

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Simpson
Deputy Mayor Laroche
Councillor Lamey
Councillor Seymour

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark
Jennifer Waye
Greg MacFarlane
Allison Adair, Bugle reporter

TO ORDER: Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and asked all present to stand and sing O Canada.

Everyone came to attention and sang O Canada.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

12-01 Motion: Councillor Lamey
Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the agenda be approved.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2011:

12-02 Motion: Councillor Lamey
Second: Councillor Seymour

“That the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 19, 2011 be approved.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2011:

12-03 Motion: Councillor Lamey
Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the minutes of the special council meeting of December 21, 2011 be approved.”

Motion carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

No business arising.

With Councils approval Mayor Simpson moved to item 8 under To The Floor.

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Presentation by Greg MacFarlane regarding the Nackawic Cross Country Ski Club.

Greg MacFarlane stated that he is a member of the cross country ski club and is speaking to Council as a concerned skier and tax payer in Nackawic. The ski club has been operating for many years. Every year there are fewer members. The Alpine used to groom the trails is on it's last legs. Roger Lagacy has been nursing it for years. There is a number of trails and also a nice cabin to rest at. He would like to increase interest in the community so it can continue to operate. They have held an annual event at the high school to increase interest in the sport and it's been a success. He stated the club has not marketed their ski club memberships. The location of the existing cabin is not great. He believes that if there were trails closer to town, more residents would take an interest. He is currently trying to determine where the club stands and if it's inactive or closed for the year. He would like the ski club revived and is looking for community support. He feels it's important for the town and would like to see the club continue. He suggested potentially using the Golf Club however even that has geographical issues. He's also thought of the green space along the river, however the skiers would be exposed to the wind. Many communities have successfully integrated trails into their community and he hopes Nackawic can do the same.

Deputy Mayor Laroche stated that he skied in the past and places have had great success with ski trails on golf courses.

Greg MacFarlane stated the High School has a closet full of gear that could be made available.

Mayor Simpson stated that she's skied for many years and it's been difficult to get members. The cabin is too far for children to ski to.

Greg MacFarlane stated he sees it as a recreation activity and he would like to see Town involvement. He suggested that perhaps the Recreation Department or Public Works could commit and drag a trail once a week. The Fire Department has a machine now and it would be used for 2 or 3 months/year. The club isn't currently able to operate on memberships alone.

Mayor Simpson stated that St. Anne purchased the Alpine for the Ski Club many years ago.

Councillor Lamey suggested the gear could be moved from the High School to the Recreation Department and rentals could be done from there.

Councillor Seymour asked if the ski club is asking the Town to purchase a snowmachine. The club would need members to help cover the cost as it could get expensive for the Town.

Greg MacFarlane stated the machines last approximately 10 years. There has not been a coordinated effort to increase memberships. He would like to have a central location for citizens to

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purchase memberships. He and his wife are willing to commit to the Ski Club. He's not asking the Town to purchase a snow machine. He's looking for a solution on how the ski club can work in the community. He is willing to contact other clubs to find out their operating costs. Some communities have integrated the ski program right into their schools by offering skiing after school on a specific day.

Mayor Simpson asked Greg to contact other Ski Clubs and find out what their operating costs are.

Councillor Lamey asked if passes could be sold at Town Hall.

Kathryn Clark stated that would be possible.

Deputy Mayor Laroche suggested that a committee be formed.

Councillor Seymour stated the club needs to decide what they want.

Kathryn Clark stated that Randy could bring this to the next recreation meeting.

Mayor Simpson stated she would like to see the main trail remain open with a shorter trail in the Town limits for children.

Greg MacFarlane asked the Mayor if she was able to provide him with a status update of the Ski Club.

Mayor Simpson stated a meeting was held at Town Hall last fall and only three club members attended. Without a snow machine, the trail can't be dragged.

Councillor Seymour stated that the club needs to increase the children's interest in the sport which will cause the parents to become involved.

Councillor Lamey suggested that a committee be formed and they start by working on increasing interest in the community by making phone calls.

Mayor Simpson thanked Greg for bringing this to Council and she will discuss the ski club with Randy.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) A thank you letter from Marissa Hutchins, Grad Class President for the sponsorship of the Grad Class Calendar.
- B) For Councils information a Newsletter from UMNB.
- C) A letter and proclamation from Daniel Connolly, Chief Executive Officer of the Heart & Stroke Foundation of New Brunswick regarding Heart Month.

Mayor Simpson read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of February, 2012 as Heart Month in Nackawic.

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D) A letter and proclamation from Natasha Bozek, Executive Director of the Literacy Coalition of New Brunswick regarding Family Literacy Day.

Mayor Simpson read the proclamation and proclaimed January 27, 2012 as Family Literacy Day and this year's theme is "Taking a Learning Journey".

E) A proclamation from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities regarding the proclamation of International Development Week.

Mayor Simpson read the proclamation and proclaimed the week of February 5 to 11 as International Development Week.

F) A letter of request from the Nackawic Senior High School for permission to use the Nackawic Arena for the Graduation Ceremony. (New Business)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – no report

Planning Advisory Committee – no report

Library Committee – no report

Protective Services

- RCMP

Mayor Simpson reported on the Occurrence Stats for the month of December.

Recreation

Councillor Lamey reported that \$17,000 was raised for ProKids.

Public Works – no report

Special Reports

- Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission

Mayor Simpson reported on the minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting.

- Saint John River Valley Tourism Association

Deputy Mayor Laroche reported on the projects completed by the Saint John River Valley Tourism Association from June – December 2011.

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Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Kathryn Clark reported that:

- The 2012 budgets for general operating and utility were signed, sealed and submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.
- The 2012 Fire Protection Services Agreement was signed, sealed and returned to the Department of Local Government.
- The tender for the fire hall exhaust system closed and was awarded at the special council meeting on December 21, 2011. A letter was sent to Dwight MacFarlane, D-Mac Electrical advising him that he was the successful bidder. Letters were sent to the other companies that submitted quotations.
- Year end transfers were completed as approved by Council.
- On December 23, 2011 Council and employees enjoyed a small Christmas party before closing for the holidays. The office reopened on January 3, 2012.
- The Key was sent out the first week of January after returning from the holidays.
- The 2012 budgets were typed and distributed to all departments.
- The first quarter water/sewer billing was sent out with forty letters being sent for overdue accounts.
- The 2011 audit has been scheduled for February 20 & 21, 2012 and work will center on preparing for the audit.
- The Town's lawyer drafted a Surrender of Lease between the Town and VAS and the Town and AV Nackawic to be signed by all parties and then registered. The leases have been forwarded to the two parties and are waiting for them to be returned.
- Welch Surveys is supposed to drop the survey off on Wednesday. It is to be attached to the agreement between the Town and Pauline Stairs, re: Access Road to Well. The Town's lawyer will come to the office to witness the signature of Mrs. Stairs and take the agreement to be registered.
- A letter was sent to DOT requesting permission to keep the flashing red beacons.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Simpson reported that:

- On December 20th she attended a Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission meeting.
- On December 21st she attended a Special Council Meeting, and also did an interview with the Bugle Observer on the Highlights of 2011.
- On December 22nd she attended a cheque presentation for the Your Health – Your Heart Fundraiser. AV Nackawic donated \$2600.
- On December 23rd she attended a Christmas Get Together with Council, Staff and Employees.
- On January 5th she attended a meeting with Council.
- On January 10th she attended a Police Liaison meeting in Woodstock.
- On January 11th she was interviewed by Angela Ferguson of CJ104 and they discussed the Highlights of 2011 and expectations for 2012.
- On December 13th she attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cardiac Diagnostic Unit as a wrap up of the funds raised for Your Health – Your Heart.

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Mayor Simpson stated that she missed the ProKids Event as she was away for the Holidays. She congratulated Randy and his team as they raised \$17,000 for ProKids.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) A request from the Nackawic Senior High School for permission to use the Nackawic Arena for the Graduation Ceremony on June 21st, 2012.

12-03 Motion: Councillor Lamey
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the Town grant permission to the Nackawic Senior High School to use the arena facilities from June 18th until June 22nd for their 2012 graduation ceremony.”

Motion carried.

12-04 Motion: Councillor Lamey
 Second: Councillor Seymour

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to closed session at 8:16 pm and Jennifer Waye, Greg MacFarlane and Allison Adair left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Personnel Issue

12-05 Motion: Councillor Lamey
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That Council move back to the regular meeting.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to the regular meeting at 8:30 pm and Greg MacFarlane and Allison Adair returned to the meeting.

12-06 Motion: Councillor Lamey
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Nackawic be offered to Duncan Walker on a six month probationary period effective February 6, 2012.”

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12-07 Motion carried.
 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Councillor Lamey

 “That the meeting be adjourned.”

 Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Mayor Rowena Simpson

Kathryn Clark, Acting CAO