

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor Toole
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Farnsworth
Councillor McConaghy

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes
Peter Cole, Big Axe Beer Festival Committee
Tatiana Vasilyeva “
Robbie Kitchen “
Jonathan Stone “

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

19-138 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the agenda be approved with one addition:

-add under New Business, 7 D) Arena LED Lighting Tender.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

19-139 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the minutes of the November 4, 2019 regular council meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

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

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TO THE FLOOR:

A) Big Axe Beer Festival Committee

Peter Cole stated the Festival has grown quite a bit since they started and they are very excited about it. People are calling the festival a retreat and are asking how can they get on board. It wouldn't be successful without the great committee, our sponsors and the location; the Town's waterfront. He thanked the town for their support and allowing them to host this event every year. The date this year is Friday night, July 17 with a live music event and Saturday, July 18 the festival and they will need the two letters of approval from the Town in order to receive their license. Last year they donated \$8000 to United Way and this year they were able to donate \$15,000.

Tatiana Vasilyeva, gave a recap of last year's festival and stated they have maxed out for vendors at 45. Tickets will be available for sale for previous festival goers on December 1st and December 10th for the general public. She asked if there was anything Council thought they could improve on for this year.

Councillor Toole stated where people are dropped off in cars or buses, it got a little congested this year, there wasn't anyone there to help with parking.

Tatiana stated the first year they had someone there for parking but no one needed to be park and this year they never had anyone to help with parking and they needed it. They will have someone assigned to control parking next year.

Jonathan Stone stated he organizes entertainment and social media. One band is booked for Saturday – Beauty and the Beats from up river and they have a lead on a blue grass band from Nova Scotia. They are looking to get Trooper for Friday night and maybe a country group. He stated there will be no Moncton bus this year because of small attendance, instead they will be putting a bus in St. Stephen with a stop in Harvey.

Robbie Kitchen distributed the 2019 income statement as of November 18th 2019 and stated the festival does not make any money from this event. He stated every vendor that attends this event the festival pays for their liquor. They were very pleased to donate \$15,000 to United Way and donated \$200 to the Nackawic Fire Department for their services for First Aid during the festival.

Robbie Kitchen stated they are offering a ticket package this year for Friday & Saturday on ticket sales. They are hoping to have a higher end band to draw people to purchase the ticket package. The base ticket cost has increased from \$55 to \$60 to cover the cost for Friday night if it happens to be a flop.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked where would people want to stay if they could stay the night.

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Robbie Kitchen stated most people would stay in tents and he doesn't know why non-profit organizations like Home and School; Minor Hockey; the Lions Club might even be able to get on board and have something available for this weekend, whether it would be tent city or have a huge BBQ or even a breakfast, they could make a lot of money for their organization.

Councillor Toole stated the Lions Club might be able to use their parking lot or even do a breakfast. He will speak with the Lions Club members and see what their thoughts are and he will get back the them.

Mayor Kitchen thanked them for coming.

Big Axe Beer Festival committee left the meeting at 7:42 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Toole asked when Carter Stone would be taken over the position as the Town's EMO Coordinator.

Randy Wilson stated the week of January 1st, 2020.

Councillor Toole stated he will have to be appointed by Council.

Councillor Simpson asked if there was a date for the Duty to Consult meeting.

Randy Wilson stated they are looking from 10 am – 12 noon with a luncheon at the Lion's Club, waiting to hear back from them.

Councillor Simpson asked if RDC was contacted with regards to the 50% cost share.

Randy Wilson stated he spoke with them and they said it did not fit their criteria.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) Regional Aquatics Centre Request (New business)
- B) NHS Boys Basketball Team Request (New business)
- C) Craft Beer Festival Request (New business)
- D) Mactaquac Chamber Annual General Meeting

Mayor Kitchen noted the annual general meeting will be on November 25th at 7:00 pm and stated he will be attending.

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Councillor Simpson and Councillor Farnsworth stated they will both be attending as well.

E) RSC 11 Board Notes

Mayor Kitchen stated the RSC 11 board notes are in the package for council's viewing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the committee has not met since their last meeting 2 weeks ago but he has had discussions with Town's CAO and Sec/Treas. He informed Council that the Town received the funding letter from ACOA regarding the Waterfront and there will be a budget meeting with the library on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Kitchen stated the General Operating and Utility income statements for the month ending October 31st are in the package for Council's viewing.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the library board met with the Regional Coordinator who done up a package of what the needs of library's are in order for them to function properly. She stated Nackawic's Library front desk area is too small with no privacy. They will be meeting with the Town and School Board to try and meet these needs. She stated this can only go forward if the School Board chooses to support it.

Councillor Simpson stated he feels the Town needs to write up a new agreement with the library whereas the old one is over 40 years old.

Councillor Farnsworth agreed.

Councillor McConaghy stated libraries need to keep up with the demands and asked if the library has a lending library.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they do, such as, snowshoes; cake pans but they need to have a place to store them. They are always looking for new ways to involve more people into the library.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if they know how many people use the Library.

Councillor Farnsworth stated yes, they have several very active groups that run during the week. All the statistics are in the library budget report for their meeting on Tuesday night.

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Protective Services – No report

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated there will be a meeting on November 20. She stated she is working on bringing back the skating program this year, and is looking to start it in January.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if the Town was going ahead with the Arena Capital Fundraiser again this year the end of December.

Randy Wilson stated he is working on it but doesn't know if it will happen in December or not, it could be in March.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked how much funds were raised last year.

Randy Wilson stated \$44,000 for the chiller and they need another \$20,000 to pay for it.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated they had a meeting on November 14 and the plowing of the sidewalks was the most discussed item on the agenda and whether the Town should continue plowing them. He would like to see all the sidewalks cleared and that would save from people having to walk on the road in traffic. Another issue they discussed was the removing of snowbanks after there are so high. Instead of waiting until they are extremely high and remove them once, remove them more often during the winter season.

Councillor Toole stated the Town needs new sidewalks, they are all sunken down and water builds up and freezes and poses a risk. He knows that can't happen now because the winter season is upon us.

Councillor Simpson state the Town cannot afford a sidewalk program at the present but maybe the Public Works committee can take a look at it for next year.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Town cannot make them safe, we try and keep them clear but it is a never-ending cycle.

Mayor Kitchen asked for public works committee to put together a recommendation for the clearing of sidewalks and report back to Council.

Councillor Simpson stated yes, they would do that.

Special Reports –

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EMO

Councillor Toole stated Doctor Lamptey; Regional Medical Officer of Health for Central Region would like to meet with EMO and Council to discuss health concerns during an EMO disaster.

WATERFRONT

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they are making progress and the NB Power land sale will be finalized the end of November and they are working with Duty to Consult with the WNNB. The Town met with Glenn Group to discussed the reposition of the fuel station. He stated the ACOA funding is for the Digital Marketing Strategy for the Destination Nackawic. The Ginger Agency made a presentation last Monday night and they are working on a number of things to help drive traffic into the community, when they get more closer to where they want to be, they will make their presentation to Council.

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Seniors Forum is on November 19 at 3 pm. Christmas Tree lighting is Friday, December 6th at 7 pm and Christmas on the Bend is Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 -1:30 at MyGym.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she would like to do a staff Christmas lunch again this year if Council agrees with the Town covering the cost.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated yes, he felt there should be something done for the staff for Christmas.

Council agreed.

NATURE TRAIL

Councillor McConaghy reported that the trail grant has been submitted and waiting approval.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked how much the grant was and what would it be used for.

Councillor McConaghy stated the grant is just under \$5000 to be used on trail maintenance.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

-he wrote letter to Province declining offer to purchase surplus land.

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- he researched Yurt Cost – \$30,000 - \$40,000. Small cottages would be a better fit.
- he did survey on STATS Canada regarding Town's Asset Plan.
- he attended a meeting with Brent Sansom & Paul Bellefontaine (Freeze Dried Foods).
- the Town has received 2 grants; trail clean-up, thanks to Councillor McConaghy and LED lighting for the arena.
- he attended a meeting with Ginger Agency.
- he received a letter of offer form ACOA to cover Corp legal fees, report by Cushman & Wakefield and Ginger Agency work.
- the storm line is completed; they will return in the spring to complete repairs on the grass.
- he has been working on the budget.
- he attended a public works committee meeting.
- the Town has hired Roy Consultants as per instructions to aid Town with Environment Impact Assessment and permits.
- he wrote a letter to response to WNNB concerning sale of land with NB Power.
- the Duty to Consult meeting date will be in Nackawic on November 28 at the Lions Club.
- he attended a meeting with DTI; waterline on bridge. Tomorrow the line will be set in place.

Councillor Toole asked if the company can add crush gravel on the parking area of the Lions Club where they had the gravel dumped it is very muddy and tracks in a lot of dirt in the hall.

Randy Wilson stated he will speak with them about it for the spring when they return to fix the grass.

Councillor Toole asked if there was any word on Dillon Consulting regarding the Trickle Filter and could he be informed when it will be because he would like to attend.

Randy Wilson stated yes; they are putting together a report for Council and have a meeting with public works committee.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony and veteran's supper on November 11. He stated they are trying to raise money to purchase veteran's flags and asked if the Town could display them on the light poles on Otis Drive. Hopefully this can go ahead.
- he attended the RSC 11 Policing Meeting on November 14 and mentioned about the speed radar sign and the average speed that is travelled down the hill. They would like to have the results forward to them.

Mayor Kitchen asked to send them the report after the bridge is complete and the traffic light is taken down to have a more accurate reading.

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Randy Wilson stated yes, he will.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Big Axe Craft Beer Festival Request

19-140 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the Town give the Big Axe Beer Festival permission to use the arena grounds on Friday and Saturday, July 17 & 18 for their annual Craft Beer Festival.”

-On the Question:

Councillor Simpson asked Randy Wilson if he had discussed with the committee to make a donation for their use of the Town’s Waterfront.

Randy Wilson stated no he has not spoken to the committee about it.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he felt they should be making a donation to the Town to use the Waterfront because there is a cost to the Town.

Councillor Toole stated he felt they shouldn’t have to make a donation because they are not making any money off of the festival and all revenue goes to United Way, for local charities.

Councillor Simpson stated a part of their success is the location of the festival. The Town needs make a policy to start charging a fee for the use of the waterfront for the new people coming in, especially when things start to take shape in the coming years.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Festival might not be making any money but their product it getting out there through the festival. The fact that they donated out to United Way allows them to have the Beer Festival because it is the non-profit aspect of it that allows them to get the grant and license.

Councillor McConaghy stated she feels where they are not making a profit and the money goes back into the community then they shouldn’t be asked for a donation.

Motion carried.

B) Regional Aquatics Centre Request

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19-141 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Simpson

“The Town denied their request.”

Motion carried. One nay vote – Councillor Farnsworth.

C) NHS Boys Basketball Team Request

19-142 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the Town donate \$100 to the NHS Varsity Boys Basketball fundraiser.”

Motion carried.

D) Arena LED Lighting

19-143 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the Town award the retrofitting and replacing of existing common area lighting at the Nackawic Arena to LED lighting to D-Mac Electrical at the quoted price of \$4995.00 plus HST. This project is funded by the Community Investment Fund by RDC.”

Motion carried.

19-144 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO