

**HANWELL**  
Rural Community  
Regular Meeting of Council  
December 18, 2019  
Minutes

**Attendance:**

Mayor Susan Cassidy, Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison, Councillor Holly Hyslop, Councillor Susan Jonah, Councillor Darren MacKenzie, Councillor Dan Fortier, Clerk/Treasurer Terri Parker, Assistant Clerk Cindy Hackett, Regional Service Commission 11 representative Marcelle Thibodeau-Hennigar, and four members of the public.

**1. Calling to Order**

Mayor Cassidy called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Amend: 17a) 1<sup>st</sup> reading only of By-Law #10-2015, "A By-Law to Regulate Signs"

Add: 17d) Parking lot lights

**Unanimously Carried #01-12-2019**

**3. Adoption of Minutes:**

**Moved by** Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison that the minutes of the November 20, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

**Unanimously Carried #02-12-2019**

**4. Public Input/Inquiries**

Members of the public, Detlef Rudolph and Chris Weadick, who are also members of the Hanwell Observatory, which is a local astronomy club, spoke regarding the parking lot lights at the Community Recreation Centre being "too bright" and a source of light pollution.

*Assistant Clerk left council chambers at 7:10 pm and returned at 7:15 pm*

*Assistant Clerk left council chambers at 7:17 pm and returned at 7:18 pm*

**5. Disclosures**

**6. Reports:**

a) Fire Department

Chief Crouse from Upper Kingsclear Fire Department was not present to provide a report as the Fire Department had a visit from Santa this evening.

**7. Presentations**

a) **Regional Service Commission 11** – Land for Public Use

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to accept the recommendation from Regional Service Commission 11 that the Rural Community of Hanwell

request an amount of \$798.72 to be paid for land for public purposes, due to the isolated location of the property (#709077 NB Ltd. Subdivision)

**Unanimously Carried #03-12-2019**

## **8. Permit Applications**

There was 1 building permit and 0 development permits for the month of November 2019.

## **9. Proclamations**

## **10. Petitions and Delegations**

## **11. Business Arising:**

a) Third reading in its entirety and enactment of By-Law #16-2019, "A By-Law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Council"

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie that By-Law #16-2019, "A By-Law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Council" be read in its entirety and enacted:

**Unanimously Carried #04-12-2019**

***By-Law #16-2019, "A By-Law Establishing a Code of Conduct for Council" is hereby enacted***

b) Third reading in its entirety and enactment of By-Law #18-2019, "A By-Law to Amend the Rural Community of Hanwell Rural Plan"

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison that By-Law #18-2019, "A By-Law to Amend the Rural Community of Hanwell Rural Plan" be read in its entirety and enacted.

**Unanimously Carried #05-12-2019**

***By-Law #18-2019, "A By-Law to Amend the Rural Community of Hanwell Rural Plan" is hereby enacted***

c) Third reading in its entirety and enactment of By-Law #19-2019, "A By-Law Relating to Tourism Accommodation Levy in the Rural community of Hanwell"

**Moved by** Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier that By-Law #19-2019, "A By-Law Relating to Tourism Accommodation Levy in the Rural Community of Hanwell" be given its third reading and enactment.

**Unanimously Carried #06-12-2019**

***By-Law #19-2019, "A By-Law Relating to Tourism Accommodation Levy in the Rural Community of Hanwell" is hereby enacted***

## **12. Correspondence:**

a) Letter from UMNb

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison to receive the correspondence from UMNb.

**Unanimously Carried #07-12-2019**

## **13. Meetings and Special Events:**

Mayor's Report

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to receive the Mayor's report as presented.

**Motion Carried #08-12-2019**

**14. Committee Reports:**

Finance – Did not meet

Facility – Did not meet

Planning – Met on December 4; no report presented.

Parks & Recreation – Did not meet

Communications – Did not meet

EMO – Did not meet

HR – Did not meet

Age Friendly – Did not meet

**15. Treasurer's Report**

No report to present

**16. Old or Unfinished Business**

Items carried forth from previous Council meetings that have not been completed/resolved.

a) School Capital Project

b) Solar Grid Array Project

– A grant application was submitted on June 21, 2019.

**17. New Business**

a) First reading by title of Amended By-Law #10-2015, "A By-Law to Regulate Signs" **Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier that Amended By-Law #10-2015, "A By-Law to Regulate Signs" be given a first reading by title. **Unanimously Carried #09-12-2019**

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison that Amended By-Law #10-2015, "A By-Law to Regulate Signs" be given to the Planning Management Committee at their next meeting for amendments.

**Unanimously Carried #10-12-2019**

b) Year-end Transfers

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Holly Hyslop that **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Rural Community of Hanwell transfer \$11,700 from the General Operating Fund (Account #1124-259) to the General Operating Reserve Fund (Account #1124-312). The balance in the General Operating Reserve Fund will be equal to 5% of the 2019 budgeted expenditures.

**Unanimously Carried #11-12-2019**

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Holly Hyslop that **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Rural Community of Hanwell transfer \$153,000 from the General Operating Fund (Account #1124-259) to the General Capital Reserve Fund (Account #1996-639)

**Unanimously Carried #12-12-2019**

## c) Tree Lighting Reimbursement

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Holly Hyslop that Councillor Susan Jonah be paid \$150 per diem for two days of work (\$300) that she missed in order to attend to the logistics of the Hanwell Christmas tree delivery and setup. **Motion Carried #13-12-2019**

*Councillor Jonah not able to vote*

## d) Parking Lot Lighting

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to allocate \$21,450 + HST, either via the Capital Reserve or through the current 2020 fiscal capital allocation, to correct the problem that was missed by RSC11, the building engineering firm, and Colpitts and install parking lot lighting with sensors.

Councillor Darren MacKenzie wished to address the parking lot lighting as an issue against light pollution, and has requested that his statement be included in the minutes of this meeting:

Hanwell's motto/slogan is "Inspired by Nature", yet we bleed an insane amount of light pollution in our own parking lot with unshielded and undimmable overhead lighting. The idea that "light prevents crime" is an antiquated idea from days gone by of the 1980s, with many current studies showing that there is no such correlation. Criminology has advanced a great deal since we first had this belief.

A 2015 study in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health found that lighting does not prevent accidents or crime, but does cost a lot of money. The researchers looked at data on road traffic collisions and crime in 62 local authorities in England and Wales and found that lighting had no effect, whether the lights were turned off completely, dimmed them, turned them off at certain hours, or substituted different variations of light housings.

Indeed, of what value is lighting an area, when there is nobody watching it? Our own recreation building was vandalized multiple times, even with the intense light in the parking lot. Before our community center was even completed, tools were stolen from it in broad daylight. There is only one house with direct view of the location. Who's watching it? Nobody.

Back to the additional studies, a 2011 study of street lighting and crime showed no evidence that increased lighting reduces total crime. A 1997 National Institute of Justice study concluded "we can have very little confidence that improved lighting prevents crime."

The truth is that intense outdoor lighting can decrease safety by making victims and property easier to see. We've seen this in our own building. A Chicago Alley Lighting Project (April of 2000) showed a correlation between brightly lit alleyways and **increased** crime.

A 2012 report from the American Medical Association stated that "glare from nighttime lighting can create hazards ranging from discomfort to frank visual disability."

But even if we ignore the plethora of current studies and evidence that I have stated here, we should look no further than our own hypocrisy of how we are looking to have an open house, based on Earth Day, nonetheless, talking about various forms of pollution, yet we have a very clear and easy way to correct a major problem with our own light pollution.

Pollution of all forms is bad. Air, water, noise, and light. If we are truly to be "Inspired by Nature", we should look to practice what we preach, and reduce it in any way we can.

We currently have \$225,000 in our Capital Reserves, and could be putting up to nearly another \$153,000 more in it if/after this budget passes. Yet we cannot allocate \$23,000 of this to fix this problem in our own parking lot? I find it truly astounding that there are members of council that are actively against supporting

this initiative.

I understand that some people will still have a *perceived* notion of safety with increased lighting, even though they may not be aware of current studies surrounding this issue. It's human nature to assume that we should feel safer if we are seen, even if nobody is looking at us. Therefore, I am not looking to actually remove parking lot lighting, of course. Lighting is still useful when there are people present, especially when driving. Therefore...since we have obtained a quote from an electrician for this....

I hereby motion to allocate \$21,450 + HST, either via the Capital Reserve or through the current 2020 fiscal capital allocation, to correct the problem that was outrageously missed by RSC11, the building engineering firm, and Colpitts (the construction/contracting company) and **install proper parking lot lighting with sensors.**

Reference: <https://www.darksky.org/light-pollution/lighting-crime-and-safety/>

Per Robert's Rules of Order, I hereby request that this be submitted directly to the minutes as my report on the issue of "parking lot light pollution of Hanwell", effective December of 2019.

*Mayor Cassidy relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison in order to voice her opinion at 8:17 pm, and resumed the chair at 8:20 pm*

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison that the prior motion be amended so that decisions on the topic of the parking lot lights be postponed until further research may be done and other quotes may be provided.

**Unanimously Carried #14-12-2019**

e) Approval of the 2020 Budget

**BE IT RESOLVED** THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019, the Council of the RURAL COMMUNITY OF HANWELL, RESOLVED that the sum of \$2,263,710 be the total Operating Budget of the Rural Community, that the sum of \$2,163,682 be the Warrant of the Rural Community for the ensuing year, and that the tax rate(s) for the Rural Community be \$0.3986 and \$0.4220. Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the RURAL COMMUNITY OF HANWELL.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019 by the Council of the Rural Community of Hanwell.

**Yes Votes: Councillor Jonah, Councillor Hyslop, Deputy Mayor Morrison, Councillor MacKenzie**

**No Votes: Councillor Dan Fortier**

**Motion Carried #15-12-2019**

f) Award Honorarium to groom trails

**Moved by** Councillor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Holly Hyslop to award Jerry Messman \$1,000 to groom the trails of the Hanwell Recreation Park for the period of 2020-2021.

**Unanimously Carried #16-12-2019**

g) Transfer of Gas Tax

No motion required for the transfer of Gas Tax funds.

h) 2020 Remuneration for Council

**Moved by** Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Susan Jonah that effective January 1, 2020, the salaries for Mayor and Council be increased to reflect the NB consumer price index (CPI) yearly average when announced plus an additional 2%.

**Yes Votes: Councillor Jonah, Councillor Hyslop, Deputy Mayor Morrison, Councillor MacKenzie**

**No Votes: Councillor Dan Fortier**

**Motion Carried #17-12-2019**

i) 2020 Remuneration for Staff

**Moved by** Councillor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie that effective January 1, 2020, the salaries for Staff be increased 5% including the NB consumer price index (CPI) yearly average.

**Unanimously Carried #18-12-2019**

j) Approval of Unused Vacation and Overtime Hours

**Moved by Councillor** Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison to permit staff to carry over any unused vacation days on the condition that they be used before April 1, 2020.

**Unanimously Carried #19-12-2019**

**18. Upcoming Activities:**

Dec. 18 – Santa visits UKFD Station 1 (7-9pm) Upper Kingsclear

Dec. 20 – Santa visits UKFD Station 2 (7-9pm) Hanwell

Dec. 27 – Community Skate, Grant Harvey (3:15-4:15 pm)

Jan. 11 – Moonlight Hike (7-8 pm) Hanwell Recreation Park

*\*\*For locations of events, contact municipal office or watch for upcoming advertisement on social media, website or message board.*

**19. Closed Session**

**20. Date, Time and Location of next meeting**

Regular Council Meeting

Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 pm

**21. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

**Unanimously Carried #20-12-2019**

Submitted by,

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Cindy Hackett  
Assistant Clerk

Certified Correct,

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Terri L. Parker  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Susan Cassidy  
Mayor