

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2017

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

ABSENT: Mayor Kitchen

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes
Nathan DeLong, Bugle
Ralph & Claudia Wagner, IMEX Power Sport
Simon Mitchell, World Wildlife Trust Fund

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

Councillor Simpson spoke on the passing of Raymond Murphy and his long time service with UMN and Council observed a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

17-75 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the agenda be approved with two additions:

Under New Business

D) Re-establish By-Law Review Committee
E) Leaning Light Standards.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2017 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

17-76 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Edwards

“That the minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular council meeting be approved

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with the following corrections:

On page 2, top line "item 8. A) Under To The Floor", omit the word "under"

On page 4, top line, the word "informed" should read "inform".

Motion carried.

With Council's permission Deputy Mayor MacFarlane moved to item 8. A) To The Floor.

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Ralph Wagner, IMEX Power Boats

Ralph Wagner spoke about what his business was regarding IMEX Power Sport and the date he purchased the building on 56 Pinder Rd. He stated that he understood there wasn't any water hook-up at the time and then he received a Water & Sewer billing for 2016.

Ralph Wagner stated that he contacted the Town Office through e-mail and asked to have it explained, which was done so again through e-mail that there was water & sewer hook-up when he purchased the building and he didn't asked to have it disconnected.

Ralph Wagner stated the Town Office adjusted his bill for 2016 but he is still receiving a water & sewer billing for 2017. He feels that he shouldn't have to pay it because it was his understanding that there wasn't any water & sewer hook- up at the time of purchase because the pipes were broken off and he is asking Council to waive the remaining balance of \$265.89.

Councillor Simpson asked Randy when the water was shut off.

Randy Wilson stated that the water was never turned on.

Councillor Simpson stated that if there was no water or no sewer then there shouldn't be a billing.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane thanked Ralph Wagner for coming and stated that Council will discuss the matter further in closed session and will notify him the next day.

B) Simon Mitchell, World Wildlife Trust Fund

Simon Mitchell reported on what the World Wildlife Trust Fund is about and that their goal is to help communities to respond to changing climate. He is before Council to ask for a letter of support from the Town of Nackawic indicating their interest of working with him.

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Simon Mitchell stated that the municipal requirements would be at least one staff/elected official committed to the project; letter of commitment signed by CAO; willingness to participate in peer learning network; and commitment of financial support, whether it be cash or in-kind.

Simon Mitchell stated that with flooding and ice storms in recent years there can be a lot of infrastructure damage to a community. Municipal partners will receive various benefits from participating in the project such as 1. Direct support in the development and implementation of an adaptation plan or restoration project 2. Increased capacity to work with local/provincial-level NGOs on adaptation-related projects and 3. Access to innovative tools that will enhance communication about the importance of adaptation in reducing climate risks.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane thanked Simon Mitchell for coming. Simon Mitchell and Ralph & Claudia Wagner left the meeting at 7:25 pm.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Canadian Woodlands Forum

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that it is scheduled for October 4-5 in Woodstock and it is for Council's viewing.

B) River Valley Taekwondo (New Business)

C) Dr. Charlie McGowan (New Business)

D) Re-establish By-Law Review Committee

E) Leaning Light Poles

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that they are scheduled to meet on Monday, August 21st at 10:00 am.

Library – No report

Protective Services –

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Dog report –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated there was a report in the package for Council's viewing.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated that she and Randy will be having a recreation meeting soon to discuss Arena fees for the 2017-2018 season.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated that the Five Year Plan needs to be updated and submitted by September 30th. He and Councillor Toole will be working on it in the coming weeks.

Special Reports –

Wellness –

Councillor Farnsworth stated that Festival on the Bend will be starting on Saturday, August 19 and running through until Saturday, August 26th. She stated that the FOTB committee applied for a grant and was refused because it was running over 7 partial days and not full days.

Councillor Farnsworth suggested that Council should participate in the Canada 150 Parade on Saturday.

Councillor Farnsworth reported that there will be 50+ Senior's Day happening soon. Also a Western Valley Wellness Forum which is available to everyone not just seniors.

Councillor Simpson asked about the application for funding for FOTB if it had to be three full days.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that she doesn't know because she didn't do the application.

Randy Wilson asked if it was received on time.

Councillor Farnsworth stated it was on time, and that the Chair has addressed it with Carl Urquhart.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he attended site visits with Cooks Construction Rte. 105 project.
- he attended site visits with Eastern Trenchless reline projects.

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- he worked on Craft Beer Festival follow up with committee members.
- he attended improving the RSC 11 final report meeting in Hartland.
- he attended a meeting with Councillor Simpson and Councillor Toole with Exp. on the waterline under the bridge.
- he had a bridge site visit with Chad Connors.
- he responded to the 2018 Municipal Kilometerage Reports and Maps.
- he attended a fire department and Council meeting.
- he reported that the asset management plan to DELG has been extended to July 31, 2018.
- he spoke with IMEX Power Sports concerning their water bill.
- he is working with RSC 11 on Big Axe Brewery expansion, variances and setbacks.
- he has been working on insurance claim.
- he stated that the paving will be done next week.
- he has been working with the Fire Department on the hand book that was discussed.

Councillor Farnsworth asked about the trimming of the trees on Otis Drive.

Randy Wilson stated that it has started.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked Randy to briefly update Council on the insurance claim.

Randy Wilson stated that there was approximately \$41,000 left on the final claim. The adjuster came back and disputed those numbers after the fact. Randy stated that it looks like the final claim is going to be a lot less than the Town anticipated.

Councillor Edwards asked if there has been legal counsel on it.

Randy Wilson stated no it hasn't, they want to discuss it at the finance committee meeting next Monday and go from there.

Mayor's Report - No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) River Valley Taekwondo Request

17-77 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That the Town donate the Arena and staff for the River Valley Taekwondo Tournament in September and waive all fees.”

Motion carried.

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B) Waterfront Masterplan

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that as part of the Town's Economic Development Committee, we have identified the waterfront as one of our major assets in the community. We have had the waterfront for 30 or 40 years as an icon with the World's Largest Axe along with the planting of the trees and ball diamonds.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that the Glenn Group drafted a proposal for the Town, and the Town has received partial funding from the Government for this project and the remaining funds will be considered during the finance meeting.

C) Dr. Charlie McGowan

Randy Wilson stated that Dr. Charlie McGowan would like the Town to consider choosing George Rockwell as its legendary lumberjack and he has composed a bronze plaque inscription pending the Town's approval. He is willing to pay for all fees to have it erected.

Randy Wilson stated that if the Town chooses to do this, how will it be done and where will it be placed.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that there should be an ad-hoc committee set up before any decisions are made and the development of the waterfront needs to be completed first.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that if he wants to donate a plaque then it can be hung on the wall at the Town Hall until a decision has been made whether to display it on the waterfront or not.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that it needs to be looked at whether the Town wants George Rockwell has the Town's role model.

Councillor Edwards stated that she had drafted up a terms of reference for a Heritage Committee, maybe that should be set up first and decide on what the Town would like to see with regards to the heritage of the Town.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that she is not sure he is the person to represent the Town.

Councillor Simpson stated that it can be more than one person and when the masterplan is completed, have the heritage of the Town included in the plan in such a way that others can be added over the years.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that the heritage committee would have to have criterias of whose name would be on this plaque.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane directed Randy to contact Dr. McGowan and inform him of the Town's decision.

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D) Re-establish By-Law Review Committee

Councillor Simpson stated that given the events in the past few months the Town has identified some By-Laws that need some attention. In the past there has been a By-Law Review Committee and this term with Council it hasn't been activated and he feels it should be with a review of 3-4 By-Laws a year.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if Council was in agreement, and Council said yes.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if Councillor Simpson would be willing to start up the By-Law Review committee.

Councillor Simpson stated that he would.

E) Leaning Light Standards

Councillor Simpson stated that a concerned resident had spoken to him about the leaning light poles and maybe contact NB Power to have this addressed. He suggested to have a letter sent to NB Power voicing the Town's concerns that they are dangerous.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane directed Randy to write a letter to NB Power concerning the leaning light poles.

17-78 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to closed session at 8:10 pm and Dallas Cakes and Nathan DeLong left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Water & Sewer

17-79 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Edwards

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 9:21 pm.

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17-80 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Edwards

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Greg MacFarlane
Deputy Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO