

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020

VIA TELECONFERENCE MEETING (COVID-19)

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Councillor Toole
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Farnsworth

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor McConaghy

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-43 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the agenda be approved with the 2 amendments:

-Under New Business; add A) Library Request and B) Waterfront Pub Verbal Request.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-44 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the minutes of the April 6th, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Toole asked if there was a start time for the construction on the left turning lane.

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Randy Wilson stated the start date is May 18th and end date June 12th.

Councillor Toole asked about the report from Brenda Knight.

Randy Wilson stated a report was emailed to both him and Mayor Kitchen and he will follow up with Brenda Knight this week.

Councillor Simpson asked if all of Council will get to review the report before any changes are made.

Mayor Kitchen stated he will forward the originally report to all councillors before anything is changed.

Councillor Toole asked if the wing on the plough truck was fixed yet.

Randy Wilson stated no it hasn't, but the company will be coming to Nackawic after COVID-19 crisis and fix it here at the Town garage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) RSC 11 Memo – Don Fitzgerald

Mayor Kitchen reported on the memo from Don Fitzgerald and states how they are managing the Planning and Development services during this pandemic. They are paying to use Zoom for the meetings and stated if any municipalities needed help in setting it up to let him know.

Councillor Toole stated Zoom is on a password basis and he will be participating in the PRAC meeting next Tuesday night. Maybe the Town can go that way for Council meetings and use their license.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she didn't think it was that expensive to use because she uses Zoom for several committees and they use passwords to get on. Maybe the Town should check into it for the Council meetings.

Mayor Kitchen stated they can but the only difference would be everyone would need a computer in their home or laptop with a camera on it to make it work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

Library – No Report

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Protective Services –

RCMP

Councillor Farnsworth stated she has heard chatter about kids on ATV's and she has seen the land between the Town Hall the Shopping Centre tore up.

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town can make a call to the RCMP but it will be hard catching them.

Recreation – No Report

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson reported on the email from UMN B for Infrastructure funding and he suggested the Town should pursue it to get a project done.

Mayor Kitchen agreed with him and directed Randy Wilson to make a call and find out what the Town has to do to receive the funding.

Councillor Simpson stated he mentioned to Randy Wilson about sidewalk clean-up for easier walking.

Mayor Kitchen stated some residents have mentioned to him about it also.

Randy Wilson stated he has spoken to the public works employees and they will be doing it soon, he stressed to them to keep social distancing.

Special Reports –

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated they have received another grant from United Way to partner with local restaurants and 1 from UNIFOR Local 219 plus 2 other private donations for Meals 4 You program. The committee will be delivering a meal to Dr. Hebb and the employees at the medical centre and Save Easy employees, thanking them for their service during the COVID-19 crisis. She stated it is going very well and people are wanting to help.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she has received donations for Bulk Buying program from a local church and will have an additional 15 bags to give away to families or individuals who might be affected in some way by COVID-19.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the food boxes from Valley Food Bank will be arriving this Friday and the pickup will be at the Town Hall parking lot. She stated she has had calls

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from people who would like to donate food to these food boxes, and she has set up a box outside the Gym doors for them to drop off the food items and when the truck comes to deliver the food boxes she will give it to them to take back to Valley Food Bank in Woodstock.

Councillor Toole stated if they needed a bigger place for pick-up of boxes, they can use the area on the side of the Lions Centre.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they have already made the change, so she will leave it.

Mayor Kitchen and Council thanked Councillor Farnsworth for her hard work with the Wellness initiatives.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he attended a conference call with Dillon Consulting and Philson Construction regarding the left turn lane. Start date May 18th – end date June 12th.
- the phase 2 portion of the Nackawic Stream Bridge will start on June 14th.
- he worked on the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) with partners in an effort to get the EIA completed. Once completed, there will be lots to get done.
- he has spoken with ACOA on waterfront related funding. They are pleased with our work to date.
- he worked with Dillon Consulting on the Trickle Filter final report. This has gone very well. Our main concern has been to ensure DELG supports this so we can move forward in 2021.
- he has had discussion with Kathryn Clark on our audit and stated there will be a teleconference on Tuesday, April 28th at 10:00 am.
- he has been working on a plan to get items in the Town cleaned up, very cognizant of enacting a plan that keeps our staff safe.
- he has had discussions with AV Group about construction on the bridge; their shut down will be on May 11 for 4 days and they are advising people not to stay in people's homes. They are trying to find other arrangements to accommodate them.

Randy Wilson asked Dallas Cakes if Spring Clean-up was going to be delayed because of the Pandemic.

Dallas Cakes stated she spoke with Fero, they said spring clean-up will go ahead as scheduled for Friday, May 22nd.

Councillor Simpson asked if there was enough money in Gas Tax to fund the left-hand turn lane project.

Randy Wilson stated yes there was.

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Councillor Simpson asked if there has been news on Council's decision regarding the Trickle Filter.

Randy Wilson stated no there hasn't.

Councillor Simpson asked Randy Wilson if he has been talking to Brent Sansom about any progress he may be making with the mill regarding land for industrial development.

Randy Wilson stated no, but the DNEDC has been set up on Kathryn's computer, but there are still some things left to be completed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he helped out with distributing the Bulk Buying Bags.
- he attended several teleconference meetings regarding COVID-19.
- he stated the Big Axe Beer Festival has been cancelled for this year.

Councillor Simpson stated the B1 Fishing Tournament was cancelled for this year and asked Randy Wilson if he heard anything on the other NB Bass Fishing Tournament.

Randy Wilson stated no he hasn't but he will touch base with Bert Beeks. He also stated the Canada Day Ceremonies for Nackawic will be cancelled but hopes that Festival on the Bend might still be able to go ahead as scheduled seeing it is not until the middle of August.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she spoke with the FOTB chairperson and they never said anything definite, they are just waiting to see what happens with the Provinces State of Emergency.

Councillor Simpson stated that New Brunswick has been doing quite well regarding COVID-19 cases as to other provinces and maybe several events won't have to cancel.

Mayor Kitchen directed Randy Wilson to touch base with the FOTB committee to find out more about it. He is hoping to hear more from the government by the middle of May regarding gatherings.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Library Request Revised Letter

On the Question –

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Councillor Farnsworth stated in the previous letter, the library stated the heat pump/AC cooling system was \$8000 plus HST. The quote was submitted with a residential mindset and the District would commit to \$3000 and the Town would contribute the additional \$5000. The revised letter states that the total cost is now \$10,900 with the district still paying the \$3000 and they are asking the Town to pay the balance which is \$7900.

Councillor Simpson asked if the bid was tendered because the Town's Bylaw states anything over \$5000 had to be tendered.

Councillor Farnsworth stated no it was not tendered but they had two quotes and the School Board was told of the original cost but she doesn't think they were told of the most recent cost.

Mayor Kitchen asked Councillor Farnsworth to find out more about the second quote and stated the request will be tabled until the next Council meeting.

B) Waterfront Pub Verbal Request

20-45 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

"That Council give Andy Fox; owner of Waterfront Pub, permission to construct a walking trail adjacent to the Trickle Filter and the acquisition line, to allow patrons access to the pub from the St. John River. The Town will assume no responsibility for liability, pollution and or environmental issue that may arise, they must keep it maintained and to contact NB Power to inform them of their intent."

On the Question-

Mayor Kitchen stated Andy Fox; Waterfront Pub owner, is asking for the Town's permission to have a path made from the river between the Trickle Filter and Pump House 2. He will be putting a dock there so people coming from their boats can have access to his pub. People are already using the area now but he wanted to make sure it was ok to do so.

Councillor Simpson stated it is part Town and NB Power property and he would also have to get permission from NB Power to place a dock there.

Mayor Kitchen directed the CAO to write a letter to Andy Fox stating that his request has been approved but also state that there will be work done on the Trickle Filter next year and people won't be able to use the path at that time.

Motion carried.

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C) Land Request

20-46 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council agree to lease Schedule “B” as a small parcel of land identified in PID #01507144 adjacent to Land owned by 695312 NB, the Waterfront Pub – PID #1512193. Business owner will pay to the Town of Nackawic a yearly land lease fee of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) plus HST per year as invoiced by the Town. The first payment date will be May 1st, 2021 as per the agreement.”

Motion carried.

20-47 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO