

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor Farnsworth
Councillor Simpson

ABSENT: Councillor Toole

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes
Matt Fox, York West Minor Hockey

TO ORDER: Mayor Kitchen called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

18-12 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

Under New Business add B) Strategic Plan and C) Industrial Property Assessments.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

18-13 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

“That the minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular council meeting be approved.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2018 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

18-14 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Simpson

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“That the minutes of the January 10, 2018 special council meeting be approved.”

Motion carried.

With Council’s permission Mayor Kitchen moved to item 8. A) To The Floor.

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Matt Fox, York West Minor Hockey

Matt Fox stated he is speaking on behalf of York West Minor Hockey, local Minor Hockey Association with Hockey New Brunswick. He stated Hockey New Brunswick is divided into 4 zones A-D and Nackawic is Zone A.

Matt Fox stated this proposal is York West Minor Hockey would like to host a tournament the weekend of March 24 -25 at the Nackawic arena and to do that he is asking the Town to extend their ice time by 7 days.

Matt Fox stated that there are 8 teams – 2 from each zone from around the Province. There are between 100-110 hockey players and 150-200 family members and friends that attend these tournaments which will bring to the Town an additional 250 – 400 people.

Matt Fox stated that if they are successful in securing this approach it will be a great opportunity to showcase the Town. Everyone one who enters the Arena will receive a welcome package which will include a welcoming letter from the Mayor; a tourism brochure; an overview of the municipality and surrounding area; a listing of the local sponsors who sponsored the tournament and bundle of marketing brochures from local businesses and they tie this package together with a pre-launch Facebook page.

Matt Fox stated he spoke with other organizations and stated they would take advantage of the extra ice time if the Arena extended its ice time an extra week.

Councillor Simpson asked how many slots would be available.

Matt Fox stated 22 -23 slots in total from March 19 – 25.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked how many slots would the tournament take.

Matt Fox stated they would use 14-15 slots from Friday through Sunday.

Mayor Kitchen asked if there are any other teams going to Provincials.

Matt Fox stated there could be at least two others.

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Councillor Farnsworth asked about fundraising and if it was over and above the ice fees.

Matt Fox stated they contact local businesses for sponsorships in exchange for advertising in the welcome package and on the Facebook page.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked what the cost was to put a child in a tournament.

Matt Fox stated that tournament fees are set by Hockey New Brunswick, throughout the hockey season each association that host a tournament set their own fee and a Provincial tournament will set an average fee of \$650 which goes to Hockey New Brunswick.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked what does Hockey New Brunswick do with the money.

Matt Fox stated they pay ice fees; player of the game items; etc.

Mayor Kitchen asked if Hockey New Brunswick took a portion of the fees.

Matt Fox stated no they do not but they set the fee.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane noted, to host tournaments in Town, it would be a great opportunity to showcase the community.

Councillor Farnsworth asked Randy Wilson how much it would cost to run the Arena an extra week.

Randy Wilson stated based on the formula to run the Arena it would be \$4500 a week and the Town would receive \$2700 - \$3000 of revenue for that extra week.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Matt Fox for coming.

Matt Fox left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Tourism Brochure should be at the publishers by the end of January.

Councillor Simpson asked Randy Wilson if he heard anything back from Clean Earth.

Randy Wilson stated he sent an email but has not had a response back.

Councillor Simpson asked Randy Wilson if he has found out the cost of Air Quality Testing for the Town.

Randy Wilson stated he will do that this week.

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Councillor Farnsworth asked about the jake brake signage.

Randy Wilson stated he sent an email to DTI but has not heard back.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) RSC 11 Board Notes

Mayor Kitchen reported the concerns regarding garbage, and Green for Life wants to set up a holding place for garbage in Saint John then ship it on to Nova Scotia.

Councillor Farnsworth asked how expensive will their tipping fees be or does Nova Scotia have tipping fees.

Mayor Kitchen stated he did not know.

Mayor Kitchen stated the bigger companies will take their garbage there, and in return there will be less garbage in the landfill and the municipalities tipping fees will increase.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if it had to be approved by the Province.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes it did.

Councillor Simpson asked if they are asking for the Town to recommend for or against.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes that is what they are asking and Council will make a decision before the deadline.

Mayor Kitchen also stated, in the board notes, EMO NB will be having a province wide mock disaster in June, there will be more information in the coming months. As well, the recreation funding will be supported for four years and then the municipalities are on their own.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the funding was for communities that already have recreation directors.

Mayor Kitchen stated no it was not and he felt that it should be for recreational services for the Arena instead of the Arena itself.

B) E-Mail from UMNB, Legalization of Cannabis – Cost for municipalities

Mayor Kitchen stated the only cost to municipalities might be the policing.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if there is more requirement for policing, who will be paying for it.

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Councillor Farnsworth asked if the municipalities would get any money to help with the policing cost if the need arises.

Mayor Kitchen stated he hasn't received any more information other than this email.

Randy Wilson stated he will find out more information from other municipalities and report back at the next Council meeting.

C) Thank you letter from NHS Hockey Team

Mayor Kitchen stated the thank you letter was for Council's viewing. Also, the Town received 2 passes to a home game and a 2018 calendar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated there was no written report but he wanted to thank Council for attending budget meetings and he also thanked the CAO and staff for all their preparations on getting the budget ready.

Library – No report

Protective Services – No report

Recreation –

Randy Wilson reported on the monthly report for December 2017.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they started stick curling and there is darts and pool at the bar. She also wanted to do a mid-March family fun day and maybe a breakfast will be a part of it also.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she would also like to do a night hike on snowshoes if the trails are ready.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson reported on the meeting with DTI on January 9th and stated he was pleased with the outcome of the meeting.

Deputy Mayor asked if the Town has any idea of the cost of the reline for 2019 and 2020.

Councillor Simpson stated no the Town does not.

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Randy Wilson stated that there will be more information in the coming months from Boris Allard the engineer of Exp.

Councillor Toole entered the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Special Reports –

Wellness –

Councillor Farnsworth stated they have an Age Friendly meeting on January 23rd.

Councillor Simpson stated they have a meeting with the Glenn Group either on January 24th or February 1st.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- he worked on budget and attended meetings.
- he contacted Clean Earth to discuss what happens to the Town's sludge, no response.
- he liaised with DTI on Jake Brake issue, no response.
- he attended a meeting with EXP and DTI along with Councillor Simpson and Councillor Toole regarding the waterline under the bridge.
- he attended Western Valley CAO meeting in Hartland.
- he attended a meeting with T.J. Harvey along with Mayor Kitchen, Deputy Mayor MacFarlane and Councillor Simpson.
- he liaised to set up a meeting with Lesley Wilbur; Carrie Hallet regarding a plot of land in the industrial park.
- he completed Canada Summer Jobs and SEED applications for summer students.
- he attended a meeting with public works employees.
- he attended a meeting at the Town Hall with AV Group's Vice President, Kevin Larlee.
- he will be attended a meeting with RDC on February 6th.

Councillor Farnsworth asked how the meeting with Kevin Larlee went.

Councillor Simpson stated Mr. Larlee discussed the different places where they shipped their wood from Nackawic and there will be another meeting in the coming weeks with more staff from the AV Group to discuss in more detail what they would like from the Town.

Mayor Kitchen stated he will be attending a meeting along with Councillor Simpson as AV Group's guest at the State of the Province address.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

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- he attended an RSC 11 meeting on January 9th.
- he attended a meeting at the Town Hall with AV Group's VP Kevin Larlee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) York West Minor Hockey

18-15 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That the Town approve the request to extend the ice season one extra week, until Sunday, March 25th, 2018 in the event that York West Minor Hockey is awarded the Provincial Championships.”

On the Question –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane ask how many weeks does the Arena be open.

Randy Wilson stated 22 weeks, from October to end of March.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated his numbers is \$5,400 a week to keep the Arena running.

Randy Wilson stated you have to take into consideration the insurance cost, staffing cost, ice maintenance, etc, is all in on the \$5,400.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked should the Town lose money to host a tournament.

Councillor Farnsworth asked how much income would they receive if they filled the additional ice time in that week.

Randy Wilson stated approximately \$3,500 in ice rental.

Mayor Kitchen stated the \$5,400 includes the staffing wages, and they will be paid whether there is a tournament or not.

Motion Carried.

B) Strategic Plan

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the Town has a revenue problem, and we are one disaster away from an empty bank account and he asked what should be done about it. Councillor Farnsworth stated maybe hire a consultant and create a plan.

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Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated maybe the Town should hire a consultant or have a meeting themselves and create a list of the things to help the town with its revenue and have them ready for the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Kitchen asked if Council wants to have a facilitator at the meeting.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated yes it would be best. The Town staff along with Council needs to have this list of what the Town's needs are and how we are going to achieve our goals. It needs to be done sooner rather than later.

Mayor Kitchen stated he will contact Don Fitzgerald and ask if there would be someone on RSC 11 who could attend this meeting along with Council.

Mayor Kitchen stated the meeting will be on Monday, January 29th at 6:00 pm.

C) Industrial Property Assessments

Councillor Simpson stated the Town is looking forward to a better more cooperative relationship with the big industry in Town. He would like for Council to have a better understanding on how industrial properties are assessed and do they apply for building permits.

Councillor Simpson would like to have someone from the assessment branch to speak to Council on how properties are assessed.

Mayor Kitchen directed Randy Wilson to write a letter to the assessment branch asking them to speak to Council.

18-16 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO