

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor Toole
Councillor Simpson

ABSENT: Councillor Farnsworth

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes
Stephen Billing
Robbie Kitchen, Big Axe Brewery
Peter Cole, Big Axe Brewery
Tatiana Vasylyeva, Big Axe Brewery
Luke Cain, Cain Insurance

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

18-140 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

“That the agenda be approved with the following amendment:

-add To the Floor; 8 C) Big Axe Beer Festival.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

18-141 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

“That the minutes of the November 5, 2018 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

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There was no business arising.

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Luke Cain, Cain Insurance

Luke Cain reported on the meeting with the CAO & Secretary of the Town and stated there is an increase of \$4,900 from last year. The reason being, there was an increase in the value of properties, he also stated the rate per \$100 remains the same. Luke stated the liability insurance for municipalities has remained stable over the last 10 years but the auto insurance in New Brunswick will be going up in the future.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked where the \$570,000 increase from the assessed value of the policy was coming from.

Luke Cain stated it is the 4% on top of last year's value.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if the Town was subject to the 4% increase every year.

Luke Cain stated yes, 4% increase in the limit of insurance.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Luke for attending the meeting.

Luke Cain left the meeting at 7:18 pm.

B) Stephen Billings

Stephen Billings informed Council that Topmar Building Supplies would be closing the end of December 2018 and stated he was considering buying their inventory to keep the store open. He will only consider it if he was able to purchase a parcel of land from the Town next to Topmar, approximately 10 acres. He stated if the business is going to thrive, he will need to go bigger with the store.

Stephen Billings asked the Town to donate the land to him and charge him for taxes or let him purchase the land and give him a break on the purchase price.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated Council hate to see businesses closing and keeping Topmar open would be beneficial to the Town.

Randy Wilson told Stephen he will be informed of Council's decision in a couple of days.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Stephen for attending the meeting.

Stephen Billings left the meeting at 7:32 pm.

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C) Robbie Kitchen, Big Axe Beer Festival

Robbie Kitchen gave a recap of last year's festival and reported that 1175 tickets were sold, almost double from last year. They had 40 brewery vendors that came from Maine; Ontario and New Brunswick. Donations from the festival was close to \$7000, which was down from last year's because they bought extra inventory such as large tents which they won't have to do again for a number of years.

Robbie Kitchen stated plans for 2019 Festival are well under way. Tickets will be going up by \$5 – instead of \$50 a ticket they will now be \$55, reason for this is so they can donate more to United Way. They are planning on bringing in a Moncton Bus along with Fredericton; Woodstock and Saint John. They are looking to have the festival 2 days instead one 1 to bring a band for Friday night and the regular event will start on Saturday afternoon from 4 – 8 pm, the same as the last two years.

Robbie Kitchen stated they approached local church organizations to see if they would like to use the stage and have a gospel concert on Sunday because the tearing down of the stage will not happen until Monday. The festival will be over by dark and the clean up is usually completed by 9:30 that same night.

Robbie Kitchen stated they are starting to sell tickets next month, they will be donating 2 tickets to the Area Capital Fundraising Campaign and 6 tickets directly to the Town.

Robbie Kitchen stated their request is the use of the ball field and arena grounds for the Festival on July 12th & 13th and have 2 letters written up like the previous years.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked what their ideas were on extra accommodations.

Robbie Kitchen stated they are not looking to take away from the camp grounds but maybe have an area available so people could pitch tents and park RV's.

Tatiana Vasylyeva stated they will send out a small survey to the ticket holders and ask them if they would prefer tenting or RVing and could have it done up in a couple of days and forward the results to Robbie Kitchen and he can inform the Town.

Robbie Kitchen suggested maybe the Town have an information tent on site so people could see what the Town's vision is for the waterfront.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Big Axe Brewery for coming.

Robbie Kitchen, Peter Cole and Tatiana Vasylyeva left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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A) Cain Insurance

Presented under - To the Floor.

B) Corporation Fees – McInnes Cooper

Mayor Kitchen asked Council to have it tabled until more information was available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane reported on the November 16th meeting and stated the Town is still facing financial challenges and they are committed to finding new ways to finance the community.

Library – No report

Protective Services – No report

Recreation –

Randy Wilson stated the arena is going well and the Town's Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 pm and hopes to have a great turnout.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated there will be a meeting scheduled soon.

Randy Wilson stated Charmac has started on the Nackawic Stream Bridge. He also stated regarding the discontinuing of church plowing, he contacted other municipalities and they stated they are not plowing churches anymore either.

Special Reports –

MCCC

Councillor Simpson stated he attended the annual general meeting last week and mentioned they are struggling with attendance. They have a deficit of \$2,400 which they will have to take out of pocket.

Councillor Simpson stated Melanie Sloat resigned as president, and Tanya Hayward is the new one.

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Councillor Simpson informed Council he will be meeting with Paul Jack, President of Manufacturing at AV Group in the morning regarding land.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- lots of attention on the Waterfront Master Plan – Website and Corporation, including conference call with the Town's lawyer.
- follow-up phase one – Nackawic Stream Bridge.
- he met with a resident regarding land purchase.
- he attended a finance meeting.
- he has been working with FAME Solutions – they are meeting with staff next week.
- he met with wildlife officials concerning coyote presence in Town – in Town hunting.
- he attended a meeting with Kathryn Clark and Luke Cain with Cain Insurance.
- he attended a meeting with Stacey Clark & Ken Cahoon – follow up with the Waterfront Investment meeting.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he is not satisfied with how the website looks when brought up on a smart phone and stated there is too much information on the pages.

Randy Wilson stated the Website went live last week, and it still needs to be tweaked. Staff is working on the calendars, and hopes to have it working by the end of the week. He suggested for Council to take a look at the newly revised website and let him know of any other changes they would like to see.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he received 2 emails from the Cahoon Group regarding the Lions Club and they wanted to know what the status was on the Lions Club. He told them he didn't know what the status was of the hall whether the Lions Club was interested in selling or going partnership or listening to pitches from the investors.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane suggested the Town make a presentation to Lions Club about the Waterfront Master Plan and the interest in their building and stress to them that the Town is not trying to change anything but maybe there is a different way the property can function. The Town does need a Lions Club and a community hall but we need to work with them to make it function to insure it is going to prosper in the years to come.

Randy Wilson stated they have a file on the Town selling the land to the Lions Club but doesn't have anything else dated back from that. The Lions Club owns the land but still uncertain of who owns the building.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

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- he attended a meeting at the Town Hall along with Councillor Simpson and a potential investor on November 8th.
- he attended the Remembrance Day service on November 11th.
- he attended the MCCC general meeting on November 15th.
- he attended the Crabbe Mountain open house on November 17th.
- he will be attending a meeting at the Town Hall with Carl Urquhart on November 26th.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Cain Insurance

18-142 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the Town accept the Cain Insurance proposal of \$57,737 from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020 for the Municipal’s Insurance Program and have it reviewed in 2019.”

Motion carried.

B) B1 – Fishing Series- moved to closed session

18-143 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to closed session at 8:39 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Waterfront Discussion

B) Sidewalks – Snow Removal

C) B1 – Fishing Series

18-144 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

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Council moved back to regular session at 9:46 pm.

18-145 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

“That the Town of Nackawic grant the Big Axe Beer Festival use of the ball field and arena grounds to hold their 3rd annual Beer Festival on July 12th & 13th, 2019.”

Motion carried.

18-146 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That the Town of Nackawic grant the B1 Fishing Events permission to use the waterfront and boat launch on May 11th & 12th, 2019 and there will be no financial contribution made to this event.”

Motion carried.

18-147 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO