

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Simpson
Deputy Mayor Laroche
Councillor Grant
Councillor Lamey
Councillor Seymour

ABSENT: Councillor Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark
Jennifer Waye
Shawn Merrithew, reporter
Kevin Kidney

TO ORDER: Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and asked all present to stand and sing O Canada.

Everyone came to attention and sang O Canada.

Mayor Simpson welcomed Kevin Kidney to the meeting and informed him that his request would be covered under new business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11-12 Motion: Deputy Mayor Laroche
Second: Councillor Grant

“That the agenda be approved”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
JANUARY 17, 2011:

11-13 Motion: Councillor Grant
Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 17, 2011 be approved.”

Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 1, 2011:

11-14 Motion: Deputy Mayor Laroche
 Second: Councillor Seymour

“That the minutes of the special council meeting of February 1,
2011 be approved.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 7, 2011:

11-15 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Councillor Lamey

“That the minutes of the special council meeting of February 7,
2011 be approved.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Mayor Simpson requested Council members to notify the office as soon as possible if they are unable to attend Council meetings. In cases where they cannot reach anyone at the office they are to contact her at home. This will prevent the same situation as last week with a reporter attending, a citizen attending and people hiring babysitters and not enough Council members for a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) A letter from Alexandra Ferris, Department of Local Government, advising that the 2011 Budget was approved.

B) A letter from the Canadian Cancer Society Proclaiming Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Simpson read the proclamation from the Canadian Cancer Society and declared April was Cancer Awareness Month.

C) A letter from Melanie Sloat, President of the Mactaquac Country Chamber of Commerce regarding the 7th Annual Charity Casino Night.

Mayor Simpson stated that the Town supports the Chamber in their Annual Charity Casino Night every year. She has been attending most of the after hours events held by

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the Mactaquac Country Chamber of Commerce, however she will not be able to attend this one. If any Council members are able to attend please advise Kathryn Clark.

- D) A request from Kevin and Sereta Kidney regarding the purchase of land (New Business)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – no report

Planning Advisory Committee - no report

Library Committee

Councillor Lamey reported that the Committee is meeting this week.

Protective Services

Fire

Mayor Simpson reported on the minutes of the January 11, January 18, and the January 25, 2011 meetings.

RCMP

Mayor Simpson reported on the RCMP Occurrence Stats for the month of January. She also noted the news releases attached to the occurrence stats.

Recreation

Councillor Seymour stated that Randy Wilson emailed him a video from NBC's website regarding the air quality in arenas. This is something Council may need to consider for the 2012 budget. It's very similar to what was budgeted for the Fire Department and their exhaust system. He encouraged Council members to take a look at the video.

Mayor Simpson stated that the video was very good and it does make you think about air quality. She would like the other Council members to watch the video as it is an issue that may have to be planned for in the future.

Kathryn Clark stated she will forward the video to the rest of Council for them to review.

Public Works

Councillor Grant reported on the minutes of the January 27th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24th to further discuss the Groundwater Supply Targeting Study.

Mayor Simpson stated she noticed that the Public Works Department has started to fill

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pot holes around town. She stated that most municipalities seem to be behind on snow removal because of the amount we've received this year.

Special Reports

Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission

Councillor Grant reported on the minutes and the General Manager's Report from the meetings held on December 21, 2010 and January 18, 2011.

Councillor Grant stated that the Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission has been granted authorization by the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board to obtain a debenture for the development of the power generation project. The cost for the 1.5 mega watt power generator is 4.4 million dollars. This will allow them to create their own power and will also be a good source of revenue.

Councillor Grant stated that the Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission has received a request from Horizon Health Network to accept disposal of surgical linen waste used in hospital operating rooms. The special waste from the hospital will be accepted at \$250 per tonne and does not meet the definitions of biomedical or biohazard material.

Labour Management Committee

Councillor Seymour stated that a Labour Management Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

License 8 Stakeholders Committee

Councillor Seymour stated the Stakeholders meeting will be held on March 3, 2011 and he would be attending.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Kathryn Clark reported that:

- A letter was sent to the Chalmers Regional Hospital Foundation regarding the Your Health - Your Heart Campaign for an ECG machine and Holter Monitor.
- On January 20th she and Mayor Simpson met with Cheryl Saunders of the Nackawic Health Centre to discuss fundraising events. Letters were sent out to all the businesses, Service Clubs and churches in Nackawic, Millville and the surrounding communities. Three cheques have been received so far.
- Employee statistics to December 31st, 2010 were complete and posted at each Department.
- She completed and submitted a Client Satisfaction Survey from ACOA regarding the RInC Program.

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- A letter was sent to Triple JBH Holdings regarding their request for rezoning.
- Ads were placed in the Bugle regarding the rezoning process.
- A claim was sent to Efficiency NB for the energy efficient projects completed in the arena last year. The Town received \$3870.00 from this claim.
- A 4th claim was sent to the Regional Development Corporation regarding RInC Project.
- On January 31st she and Mayor Simpson met again with Cheryl Saunders of the Nackawic Health Centre. Plans are underway for a BBQ and Bake Sale in May and BBQ on Canada Day.
- On February 1st there was a Special Council meeting regarding the rezoning process.
- Auditors are scheduled to be at the office on February 24th and 25th. This is about 10 days later than normal which gave her the extra time she needed to be prepared.
- She contacted Pierre Bertrand of Municipal Human Resources and he has begun the process of filling the position of CAO. Ads were in the newspapers on February 12th and the competition closes February 25th.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Simpson reported that:

- On January 18th she attended a Rural Community Police Liaison meeting in Woodstock.
- On January 20th and 31st she and Kathryn Clark, met with RN Cheryl Saunders regarding fundraising for an ECG and Holter monitor. To date donations for the equipment have reached \$1842.
- On January 20th she attended a Labour Management Committee meeting.
- On January 26th she attended a Forestry Committee meeting at the Fredericton Convention Centre.
- On February 1st she attended the River Valley Lifeline Board Meeting at the Upper River Valley Hospital.
- On February 1st there was a Special Council meeting regarding rezoning.
- On February 5th she attended Ron Roy's 75th Birthday Party. Ron served on Council from 1989-1992.
- On February 13th she attended a "Fun Ski Day" at the Nackawic High School. It was a great success. Thanks to the Nackawic Bend Cross Country Ski Club for all their work, also to Anna MacFarlane and her team for organizing the event.
- On February 15th she attended a wellness meeting with Kelcy Kuhn from Sports Recreation and Wellness.
- On February 15th she judged a Heritage Fair Projects at the Nackawic Christian School with the help of Stan Graham from Millville.
- On February 16th she attended a Forestry Committee meeting at the Crown Plaza in Fredericton and had lunch with the new Forestry Planning Committee. The co-chairs are Jeannot Volpé and Bill Thompson.

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- On February 17th she attended a Mactaquac Country Chamber of Commerce after hours event at the Acorn Restaurant in Prince William. The guest speaker was Paul Legere and he discussed "Safety in the Workplace".

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request from Kevin and Sereta Kidney

Mayor Simpson thanked Kevin Kidney for attending and asked Council if they had any questions regarding his request.

Kevin Kidney handed out additional photos of the land he wished to purchase from the Town. The photos showed the land from his hedge to the nearest tree. He stated he does not want to encroach on green space. The hedge is becoming overgrown and will have to be dealt with in the next couple of years.

Mayor Simpson asked if the area he is wishing to purchase takes in any green space.

Kathryn Clark clarified that the area was designated as green space for McNair Park from the property line. She also stated that the size of the property Mr. Kidney is asking to purchase amounts to 0.27109 of an acre.

Kevin Kidney stated that the property he is looking to purchase is 3 metres wide. He stated the reason for wanting to purchase the land was not to put a building there or extend his garage, but to park a travel trailer there in the future.

Kathryn Clark stated that "Bylaw 13.03 subsection A, The Sale of Land, to ensure that land designated park land in the future land use map is to be kept for the future use and enjoyment of citizens of Nackawic and not to be sold".

Councillor Grant asked if the land Mr. Kidney was asking to purchase was deemed green space.

Kathryn Clark confirmed that it was green space.

Councillor Lamey asked if the Town could sell less than one acre of land.

Kathryn Clark stated yes and that all land sales have to be advertised.

Mayor Simpson stated that she felt no one had a problem with what he would like to do, however the bylaw states that the Town cannot sell green space. She asked if Council would like to discuss the issue any further.

Deputy Mayor Laroche asked if a variance can be made to the bylaw.

Kathryn Clark stated that a variance could not be made; the bylaw would have to be

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changed.

Mayor Simpson stated if the bylaw was changed, then someone else could come along with the same request and the Town would be setting a precedent of selling green space. If the Town revises that bylaw it could cause future problems.

Mayor Simpson stated that she had no problem with Mr. Kidney using the land to park a motor home.

Councillor Grant stated no one would have a problem with him using the property.

Councillor Lamey stated that Council had no problem with Mr. Kidney using the property, however if the bylaw were opened up, the Town could receive backlash.

Mayor Simpson stated that even though it is a small piece of land, the Town cannot sell green space. She thanked Mr. Kidney for attending the meeting.

11-16 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Kevin Kidney, Shawn Merrithew and Jennifer Waye left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Council moved to close session at 8:00 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Water/Sewer extension

11-17 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Councillor Lamey

“That Council move back to the regular meeting.”

Motion carried

Council moved back to the regular meeting at 8:47 pm.

11-18 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Councillor Lamey

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

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Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Mayor Rowena Simpson

Kathryn Clark, Acting CAO