

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor Toole
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Edwards

ABSENT: Councillor Farnsworth

IN ATTENDANCE: Dallas Cakes
Tim Yerxa, Playhouse Fredericton Inc.
Jeff Wilson, Economic Development
Rick Greene, Economic Development

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

16-81 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

Under Closed Session -

9. A) Fire Hall.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 4, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

16-82 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of the July 4, 2016 regular council meeting be approved.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2016 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

16-83 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Toole

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“That the minutes of the July 19, 2016 special council meeting be approved.”

Motion carried.

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

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Jeff Wilson & Rick Greene, Economic Development

Jeff Wilson stated that he is a board member, government liaison and co-host of the Miramichi Striper Cup and Rick Greene is the chairman of New Brunswick Sport Fishing and local TV host of Back Water Casting. He is speaking to Council to promote and build the Annual May long weekend Bass Tournament to lead national standards.

Jeff Wilson noted that they have hosted the May long weekend bass tournament in Nackawic for the last 20 years because of the central location. The biggest events they host are the two youth events, one in Woodstock and one in Oromocto and they have given away \$50,000 to juvenile diabetes over the last 10 years. Everything is free for the kids such as food and prizes.

Jeff stated that they have received seed funding from the Province by having Miramichi as a partner. They would leverage the event to improve the local infrastructure here in Nackawic, such as the launches, docks and gas. They will help the Town build the infrastructures which would remain to attract people year round and to promote Nackawic and surrounding areas as a premier boating destination. They will jointly apply to the Province in an effort to build this event and acquire the infrastructure.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that Council would be interested in working with Economic Development.

Mayor Kitchen stated that he would like to see more of these events happening in Nackawic.

Councillor Simpson as what was involved in supplying gas.

Jeff Wilson stated that some municipalities use above ground tanks. He also stated that gas for events is not too important but gas for the community is important.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane suggested that the Community Development Committee provide Randy Wilson, Director of Community Services with a list of the priority items.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Jeff Wilson & Rick Greene for coming.

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Jeff Wilson and Rick Green left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

B) Tim Yerxa, Playhouse Fredericton Inc.

Tim Yerxa stated that he is the executive director of Playhouse Fredericton Inc. He stated that the Playhouse was approached in 2006 and was told that they are in dire need of repairs or build a new building. In 2010 they decided to do something about it and in 2011 they approached Fredericton City Council.

Tim Yerxa stated that refurbishing the existing facility to extend its life for 30 years would cost \$12.3 million which is the option of constructing a new building that would better serve the needs and goals of the community for the long term. Furthermore, a refurbishment of the existing building would require that current building codes be met. To maintain the seating and still meet the life-safety and other code items was also considered and a cost of \$19.2 million would not be met. Which is why we are considering a rebuild.

Fredericton Playhouse Inc. has committed to leading the project with the collaboration of the City and other stakeholders. Together, they are currently working to resolve the site selection question and secure funding from other levels of government before moving onto design and private fundraising.

He stated that he was speaking tonight for Council to make a pledge of a capital contribution or an operating contribution over a 10 year period. They will send a request to Mayor and Council and they have until the end of September to respond.

Councillor Simpson asked how much income the rural communities bring to the Playhouse.

Tim Yerxa stated that the City of Fredericton brings in 20- 22% of participation rate per household per year and Nackawic brings in 14% per year which is close to the same.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Tim Yerxa for coming.

Tim Yerxa left the meeting at 8:25 pm

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Letter from Tom & Carolyn Munroe.

Councillor Edwards stated that the Mill has been made aware of the situation and will make a point of having handouts for the truck drivers and putting more signage up.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that he will let the Munroe's know that this it is being looked after.

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Councillor Simpson asked if the staff could contact other municipalities and see if they have a by-law regarding jake brakes.

Councillor Toole stated that there are no by-laws regarding jake brakes because it is a highway, and that would be a question to ask DTI at their upcoming meeting on Friday, August 12.

With apologies, Councillor Edwards left the meeting at 8:30 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Councillor Simpson asked why the expenses on General Operating is at 64%.

Mayor Kitchen stated it could be because of the Solicitor line is well over budget. Kathryn Clark can answer that question when she returns on Monday.

Councillor Toole ask how many residents are behind in their Utility bills.

Dallas Cakes stated that there are four and the registered letters went out the first of last week and they have 30 days from that letter to have their arrears paid and one resident has already paid in full.

Library – No report

Protective Services –

Fire-

Mayor Kitchen stated that Nic LaKing has resigned and has moved to Fredericton. He stated that the Town will send him a letter thanking him for his services on the Volunteer Fire Department.

RCMP-

Mayor Kitchen stated that the Town has received the annual report from the RCMP and it will be at the Town office for Councils viewing.

Recreation –

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Deputy Mayor MacFarlane reported that the last beach water test results were excellent and would like to see the results posted on the Facebook page to let residents know that the beach water is good for swimming.

Public Works –

Councillor Toole reported on the monthly update and stated that when the reservoir ran out of water they had a communication issue and they are working to get it fixed.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if Denny Pike could attend a Council meeting and update Councillors on how the pump houses run.

Councillor Toole stated that Denny Pike doesn't know how the pump houses run. The engineers who set it up will have to speak on that. Once they find out the problem the Public Works committee will report back to Council.

Councillor Simpson stated that the hydrant on the bottom of Old Bridge Road is still out of service.

Councillor Toole stated that Randy is aware of the problem, and he has brought in a contractor to assist with the situation but hasn't gotten back to the Public Works committee yet.

Councillor Simpson stated that regarding DTI the Town would like to apply for funding and has asked staff how many times the Town has applied and how much money if any was received over a 10 year period.

Special Reports –

Councillor Toole stated that they had a meeting with the Community Health Needs Association.

Staffing –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane reported on the minutes of the staffing committee and stated that it will be discussed in more detail in closed session.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report – No report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he met with T.J. Harvey and Council on July 7.
- he attended the National French Fry Day in Florenceville on July 13.

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- he attended an infrastructure meeting with T.J. Harvey on July 18.
- he attended a special council meeting on July 19.
- he attended a RSC 11 orientation meeting on July 19.
- he attended the Western Valley Regional Games opening ceremony in Plaster Rock on July 21.
- he spent many hours on the phone with the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board.
- he met with Bev McKay and Luke Cain along with Council on August 2.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane complimented Mayor Kitchen on his hard work this past week on getting the application for funding approved.

Councillor Toole also stated that RSC 11 was a great help.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that Council was informed by the insurance adjuster Bev McKay and the insurance broker Luke Cain with Cain Insurance that effective August 1, 2016 that the Town will no longer receive funding to cover rent of the Town Office or the temporary Fire Department. Council asked them to go back to the insurance company to ask for an extension because of the delays in starting the project, the Town is facing a \$5000 a month expense.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request from River Valley Taekwondo

16-84 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That River Valley Taekwondo be granted permission for use of the arena facilities on October 1st and that all fees be waived to host the 2nd Annual River Valley Open Taekwondo tournament.”

Motion carried.

B) Request from Unifor Local 219

16-85 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That Unifor Local 219 be granted permission for use of the arena facilities on September 4th if needed and use the tennis courts if no construction is happening at that time and that all fees be waived to host a Labour Day Celebration.”

Motion carried.

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16-86 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Dallas Cakes left the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Council moved to closed session at 9:16 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Fire Hall

16-87 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 10:20 pm.

16-88 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor