

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Simpson
Deputy Mayor Laroche
Councillor Lamey
Councillor Seymour

ABSENT: Councillor Grant
Councillor Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark
Jennifer Waye

TO ORDER: Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and asked all present to observe a moment of silence in honour of Floyd Stairs.

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11-64 Motion: Councillor Seymour
Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“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 APRIL 18, 2011:

11-65 Motion: Deputy Mayor Laroche
Second: Councillor Seymour

“That the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 18, 2011 be approved.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

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Councillor Seymour asked if the RCMP have been contacted about the Skateboard Park.

Kathryn Clark stated she has not contacted them, but would check with Randy to see if he had.

Councillor Seymour stated he is very pleased with the RCMP`s coverage.

Mayor Simpson asked that the RCMP be made aware of the positive comments.

Kathryn Clark stated she will confirm that the RCMP will be able to attend the next Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) A letter from Tracy Graham, Staff Liaison to Graduating Class, requesting permission to use the arena for the Graduation Ceremony on June 23, 2011 (New Business).
- B) A letter from Sherry Fox, Guidance Counsellor at the Nackawic Senior High School, requesting a donation to the P.A.R.T.Y. program (New Business).
- C) Thank you card from Michael Drost for the Town`s donation to his Forum for Young Canadians trip to Ottawa.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance

Deputy Mayor Laroche reported on the income statements ending April 30th, 2011.

Kathryn Clark stated that the general operating account is at 33.3% of the year and total revenue is at 35%. Total expenses are at 26%. There was nothing out of the ordinary with the statements.

Councillor Seymour asked for clarification on insurance amounts.

Kathryn Clark stated it is broken down by department. Premiums are approximately the same as last year. Property insurance went up and fleet insurance went down.

Kathryn Clark stated that the utility statement is at 33% of the year with total revenue at 35% and total expenses are at 19% which is normal until summer projects begin.

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Planning Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Laroche reported on the minutes of the April 26th, 2011 meeting. Mayor Simpson asked if there was a debate regarding Dewayne Boone`s variance request as there seemed to be a lot of discussion around town.

Deputy Mayor Laroche stated the PAC committee wanted to know why the mistake happened.

Kathryn Clark stated that when the house plans were submitted to the Town and Dewayne Boone applied for the building permit the property was staked. Marco examined the property and after his inspection the stake in question was moved just prior to the foundation being poured so the position of the house flowed along with the street. Dewayne Boone received a copy of the Zoning By-Law and must have overlooked that the house had to be 25 feet from the property line. There is no sidewalk on that side of the street.

Councillor Lamey stated it was a small mistake that was made.

Mayor Simpson stated she would like Council to familiarize themselves with the details as this matter is being exaggerated.

Kathryn Clark stated that Dewayne Boone received a copy of the By-Law. Marco thought the property line started at the curb as there is no sidewalk on that side of the street. Only one corner required a variance because the other corner of the house was more than 25 feet from the property line.

Library Committee

Councillor Lamey stated that Pathway to Reading will be held next Thursday. On Monday, she will be in touch with Paulette to let her know if she will be able to attend.

Protective Services

- Fire

Mayor Simpson reported on the minutes of the April 19th and May 3rd, 2011 meetings. She appointed Nic Laking and Keith Guitard to the Nackawic Fire Department.

- RCMP

Mayor Simpson reported on the minutes of the March 14th, 2011 meeting and the RCMP Occurrence Stats for the month of April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2011. She stated the RCMP have been more visible in Town.

Recreation

- Removal of Canada Geese on the Waterfront

Kathryn Clark stated she included the Goose Management Plan that was worked on with Keith McAloney last year and the email correspondence from Council to refresh everyone's memory. She stated that after reviewing the emails from last year she recalled that they decided to band the geese for 2010.

Councillor Seymour stated that accusations were made that Council did nothing about the geese. Without the information from Keith McAloney, Council was not prepared to make a decision.

Kathryn Clark stated the emails are dated July 13th and 14th so the geese were almost in full flight again.

Councillor Lamey stated she voted and then was told that Keith McAloney was sick.

Mayor Simpson stated that she recalls Keith McAloney had a family emergency. When it came down to it two Councillors voted for lethal management and three voted against it.

Councillor Seymour was under the impression that the Town was issued a permit last year. In actuality, Keith McAloney had prepared the permit, but Council had not made a decision on the proper course of action.

Kathryn Clark stated Keith McAloney prepared the permit and the management plan. Keith's staff are willing to assist in the round up to give them experience. Last year his wife was ill and had to be taken to the hospital. By the time she was in contact with Keith again the geese were in full flight again.

Councillor Seymour stated in light of Keith's McAloney's recommendation at the public meeting, the Town should have two or three property owners apply for a permit. Last year, residents with property along the waterfront could have applied for the permit themselves and had the geese removed from their own property.

Councillor Lamey stated the public meeting should have been held last year. Citizens had their opportunity to state their opinion at the public meeting held on May 11th, 2011.

Mayor Simpson stated that Randy Wilson prepared himself on the matter last year but Council was not ready to take action.

Kathryn Clark stated she and Randy met with Keith McAloney on June 29th at the waterfront. She stated it was a very short period of time and the public started calling with concerns.

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Mayor Simpson feels that Council did the right thing by postponing the lethal management until 2011.

11-66 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the Town of Nackawic contact Keith McAloney, Canadian Wildlife Services, to make application for a lethal management of the Canada Goose problem as well as erect barriers along the shoreline from the nature trail to the wastewater treatment plant and and gate the beach and boat landing area.”

On the question –

Councillor Seymour stated that rose bushes grow abundantly in our area. He feels that it's imperative that the boat launch be gated. If the Town does not move forward soon on the barrier it will be in the same situation next year.

Mayor Simpson stated Council was asked to act without a full understanding of the situation. The public had their opportunity to speak on the matter, and there were no objections to the lethal management of the geese.

Councillor Seymour stated he has a clear conscience moving forward.

Motion carried.

Kathryn Clark stated Randy Wilson is working on obtaining quotes for gating the ball fields.

Councillor Seymour stated the Town may not need to if other areas are gated.

Deputy Mayor Laroche asked when the Town can start acting on the fencing.

Councillor Seymour stated almost immediately.

Kathryn Clark stated it will be worked on this summer.

Deputy Mayor Laroche asked if the Town will need to put the fencing out to tenders.

Kathryn Clark stated it depends on the cost.

Mayor Simpson stated the management plan should be implemented as soon as possible.

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Public Works

Mayor Simpson stated that Councillor Grant has not resigned from Council and he will be attending the next meeting. In the mean time, she will fill in for him with the Fredericton Regional Solid Waste Commission. If he decides to resign, Council will be short one member.

Special Reports

- Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission

Mayor Simpson reported on the minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting.

- UMNB Board of Directors Meeting

Deputy Mayor Laroche attended a UMNB Board of Directors meeting on May 13th.

- Labour Management Committee Meeting

Councillor Seymour stated a Labour Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 26th, 2011.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Kathryn Clark reported that:

- The UMNB Finn Surveys were compiled and submitted.
- Bookwork was completed up to April 30, 2011.
- Overdue water and sewer accounts were sent out. Nine final notices were sent with five properties staked on Friday. Two of the staked properties have been in contact; three are left to make arrangements with the Town. They are all reoccurring offenders.
- On May 4th she and Mayor Simpson met with Cheryl Saunders, regarding the Your Health – Your Heart Campaign. The BBQ and Bake Sale Fundraiser is set for May 25th. They are also working on a raffle for a “Summer Family Fun” Basket. Tickets will be sold in June and the draw will be on July 1st during the Canada Day Celebrations.
- On May 9th she attended a public meeting regarding Well Development.
- On May 11th she attended a public meeting regarding the Canada Geese on the waterfront.
- She submitted the Auditor's report on the 2010 Gas Tax Fund to the Province.
- Letters were sent to Dewayne Boone and Raymond Thornton regarding variance requests.
- She sent an unsightly premises letter to a property owner on Landegger Drive. A

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deadline of May 31st was given to have the property cleaned. Clean up is almost complete.

- An ad for tenders for paving & sewer pipe re-lining was put in the newspaper. Tenders close on June 2, 2011.
- Municipal Capital Borrowing Board approved the paving for Harding Drive. The pipe re-lining was put on hold until the May hearing. It falls under Utility because it's sanitary sewer so a debenture will come out of Water and Sewer.
- She's working on getting permits to clean the cove area of debris. The docks need to be installed next week as there is a Bass Fishing Tournament scheduled for May 21st and 22nd.
- A card and gift card was sent to Dan Rogers and his wife on the arrival of their new baby girl.
- Flowers were ordered in memory of Alton Chase Sr. Alton will be off work until May 25th. A sympathy card was sent to Alton and his family.
- Flowers were ordered in memory of Floyd Stairs. A card was sent to Rosetta and her family.
- Deputy Mayor Laroche and Councillor Seymour have been registered for Mactaquac Country Chamber of Commerce Dinner on May 19th at Kings Landing.
- Relay for Life would like to put blue and yellow ribbons on street lights around town on May 30th and leave them up until after the Relay for Life event on June 10th and 11th.

Deputy Mayor Laroche stated that Eva Turnbull is retiring. There is an AMANB meeting on May 18th and 19th and a gift will be presented to her at the banquet dinner.

Councillor Seymour asked if the sink hole on Landegger Drive is something the Town should be concerned about.

Kathryn Clark stated no Marco had it videotaped and confirmation has been received that it has nothing to do with the Town's storm sewer pipe.

Councillor Lamey stated that there is a sunken manhole near the public works garage.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Simpson reported that:

- On April 21st she attended a Mactaquac Country Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event at the Riverside Resort.
- On April 23rd she attended a Memorial Service at the Nackawic Baptist Church for Former Mayor, Byron Meredith.
- On April 26th she joined a telephone conference meeting with members of the South Central NB Forestry Group.
- On April 28th she attended an Awards Ceremony and Banquet in Toronto with

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members of UMN and J.D. Irving as a representative of South Central NB Forestry Committee.

- On April 29th she and the South Central NB Forestry Committee attended a breakfast meeting with Alese Allen, Executive Director of G.E. Canada which was also in Toronto.
- On May 4th she attended a Your Health – Your Heart meeting with Cheryl Saunders, and Kathryn Clark.
- On May 4th she attended a Forestry Committee meeting at the Crown Plaza to prepare for a meeting with the Honourable Bruce Northrup.
- On May 4th she attended a meeting at the Legislative Building with the Honourable Bruce Northrup and members of the South Central Forestry Committee to discuss conservation issues.
- On May 7th she visited the funeral home for Alton Chase Sr.
- On May 9th she attended a public meeting with exp. regarding the location of the new well.
- On May 10th she visited the funeral home for Floyd Stairs, long time Public Works employee for the Town.
- On May 11th she attended a public meeting regarding the geese on the waterfront with special guests Keith McAloney, Canadian Wildlife Services, Kevin Connors Biologist with the Department of Natural Resources, Gary Moore, Regional Biologist with the Department of Natural Resources and Steve Eldridge, Department of Natural Resources.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Request from the Nackawic Senior High School for permission to use the Nackawic Arena for the Graduation Ceremony on June 23rd, 2011.

11-67 Motion: Councillor Lamey
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the Town allow the Nackawic Senior High School be given permission to use the arena facilities from June 20th until June 24th for their 2011 graduation ceremony.”

Motion carried.

- B) Request from the Nackawic Senior High School regarding the P.A.R.T.Y. program.

11-68 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That the Town of Nackawic donate \$250.00 to the P.A.R.T.Y. program pending confirmation from Kathryn Clark that the students attended.”

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Motion carried.

11-69 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Jennifer Waye left the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Council moved to close session at 2:12 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Nackawic Medical Clinic.

B) Nackawic Recruitment Budget.

11-70 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Deputy Mayor Laroche

“That Council move back to the special meeting.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to the special meeting at 3:22 pm.

11-71 Motion: Councillor Lamey
 Second: Councillor Seymour

“That Mayor Simpson be authorized to use the Town’s Medical Incentive Fund to recruit another Doctor to the Nackawic Medical Clinic.”

Motion carried.

11-72 Motion: Councillor Seymour
 Second: Councillor Lamey

“That Deputy Mayor Laroche be permitted to investigate the privatization of the Public Works Department.”

Motion carried.

11-73 Motion: Councillor Seymour

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Second: Councillor Lamey

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Mayor Rowena Simpson

Kathryn Clark, Acting CAO