

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
DECEMBER 12, 2018 at 4:30 pm

Committee Members present:      Councilor Martin P. Dumont, Sr., Chairman  
   Councilor David A Witham, Vice-Chair  
   Councilor Edward Levasseur

Administration/Staff present:      City Manager, Bob Belmore  
   Deputy City Clerk, Kelly Gagne

Other:                                      Richard Brooks

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Chairman Dumont called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

***Motion made by Councilor Witham seconded by Councilor Levasseur to accept the November 14, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion Passed 3-0.***

CITY MANAGER REPORT & PERSONNEL UPDATES

City Manager stated there had been no significant personnel changes to report since their last meeting and asked if the Councilors had any questions regarding City departments.

Councilor Witham asked where we are with hiring a property maintenance/code compliance officer. Manager Belmore stated that right now, our building inspector will be dedicating time for property maintenance issues from 12:30-2:30 every day and Director Saunders will certainly assist as appropriate. We have advertised several times to fill the position the position with a series of interviews. Discussion ensued on what the position offers and entails.

Councilor Dumont asked about how the MRI report for the new fire station, mentioned EMS a lot. Is there any talk in adding them to the City? Why does fire go to EMS calls? Councilor Witham stated they only go on certain medical calls, he explained the levels of the calls and the severity of them, where in some cases extra hands are needed.

The Committee discussed a few other items.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 21-19 Support an initiative to voluntarily reduce the distribution of single-use plastics and Expanded Polyesterstyrene [EPS] products in an effort towards sustaining a cleaner and safer ocean, Salmon Falls River and healthier environment

Councilor Witham suggested that the Mayor sent this Resolution back to the Government Operations Committee, because the last paragraph in the Resolution spoke to recognizing

businesses' that will adhere to reducing single-use plastics and how would these activities be monitored.

Manager Belmore agreed and also suggested that perhaps the Mayor's other concern was about proclamations given to the businesses, as those come from his office.

Councilor Witham stated that if it was to be voted on at the last council meeting, he would have amended it to remove the last paragraph or two.

Councilor Levasseur stated that it would be monitored by the Sustainability Committee and he would report findings back to the Council..

Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of what this could lead to. Recommendations were also mentioned on the wording of the Resolution within the title and body.

***Councilor Witham made a motion that the Government Operations Committee endorses Resolution 21-19 with the amendment of deleting the last two (2) paragraphs, seconded by Councilor Levasseur. Motion passed 3-0.***

#### ADJOURNMENT

***Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Witham seconded by Councilor Levasseur the meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm. Motion passed 3-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Kelly Gagne, Deputy City Clerk