



**Special Meeting of Council
Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 4:30 PM
Council Chambers – City Hall**

Mayor Clifford Lee Presiding

Present: **Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen** **Councillor Jason Coady**
 Councillor Melissa Hilton **Councillor Edward Rice**
 Councillor Rob Lantz **Councillor Mitchell Tweel**
 Councillor Cecil Villard **Councillor Danny Redmond (arr. 5:15pm)**
 Councillor David MacDonald

Also: **Roy Main, CAO** **Donna Waddell, DCS**
 Richard Collins, DPC **Tim Mamyne, DFC**

Regrets: **Councillor Terry Bernard**

1. Consideration of a Resolution re: Moratorium on Petroleum Exploration in PEI Waters

Moved by Councillor Mitchell Tweel
Seconded by Deputy Mayor MacFadyen

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the Gulf of St. Lawrence supports over \$1.5 billion per year in revenue from the fishing industry alone and is home to over 6,000 marine species including the endangered blue whale; and

WHEREAS, this vital ecosystem is being jeopardized by oil and gas exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas exploration involves seismic testing and other practices harmful to marine species; and

WHEREAS, the potential pollution from oil and gas exploration and drilling threatens the long-term economic, social and ecological well-being of Prince Edward Island communities; and

WHEREAS, the long-term impact of oil and gas exploration and development on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the species and economies that depend on it is not fully understood; and

WHEREAS, independent studies have shown that the Gulf is already under significant pressure and could not withstand a significant oil spill; and

WHEREAS, a petition with more than 1200 signatures was presented on behalf of Save Our Seas

and Shores - PEI Chapter to the Legislative Assembly on April 30, 2013 requesting that the Legislative Assembly

Declare an immediate moratorium on oil and gas exploration and drilling in PEI waters, and

Work with the governments of the other four Gulf provinces and the federal government to institute a comprehensive inter-provincial approach to protect and manage the Gulf ecosystem, and to establish a permanent ban on exploration and drilling for oil and gas in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee on Fisheries, Transportation and Rural Development as well as the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environment, Energy and Forestry in their November, 2013 reports to the Legislative Assembly, both recommended a moratorium on oil and gas exploration and drilling in PEI waters and recommended that the five Gulf provinces and the federal government work together to protect the Gulf ecosystem; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlottetown:

- a) Supports a moratorium on oil and gas exploration and drilling in Prince Edward Island waters; and
- b) Recommends that the Province of Prince Edward Island collaborate with the governments of Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Quebec, and with First Nations, to establish a comprehensive management plan for the Gulf of St. Lawrence that puts a priority on protection of the marine ecosystem.

It was noted that the resolution for Council's consideration was initially brought forward by Save our Seas and Shores PEI at a Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEI) meeting in March 2014. It was further noted that the same resolution was defeated at the recent FPEIM Annual Meeting because the matter does not fall under the Federation's governance.

DEFEATED 5-3

Deputy Mayor MacFadyen, Councillors Tweel and Rice in favour of the motion

2. Consideration of 3rd reading of Street Vendors Bylaw

Councillor MacDonald indicated the Protective and Emergency Services Committee recently met to address concerns regarding the amendments to the bylaw. He provided Council with an overview noting that presently there are 14 parking spaces occupied as outdoor cafes with an additional four (4) spaces for food trucks/push carts. The amended bylaw proposes that a cap be set on the number of parking spaces (24) to better control the growing demand for patios and better control of mobile food trucks and carts. Other amendments included a new licensing program, enhanced set of definitions and a new fee schedule.

There was much discussion on the matter particularly concerns with the cap on parking spaces. Councillor MacDonald indicated the issue of the cap was a difficult one for the Committee however the bylaw has to allow for control in a way that can be enforced.

Concern was also raised regarding a proposed lottery to decide which businesses would get a permit if requests exceed the cap for patios. Deputy Police Chief Collins indicated that based on 2013 requests and new ones for 2014, the allotment should accommodate the demand therefore the lottery provisions are highly unlikely.

Councillor MacDonald advised Council that any patio permits issued this year are valid for 2014 and 2015 and the bylaw will be subject to a full review next year.

3rd reading of the “Street Vendors Bylaw”

To amend the City of Charlottetown Street Vendors Bylaw regarding definitions of food carts, food trucks; identify locations for food vending activity and allocation of spaces for outdoor patios

Moved by Councillor Rob Lantz
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman reports progress of the Committee and that the bylaw be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 7-2
Councillors Redmond and Tweel opposed

Moved by Councillor Rob Lantz
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen

RESOLVED:

That the bylaw be now engrossed as a City Bylaw and that it be entitled the “Street Vendors Bylaw” and that it be read a third time at this Public Meeting of Council.

CARRIED 7-2
Councillors Redmond and Tweel opposed

Moved by Councillor Rob Lantz
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen

RESOLVED:

That the “Street Vendors Bylaw” be read a third time and that the said Bylaw do now pass.

CARRIED 7-2
Councillors Redmond and Tweel opposed

3. Resolution – Move into an “in-camera” session

Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Tweel

RESOLVED:

That this Committee meeting of Council move into an ‘in-camera’ session.

CARRIED 9-0

4. Resolution – Meet as ‘Committee of the Whole Council’

Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard

Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Tweel

RESOLVED:

That Members of Charlottetown City Council meet as a ‘Committee of the Whole’ pursuant to Section 19 (5) of the Charlottetown Area Municipalities Act (CAMA) Cap. C-4.1, and

CARRIED 9-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM