

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2020

VIA TELECONFERENCE MEETING (COVID-19)

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Councillor Toole
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Farnsworth
Councillor McConaghy

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-38 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2ND, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-39 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the March 2nd, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 5TH, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

20-40 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the March 5th special council meeting be approved with the one correction:

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-under New Business; motion #20-36; “the left turning lane on Route 105 and Smythe Lane” should read “the left turning lane on Route 105 to Smythe Lane”.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) AWSD Library Letter (New Business)

B) Left Turning Lane Letter

Mayor Kitchen reported on the letter and stated it was for Council’s viewing.

C) Integrated Bilateral Agreement

Mayor Kitchen reported on the letter and stated all the funding went to Waste Water Projects.

Randy Wilson stated that is correct. He had a call from RDC and they felt that Waste Water Projects deserved the most attention.

Councillor Simpson asked if the funding was for a total of \$10 million.

Randy Wilson stated yes it was.

D) COVID-19 Update

Randy Wilson stated EMO NB has been issuing daily updates of increasing cases and what everyone should be doing. He has been sending information out on social media to keep the residents informed. He has also been hearing about people who are frustrated with regards to the funding that people will be receiving from the government.

Randy Wilson stated that Councillor Farnsworth, Mayor Kitchen and the Town’s EMO Coordinator, Carter Stone has been putting in a lot of time keeping the community updated. He has received a lot of calls with regards to people and social distancing.

Randy Wilson stated he has kept the staff updated as well and they are coming in periodically to do work and he has stressed the social distancing.

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Councillor Simpson asked if the Town has received any request of anyone needing financial assistance.

Randy Wilson stated he hasn't heard of any.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Town knows how many people have been laid off due to COVID-19 and if there are anyone who doesn't fall under any of the government funding.

Randy Wilson stated no one has reached out to him and suggested Councillor Toole and or Councillor Farnsworth might know more.

Councillor Simpson asked if the RCMP could make their presence known in the community this Easter weekend to enforce social distancing.

Councillor Toole stated residents can call a Peace Officer at 1-844-462-8387 between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to report any groups who are meeting and not keeping to the social distancing rules and those who should be in quarantine as well. They have the authority to issue fines.

Councillor Toole stated there is a province wide fire ban on all open fires until May 1st.

Mayor Kitchen asked if this notice was posted on the Town's Facebook page.

Randy Wilson stated he will post it.

Mayor Kitchen asked Randy Wilson if the municipality will have any hardships with this pandemic.

Randy Wilson stated he didn't think so because the arena isn't operating at this time, the arena revenue is winter months and there was only two weeks left to the season. The water and sewer payments are steadily coming in, residents are either mailing them in or making a payment through SNB as always and also through online banking, which was set up the end of February and stated everything is going smoothly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Mayor Kitchen stated Kathryn Clark emailed Council the financial statements to the end of February and reported that everything looks good.

Library – No Report

Protective Services –

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FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of February 25th; March 3rd and March 10th meetings and stated the fire department is only meeting if there is a fire call.

Councillor McConaghy asked about the letter to the LSD to oversee the fire department.

Mayor Kitchen stated they were supposed to reach out to the Town the end of February into March, but with everything around COVID-19, it is probably put on hold until it is resolved.

Mayor Kitchen directed Randy Wilson to reach out to Ivan Corbett to see where it is at.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated she announced on Facebook for residents to display teddy bears in their windows and draw sidewalk art to encourage and cheer up the community during this time of crisis.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson reported on the meeting on March 16, and stated they made a recommendation to advertise the selling of the old loader and asked when would be the best time to do so.

Randy Wilson suggested waiting until September, especially with this pandemic going on. People are not going to be able to view it and also, some businesses are probably in financial hardships and cannot afford to make any purchases right now.

Mayor Kitchen stated it would be best to wait until September.

All of Council was in agreement.

Special Reports –

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Bulk Buying will be going ahead at the Lions Centre, people will stay in their cars and the volunteers will bring the bags to them. She applied for a grant to supply more food in the bags this month to help people with regards to the COVID-19 and to do up a couple free bags for those in need. There are 96 bags this month which is great.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Meals 4 You program will not go ahead this month because of COVID-19.

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Councillor Farnsworth stated with regards to people in need in the community, she has more people wanting to reach out and help others in this time of crisis. She has a handout to put in the Bulk Buying Bags of what's available here in the community, also, she hasn't received any calls of people in need.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he attended Western Conference CAO meeting on February 21st.
- he attended a Public Works meeting on March 16th.
- LED lights were installed in the arena.
- he has had ongoing discussions with Ginger about the Website.
- he stated Brenda Knight met with staff on March 10th to do a review of staff, roles & responsibilities. Report received.
- Household Hazardous Waste was scheduled for June 6, will now need to be reassessed.
- he attended the Ron Berube Award for Vera Bradbury – great turnout.
- the Arena Fundraiser was postponed for another time.
- COVID-19 has been our number one priority since early March.
- he attended a conference call with Dillon & ELG concerning Trickle Filter.
- the left turn lane is set to go, so far it has not been cancelled.
- he has been working a lot with Roy Group with regards to EIA.
- WNNB sent the Town a note with their concerns. Working with Roy Group, we addressed their issues. To date we have not heard back from them.
- he has been working with Town staff to provide updates to resident's via social media. Clear communication has been our top priority.
- he has had several discussions with Mary Kitchen regarding COVID-19.
- he has been communicating with our staff as required about COVID-19.
- he has been communicating with EMO Carter Stone and Chief Hopkins.
- the final notice has been sent out to ELG concerning payment of funds for our debenture; plough truck and loader.
- he has been working with Glenn Group on the waterfront tender. They are ready to go.
- the Town appealed to the increase in taxation on the property by the Middle School and was successful.
- he took part in numerous conference calls with EMO.
- he received a letter and phone call from RDC. We were not successful in our application with the Integrated Bilateral Agreement.

Councillor Simpson asked if the wing on the plough truck has been repaired.

Randy Wilson stated it hasn't been repaired as of yet, the supplier will be coming to the Public Works garage to make the repair.

Mayor Kitchen stated he received the report from Brenda Knight also, and he will meet with Randy to discuss it further and then he will forward it to Council.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended the EMO Conference meetings on Fridays, but missed the last one.
- he has been busy with the COVID-19 updates.

Councillor Simpson asked if he heard of when the next Municipal Elections will be.

Mayor Kitchen stated he heard it is delayed one year, and probably will be scheduled for May 2020 and asked if any of the Councillors had any issues of staying on for another year.

All of the Councillors that was present stated they would stay on until the next elections.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) AWSD Library Letter

20-41 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the Town of Nackawic contribute up to \$5000 towards the heat pump and AC system for the Nackawic Public/School Library.”

Motion Carried.

20-42 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO