

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Councillor Farnsworth
Councillor Toole
Councillor Simpson

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor Edwards

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson, CAO
Dallas Cakes
Stephen McAlinden, RSC 11
Larry Jewett

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

17-9 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the agenda be approved.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

17-10 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the minutes of the February 20, 2017 regular council meeting be approved.”

Motion carried.

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

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Larry Jewett

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Larry Jewett stated he has heard great feedback from boaters saying that Nackawic is a beautiful town and very accommodating. When they stop at the waterfront they have no problem getting all the supplies they need from groceries, to alcohol and gas.

Councillor Farnsworth asked what their customers do for gas when renting the houseboats.

Larry Jewett stated that the tanks on the houseboats are big enough so they can run for 7 days without refuelling but with the powerboats not many of them can get to Woodstock and back on a tank of gas.

Larry Jewett also stated that in Woodstock they have a call for service to get gas for the boats if needed.

Councillor Farnsworth asked what information they have on their boats regarding amenities that surrounding communities offer.

Larry Jewett stated that they have advertising booklets on board to accommodate tourists.

Larry Jewett stated that he had spoken with Big Axe Brewery in the past and suggested that they put in docks and thought he should have another talk with them about it.

Councillor Simpson stated that Council is open to suggestions or ideas on how to make the Town's waterfront more appealing.

Larry Jewett suggested the Town call if they have any other questions and he invited Council to a houseboat cruise at their convenience.

Mayor Kitchen thanked him for coming.

Larry Jewett left the meeting at 7:23 pm.

B) Stephen McAlinden, RSC 11

Stephen McAlinden stated that anyone who request building permits either fill out the permit by phone or online and if it is by phone, the staff will accommodate them as best they can with the information they are given by the applicant.

Stephen McAlinden stated that with regard to the 102 Pinder application, the development officer had no idea it was for bedrooms or for residents who would be staying long term.

Stephen McAlinden stated that he knew the Mill was purchasing the building but the development officer didn't know. He stated that when Councillor Edwards spoke with him about the purpose of the building, he immediately had a meeting with his staff and discussed options on how to rectify the situation.

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Stephen McAlinden stated that the main building will be a full apartment and the 4 bay garage will be 4 extra bedrooms to accommodate trainees and business associates.

Stephen McAlinden stated that Council has two choices 1) to adopt the new zoning by-law with changes to make it a multi-family residential or 2) to adopt the new zoning by-law without changes. Also, Council could put a stop work order if they wish. They can make these changes now at the public meeting on March 20 or wait to rezone which could take up to 3 months.

Councillor Simpson stated that he did not feel comfortable changing it to multi-family because there would be children walking outside with no sidewalks, or playgrounds, schools or doctors' offices or even grocery stores close by.

Stephen McAlinden stated they would be short term stays for 1-2 months at a time. The residents staying there wouldn't have a New Brunswick license and they would be trainees or workers.

Councillor Simpson asked if there were any other options then the ones he suggested.

Stephen McAlinden suggested either change the by-law now or rezone.

Councillor Simpson asked if it was possible to put restrictions on that particular area in question.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that she was not comfortable zoning it multi-family residential.

Councillor Toole stated that it would only be for a short term stays.

Mayor Kitchen asked if they could change it to the same zoning as a Hotel, Highway Commercial.

Stephen McAlinden stated yes they can change it to Highway Commercial.

Mayor Kitchen asked if Council was in agreement with changing it to Highway Commercial.

Council agreed they were.

Stephen McAlinden stated they will rezone it to Highway Commercial.

Mayor Kitchen thanked him for attending the meeting.

Stephen McAlinden left the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Farnsworth reported that Pathway to Reading will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Request from Mactaquac Chamber of Commerce (New Business)

B) Letter from resident Gary Bennett concerning snowmobile routes

Randy Wilson stated that Mr. Bennett has been having snowmobiles trespassing on his property and wanted to know if there is anything the Town can do concerning it.

Councillor Toole stated that the Town does not have a mandate to handle snowmobiles riding on other people's property.

Councillor Farnsworth suggested that he put up no trespassing signs or a fence.

