

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Cronkhite
Deputy Mayor Mercer
Councillor Farnsworth
Councillor Toole
Councillor Howell

ABSENT: Councillor Lamey

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark, Acting CAO
Dallas Cakes
Colleen MacDonald Briggs, Dietitian, Woodstock Public
Health
Robert Simpson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

16-39 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Mayor Cronkhite declared a conflict on item 7. B) Fire Hall expansion – Ground Work.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING:

16-40 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the April 18, 2016 regular council meeting be
approved.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Toole asked if the Town had contacted the Legion regarding moving the
Cenotaph.

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Kathryn Clark reported that she had spoken with Ross Carruthers and advised him that the new Council will set up a meeting with the Legion to make a decision on the permanent location and Ross stated that was fine.

With Council's permission Mayor Cronkhite moved to item 8. A) To the Floor.

TO THE FLOOR:

Colleen MacDonald Briggs reported on Breastfeeding in New Brunswick and how it can improve the health of our population by reducing the risk of diseases and illnesses. Out of 80% of mothers who choose to breastfeed their newborn baby only 21.5% are still exclusively breastfeeding at 6 months. Research suggests that many women stopped breastfeeding earlier than they had planned to because they face stigma in public places. A Breastfeeding friendly community helps mothers feel comfortable breastfeeding anywhere, anytime. You can spark a positive social change that can impact Health, Food Security, Economics and the Environment.

Colleen MacDonald Briggs invites the Town of Nackawic to sign a pledge to support the environment for our breastfeeding citizens and employees and by displaying the Breastfeeding Friendly sign in our buildings.

Mayor Cronkhite thanked Colleen MacDonald Briggs for coming.

Colleen MacDonald Briggs left the meeting at 7:10 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) Thank you letter from the Curling Club for the donation to their Spring Bonspiel.
- B) Letter from Festival on the Bend 2016 requesting financial support for this year's festival.

Kathryn Clark reported that \$2000 was budgeted to donate to Festival on the Bend.

- C) Letter of request from Nackawic Senior High School, re: Graduation Ceremony (New Business)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Kathryn Clark reported on the Income Statements to March 31, 2016.

Deputy Mayor Mercer asked if the Town had budgeted enough on the insurance for liability.

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Kathryn Clark stated yes and that these individual figures are how the Insurance Company does each departmental breakdown.

Deputy Mayor Mercer stated that the Town renewed their insurance with the same carrier but was offered a lower premium with another carrier and the Town stayed with the same one for a reason.

Kathryn Clark stated that each line needs to be looked at more closely and she can go down through each department for information purposes.

Deputy Mayor Mercer stated that would be fine.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if all the water and sewer overdue accounts were up to date.

Kathryn Clark stated that there are 9 accounts that received letters and there has been a good response from them and that Monday, May 9th is the deadline to have it paid before it is passed on to RSC 11.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth reported that there will be a library meeting on Thursday, May 5. Also Pathway-to-Reading is on Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 pm with special guest Brandon “L-Jack” Brewer.

Councillor Farnsworth also reported that the hiring process for the part time position is completed.

Protective Services –

Fire –

Councillor Howell reported on the minutes of the April 5, 12, and 26 meetings.

Mayor Cronkhite asked if the motor was in good working order.

Councillor Howell stated that they had taken the boat out for a test run and that everything was working well.

Councillor Howell also stated that the Fire Department has started a new fundraiser called Rescue the Ace and wishes them all the best.

Recreation – No report

Public Works – No report

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Special Reports

Fire Hall Committee –

Deputy Mayor Mercer reported that the quotes from the contractors should be completed Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Council cannot go ahead on the tender until after the hearing on May 9th and a response from the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for approval of the loan.

MCCC –

Councillor Farnsworth reported that the Casino Night at Kings Landing was a good time by all. There is going to be a 10 @ 10 meeting to invite businesses and discuss issues on how the Chamber can help them promote their business. It will be taking place the end of May at MyGym.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that they are still waiting on grants for the community garden and hopes that it will be soon so the garden can happen this year and they won't have to wait another year.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report –

Kathryn Clark reported that:

- she sent a letter to Robert Pethick congratulating him on his retirement.
- she has continued working with Sara Young, from the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board, getting prepared for the hearing on May 9th.
- she contacted Ross Carruthers regarding relocating the Cenotaph to a temporary location and setting up meeting with the new council to discuss permanent location.
- the Municipal Plan has been registered and an ad will go in the newspaper reflecting that information.
- there has been a steady flow of contractors over the last couple of weeks at the Town Hall/Fire Hall. Tenders close on Thursday, May 5, 2016.
- she completed the Annual Gas Tax Outcome & Expenditure Reports which were due on April 30, 2016.
- she completed Income Statements to March 31, 2016.
- she spoke with Bev McKay & Brian Perry regarding insurance issues which will be discussed in closed session.
- she stated that the street light electricity has been moved at the Town Hall.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cronkhite reported that:

- she spoke to Denise Coulombe the physician recruitment officer, who said that she met

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with two doctors who have shown some interest in Nackawic and hopes to have more information on that soon.

-she attended the Day of Mourning with AV Nackawic on April 28th.

-she stated that there was no monthly RSC 11 meeting due to Early Election Polls.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request from Nackawic Senior High School, re: Graduation Ceremony

16-41 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Deputy Mayor Mercer

“That the Nackawic Senior High School be granted the use of the Arena from June 21 – 24, 2016, for the graduation ceremony and rental fees be waived.”

Motion carried.

B) Breastfeeding Friendly Community Pledge

Councillor Farnsworth read the Municipality Breastfeeding Friendly Pledge to show Council’s support and encourage new mothers that breastfeeding is encouraged through the businesses and the Town of Nackawic.

Mayor Cronkhite left the meeting.

C) Fire Hall Expansion – Ground Work

16-42 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the Town award Project #HE000104 from Hatchard Engineering to Daniel E. Cronkhite in the amount of \$11,684.00 + HST.”

Motion carried.

Councillor Farnsworth asked how long the project was going to take.

Deputy Mayor Mercer stated that it should take approximately two (2) days.

Mayor Cronkhite returned to the meeting.

16-43 “That Council move to closed session.”

Motion: Councillor Farnsworth

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Second: Councillor Howell

Motion carried.

Council moved to closed session at 7:40 pm.

Dallas Cakes and Robert Simpson left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Insurance Issue

B) Property Issue

16-44 "That Council move back to regular meeting."

Motion: Deputy Mayor Mercer
Second: Councillor Toole

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular meeting at 8:20 pm.

16-45 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Howell

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Nancy Cronkhite
Mayor

Kathryn Clark
Acting Chief Administrative Officer