

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2017

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark
Dallas Cakes

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

16-156 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Edwards

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

Under Closed Session -

9. B) Revenue Challenge

C) Fire Department – Staffing.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

16-157 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of the December 19, 2016 regular council meeting be approved.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2016 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

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16-158 Motion: Councillor Edwards
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the December 21, 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) Sgt. Andrea Gallant, RCMP

Sgt. Gallant reported on the RCMP December stats.

Councillor Simpson asked if the RCMP is up on their staffing numbers.

Sgt. Gallant reported that in Nackawic they are missing a Corporal position because Keenan Lord just recently retired in December.

Councillor Simpson asked if the RCMP kept record of how many days in a year Nackawic is short an officer.

Sgt. Gallant stated that all their records are electronic but they could go to the schedule and get the numbers. She stated that if there are no officers in Nackawic or surrounding area when a call comes in then Keswick responds to all calls from Nackawic.

Councillor Edwards stated that sometimes when a call goes out, an officer from Oromocto will respond. Councillor Edwards asked what the geographic area was for the RCMP.

Sgt. Gallant stated that the only time they respond from Oromocto is between 3:00 and 7:00 am, outside that they will respond from Keswick if there isn’t an officer in the Nackawic area.

Councillor Simpson stated that with a small number of officers covering a very large area Nackawic is not receiving the quality of attention from the RCMP that the Town should.

Sgt. Gallant stated that the positions are divided between the Province and the RSC’s. With the transfers of officers to different areas, the province has put a freeze on the transfers and the officers could take up to a year before they would be able to move from one position to another.

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Councillor Farnsworth asked if the RCMP still have auxiliaries.

Sgt. Gallant stated that they use to but they have put a temporary freeze on it because there was an auxiliary that was injured and until they evaluate the liability issue it will remain that way.

Councillor Edwards asked what the responsibility for Conservation Officers are and if they have Peace Officer status.

Sgt. Gallant stated that the Conservation Officers do have Peace Officer status. They have the authority to stop vehicles but she is not sure how broad they can go.

Councillor Edwards asked if she could find some clarity on what a Peace Officer's job is for the next council meeting.

Sgt. Gallant stated that she would.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Sgt. Gallant for coming.

Sgt. Gallant left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) Letter of Thanks – Nackawic High School Nighthawks Hockey Team
- B) 2017 Municipal Kilometrage Agreement (New Business)
- C) Heritage Week 2017 Proclamation

Mayor Kitchen read the Heritage Week 2017 Proclamation and declared February 13-20, 2017 as Heritage Week in Nackawic and Monday, February 20, 2017 as Heritage Day in the Town of Nackawic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane reported that the finance committee is meeting regularly and working on the budget.

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Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated that there is a meeting scheduled for next week.

Protective Services – No report

Recreation – No Report

Public Works – No Report

Special Reports –

Economic Development –

Councillor Simpson stated that he is waiting to hear back on a date for a meeting with Valerie Hagerman.

Wellness –

Councillor Farnsworth stated that there is a meeting scheduled this week.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

- he is working on the budget with Kathryn Clark.
- he sent Highway Maintenance Agreement 2016, to the Province.
- the Collective Agreement has been signed.
- he has been working on job posting for Community Development/Recreation Officer.
- the town has been approved for the Waste Water Funding.
- he submitted summer job applications.
- open house will be on Tuesday, January 17.
- spoke with RCMP about the red flashing light on Otis Drive.
- he resolved the issue with the ammonia leak at the arena.
- he has spoken with the Public Works department about snow removal issues.
- he received an emailed stating that Deputy Fire Chief Barrow was stepping down but was remaining on the department as a firefighter.
- he has been working with Dillon Consulting to review Hwy 105 ditching proposal for late January.
- the Town is close to a contents deal on our insurance claim.

Councillor Simpson asked if there was a letter written up for Richard Barrow regarding his resignation as Deputy Fire Chief.

Mayor Kitchen stated no but there will be.

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Councillor Simpson asked about the Open House on Tuesday, January 17 and would like to know what was meant by touching on the challenges facing the town and if it meant the financial challenges and if so then he felt that should not be discussed at the zoning meeting.

Mayor Kitchen stated that he wasn't sure.

Councillor Toole stated that the Municipal Plan was drawn up first and then they did the Zoning By-Law and now they are following up with an Open House.

Councillor Simpson stated that the discussion should not get into the issues around finance even in general terms.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that most people are going to have a hard time differentiating between a RSC 11 fiscal challenge and a Town fiscal challenge.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane suggested that the next time there is an Open House the Town should have a better understanding of the issues that are being discussed and to be better prepared.

Councillor Edwards asked who was motivating these several points in the Open House.

Mayor Kitchen stated that if you read through the Municipal Plan there are areas there where it mentions the focus of the Town.

Councillor Toole stated that RSC 11 got the contract to do the Municipal Plan and they are following through by having the open house so the public can voice their ideas or concerns regarding where they would like to see the Town in the future.

Mayor Kitchen encourages anyone who can, to try and make it to the Open House.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended a RSC 11 Budget meeting on December 21.
- he attended the RSC 11 monthly meeting on January 10.
- he has had many visits to the Town Hall/Fire Hall.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked what RSC 11 actually do for municipalities.

Mayor Kitchen reported that Stephen MacAlinden has stated to Council back in the summer what their roles and responsibilities are with the Town.

Councillor Edwards stated that maybe the Town could have a display set up at the Town

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Hall for when residents visit so they will know exactly what it is RSC 11 does but have the RSC 11 make the initiative to have it available to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) 2017 Municipal Kilometrage Agreement

16-159 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council accept the 2017 Municipal Kilometrage Maintenance Responsibility Agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.”

Motion Carried.

B) Nackawic Fire Dept. – Scene Lighting

Mayor Kitchen and Council has agreed to table it until after the budget.

16-160 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council move to closed session.”

Council moved to closed session at 7:53 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Budget

B) Revenue Challenge

C) Fire Department Staffing

16-161 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Council moved back to regular session at 9:40 pm.

16-162 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

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“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Kathryn Clark