generator from Kore Energy.

This bears the recommendation of Committee of Council on April 3, 2018

**Discussion:**

Councillor Desroches stated he isn't comfortable with the resolution and doesn't believe that the residents are either. He stated it is a significant purchase and perhaps more time is needed.

**Councillor Whitlock stated that he would like to move a motion, that was seconded by Councillor DesRoches**

**To postpone the pending motion until an independent third party can do a complete analysis on all viable options to satisfy our electrical capacity needs for the Summerside Electric utility**

Councillor Whitlock stated that staff is doing a great job and due diligence on this project. He stated there has been a focus the last few years on green energy. He stated one quote was received and he believes there is an alternative and hiring an independent third party could high assist in determine that.

Councillor Campbell doesn't believe that this hasn't been communicated to the public properly and as such many residents don't know what the need is for.

Councillor MacDougall stated that he was a supporter of previous green projects and would like to see the city 100% green. He stated that he supports staff and they put a lot of work into it, but he doesn't believe residents haven't been informed as much as they should be.

Councillor McColeman stated that staff have worked hard in bringing the information forward and if they take the time for the independent assessment it would be worthwhile.

Councillor Gallant stated that he would like to see green options explored.

Deputy Mayor Costa stated that he things staff have done excellent due diligence and when the RFP was issued, no green options came forward to satisfy the capacity issue and although there is interest in green energy, he gets the sense that it isn't an option readily available now.

Councillor MacDougall stated that the decision should be made by the current Council. Councillor DesRoches thinks it should be postponed until all the information comes back.

Councillor Gallant stated the money is going to be spent either way, either the pay NB Power or the City purchase the unit themselves. He stressed that it is not allocating new funds.

***Motion Carried***

***Committee of the Whole***

***Motion*** It was moved and seconded;  
***That*** That we move into Committee of the Whole after a brief Recess.  
***Motion Carried***

***Open Session Resumed***

**Report:**

No report

***Adjournment***

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

Bill Martin  
Mayor

Brian Hawrylak  
HR Officer