Mayor Kitchen directed Randy Wilson to write Mr. Bennett a letter stating that the Town does not have a mandate regarding snowmobiles riding on other people's property. They suggest he put up no trespassing signs and if the problem continues, to contact the RCMP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No report.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth reported that Pathway to Reading fundraiser will be held on May 18 at 6:30 pm. The library staff is looking for Historical pictures for the Canada 150 Celebrations and if anyone knows of any, to let them know.

Protective Services –

Fire –

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of February 7 & 14, 2017.

Councillor Farnsworth noted that the Fire Department had a sliding party for the children on Saturday, followed by hot chocolate, hot dogs and cake at the Fire Hall.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the Town found out about the responsibilities of the Conservation Officer.

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Randy Wilson stated that he sent an e-mail to Neil Jacobson concerning the role of a Conservation Officer and he has yet to get back to him.

Recreation –

Randy Wilson reported on February's report.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if there was a recreation committee set up to help with events happening in Nackawic.

Mayor Kitchen asked if she meant another one besides the standing committees of Council.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if there was a standing rec committee in place.

Mayor Kitchen stated that there hasn't been one set up, now that admin and Council is back in the Town Hall, all standing committees of Council should be up and running.

Public Works –

Randy Wilson reported on February's report.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the Town is responsible for the pothole in the sidewalk area entering the shopping centre.

Randy Wilson stated it is the responsibility of the owner of the shopping centre.

Special Reports –

Economic Development –

Councillor Simpson reported on the meeting that he attended in Fredericton along with Councillor Edwards and Randy Wilson and stated that the report is for Council's viewing.

Wellness –

Councillor Farnsworth distributed the March Wellness flyer to Council and she reported that 11 seniors took part in the seniors' games in Plaster Rock.

Councillor Farnsworth reported that the Free Tax Clinic starts this week and the GED program is running with a full house. She also stated that when the GED course is finished they will be following up with a program on job preparedness.

Councillor Simpson asked if there was any progress on Invest Nackawic.

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Councillor Farnsworth stated that their first meeting is next week where they will be appointing a chair, secretary and treasurer at that time.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that there will be a community breakfast on Saturday, March 11 at the Lion's Club from 8:00 – 10:30 am and the money will be split between the Lion's Centre and the grade eight Quebec trip and encouraged Council to attend.

Mayor Kitchen asked if both Councillor Simpson and Councillor Farnsworth will be attending MCCC on March 18.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that she couldn't and suggested that he go along with Councillor Simpson.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he wrote a letter to Music Festival confirming support.
- he wrote a letter to PRO Kids Committee confirming support.
- he wrote an e-mail to DTI concerning crossing caution light.
- he wrote a letter to Bev McKay regarding displacement claim.
- he met with Bev McKay regarding owed insurance monies.
- he met with Bev McKay and Lonnie Forbes concerning insurance claim, deficiency list, outside clean up and building concerns.
- he met with Councillor Edwards and Simpson with the Glenn Group concerning architectural plan on waterfront.
- he spoke with Dallas Gillis via phone with regards to by-law rezoning.
- he attended an Economic Development meeting with Councillor Simpson and Edwards and Jeff Wilson.
- he submitted summer student application to SEED program.
- he has been working on WAWA application with Department of Environment.
- he stated that Kathryn Clark is working on our Audit that takes place this week.
- he attended a regional CAO meeting on March 3rd.

Councillor Simpson asked what information Kerry Culberson could offer regarding houses not selling in Nackawic.

Randy Wilson stated that she noted that the houses that are not selling would be the ones that require a lot of TLC, people are looking for homes with minimal repairs.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he will be attending a RSC 11 meeting this week.

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-he spoke with RCMP regarding the Creep Catchers and what their role is in finding and catching offenders.

-he will be attending PRO Kids on March 11 and encouraged Council to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request from Mactaquac Chamber of Commerce for an auction item.

Mayor Kitchen directed Randy Wilson to write them a letter stating an auction item will be donated to MCCC.

B) Application for Long Term Financing, re: Fire Hall Expansion

17-11 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

“Be it resolved that the Clerk and /or Treasurer and /or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal of Nackawic debenture in the principal amount of \$300,000.00 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and be it resolved that the Municipality of Nackawic agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture.”

Motion carried.

17-12 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO