

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 2020

VIA TELECONFERENCE MEETING (COVID-19)

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-48 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Simpson

“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 APRIL 20TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-49 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the minutes of the April 20th, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Toole asked if the Town has received the final report for the trickle filter.

Randy Wilson stated no they have not.

Deputy Mayor McFarlane asked if the Town owned the land in question where Andy Fox

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wants to clear a walking trail and does NB Power own a portion of it from the river.

Mayor Kitchen stated NB Power owns land from the river to the trickle filter and the Town owns the rest.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he would also have to contact NB Power.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes, that is what the Town suggested him to do in the letter.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if the Town will assume any liability by approving his request.

Randy Wilson stated no, that was also stated in the letter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) RSC 11 Annual Report

Mayor Kitchen reported on the Annual Report, and stated that most municipalities are not satisfied with the policing in their communities either.

Councillor Farnsworth asked about the community pool.

Mayor Kitchen stated they are still working on it, they are sorting out what communities would like to partner with them, such as, New Maryland and other surrounding areas.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Policing issue is discussed at every meeting.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes, it is. He also stated they are still waiting on the annual policing report from Public Safety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they met via teleconference with the Town's auditors, Shannon & Buffett, and he is happy to say there are no issues with the audit.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth reported that the manager, Paulette Tonner was quite pleased with the \$5000 contribution from the Town and stated the library expects to be opening soon.

Protective Services – No Report

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Recreation –

Councillor McConaghy asked Randy Wilson if he heard anything on the trail grant.

Randy Wilson stated he spoke to Simon Mitchell who will be doing it, and stated the funding has been put aside, just waiting on the WAWA permit.

Public Works –

Councillor Toole stated the shoulders on the By-Pass are in bad shape and suggested Randy to contact DTI.

Randy Wilson stated he spoke to Kevin McKnight regarding the shoulders of the roads and will follow up with him again.

Special Reports –

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated Meals 4 U Program is delivering 50 meals a week which is great for the seniors. They have received extra donations from United Way and other people for the Bulk Buying Program and she is able to add extra food in the bags at no additional cost.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Councillor McConaghy asked if the committee should be meeting and continuing with the recruitment for a Doctor.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she feels the committee should go ahead and continue to meet, whether through phone calls or online. We need the group to get the information out there.

Councillor McConaghy stated the other side of it was pushing people to register for a doctor by signing up on the registry.

Mayor Kitchen asked will the committee need to meet again.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they will certainly need to meet again because it is not ready to be put out there yet and we cannot wait until we are allowed to meet in groups of 10. Every month that goes by without any work being done, Dr. Hebb is closer to retirement.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated Dr. Bramstrup spoke of a potential doctor who is from Main and is interested in working in the Woodstock and Fredericton area this summer. She was directed to us through Denise Columbe.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he has worked on the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) with partners in an effort to get the EIA completed. The latest round of response has been sent to Province; we will wait for their response. Once completed, there will be lots to get done.
- he had a staff meeting with Public Works and Rec. Department on strict guidelines on a return to work plan. Working on a plan to get the Town cleaned up, very cognizant of enacting a plan that keeps our staff safe.
- he met with NB Power; they are cleaning brush from a point near the Water Tower to a point near the old Tony's Shell following their transmission lines.
- he is working with NB Power to do some drainage work on a property on Otis Drive.
- he informed Council that all events scheduled for the Town have been cancelled. We have two events in the fall; Run the River and Remembrance Day that are to be determined.
- he received an email from Dan Glenn which he will forward it to Council.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Department of Fisheries and Oceans want the off-sight dollar value to equal the dollar value of the work that is being done in the river.

Randy Wilson stated yes, they set a price at around \$10,000. The work that is being done on the trail is over \$5000 in labour and cost and the other \$5000 would be to plant willow trees which is what they suggested.

Councillor Simpson mentioned NB Power will be drawing water down quite frequently this summer at the dam.

Randy Wilson stated he heard there are a couple of projects that are being done with culverts. He stated that it is good for the Town because we need the water to be at its lowest to do the work for the marina.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked what was next steps with EIA to receive money from ACOA.

Randy Wilson stated he will send the reports from Dan Glenn tomorrow to ACOA and he is hoping to speak with someone as soon as possible.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked when should the Town receive confirmation from DFO.

Randy Wilson stated he asked them and they said the earliest would be the third week in May.

Mayor's Report

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Mayor Kitchen reported that:

-he spoke with Brenda Knight; the report will be discussed more under Closed Session.
-he mentioned AV Group has a shutdown scheduled for the middle of May. He stated there are concerns with regards to workers coming to do work on the mill. He spoke to Carl Urquhart and Richard Ames and stated they have met with the mill and they assured him they are meeting all the requirements and guidelines set out by Public Health which includes; anyone coming from out of Province are to be quarantined for 14 days.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they won't be able to bring anyone in from out of province because they would not have the 14-day window to quarantine.

Mayor Kitchen stated that is where the confusion is and he spoke with Richard Ames again today, the Mill is not sure if they are going ahead to shut down on that date now.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Motion to accept and approve the 2019 Audit.

20-50 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council accept and approve the 2019 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Shannon & Buffet.”

Motion carried.

Mayor Kitchen informed Councillors, before they moved to Closed Session, make sure there wasn't anyone else in the room with them during the session.

20-51 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion Carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 7:39 pm and Dallas Cakes left the call.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Personnel – Brenda Knight Report

B) DNEDC Update

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C) Summer Students

20-52 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:24 pm.

20-53 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO