

TOWN OF NACKAWIC  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 1, 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:

20-59 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 MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-60 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There is no business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) COVID-19 Regional Planning & Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

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Mayor Kitchen stated it was in the package for Council's viewing.

B) Sam Bates Citizenship Scholarship

C) Forestry Capital of Canada Scholarship

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane reported on the meeting of May 26<sup>th</sup> and stated everything is in order with regards to the budget, they also discussed the Waterfront Development and their budget. He informed Council there will be an Economic Development Corporation meeting soon.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the library opened up on May 27<sup>th</sup> with reduced hours.

Protective Services –

FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated they are going forward with house decorating contest for Canada Day, there will be prizes for best house for a gift card of their choice – 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50. The Town Hall and Shopping Mall will be decorated as well and she is hoping to continue it next year.

Councillor McConaghy asked when the tennis courts will be ready to open for the public.

Randy Wilson stated he will follow Council's wishes and go from there.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she feels they can be open because they don't get heavy use and for people to bring their own equipment.

Councillor Simpson stated he feels they should be open with people using their own equipment.

Councillor Toole stated that each person will have their own tennis balls and not touch other people's equipment.

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Councillor McConaghy stated she was in agreement as long as people stayed in their bubble.

Mayor Kitchen asked Council who was in favour of opening the tennis courts using their own equipment, not touching other people's equipment and have proper signage in place.

Council was in agreement.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if softball would be happening again this summer.

Councillor Toole stated the fields are already allowed to open with low contact sports/games. The Town's field can be open but with no games, keep your gathering within your bubble.

Randy Wilson stated softball and baseball NB have an operation plan that is set to go but they are waiting for the Premier to give the OK to open up. The volunteers would have to partake in a meeting with one of the organizations to make sure they are knowledgeable of this plan. He stated it is a big undertaking for a volunteer to take on because the rules of instruction have changed where you have to respect social distancing. He will provide more feedback after Friday's COVID update.

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town will have to wait and see if the softball fields are allowed to be open and the volunteers that are coaching, they will be responsible for insuring that everything is in place with regards to social distancing. The Town would have to see if they are willing to follow the guidelines and enforced them before we can go ahead.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she was ok with that.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson reported on the meeting of May 28<sup>th</sup>, regarding the letter from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Municipal Designated Highway Program. The committee agreed to a recommendation of 4 items to Council to be included in the response to the letter but he didn't have a hard copy at the meeting to show Council.

Randy Wilson stated he has a meeting with Dillon Consulting next week and he would like to discuss the report with him first to make sure the numbers are accurate before we submit it.

Mayor Kitchen asked when was the deadline for the report.

Councillor Simpson stated September 2020.

Mayor Kitchen stated to wait until the next Council meeting to have a hard copy for

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everyone to view before a motion is made.

Councillor Simpson stated he will have it ready for next meeting.

Councillor Simpson stated with regards to the left-hand turn lane construction, the construction company has cleaned up the ditch to Riverbend Court. He would like for the Town to continue down to the Pinder Road to make it look complete.

Councillor Toole stated the Town would have to pay for it themselves.

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town will need to know what the cost will be.

Randy Wilson stated he asked Philson Construction for a cost. It may be a situation to revisit when they are done and find a local contractor that might be more of what Council might want to pay.

Mayor Kitchen stated to find out what the cost will be and have it ready for next meeting, Council cannot make a motion on it until we know the cost.

Councillor Simpson stated if we wait until 2 weeks until the next meeting, they will probably be finished and gone. We will have to depend on the CAO and if he likes the price to have a telephone meeting with Council and go from there.

Mayor Kitchen directed the CAO to find out the cost and report back to Council.

Councillor Toole stated it is a job a local contractor can do. The Town can clean the ditch out and not put any rip rap down because that is where the cost is going to be.

Council agreed.

Councillor Toole stated he noticed people dumping trash in Munroe Park and asked if the Town put any stones along the edge to keep people from dumping over the hill.

Randy Wilson stated no, the Town hasn't done anything with it. He suggested to display signs as well.

Mayor Kitchen suggested a chain fence also because it is not used by the public. He directed the CAO to find out the most cost effected way to do this.

Special Reports –

WATERFRONT

Councillor McConaghy stated she spoke to Jennifer Bishop regarding the blue green algae signage to be installed down at the waterfront. She will be coming to Nackawic in

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a couple of weeks and would like to meet someone there to tell her where to put the sign. The sign will be a 4ft x 6ft metal or wood with picture and text.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that Council wanted to go with a smaller sign.

Councillor McConaghy stated that is the smallest sign you can get with picture and text on them.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she will be available on Thursday.

Mayor Kitchen stated he will probably be available also.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he has been working on waterfront plan, EIA, funding and tenders.
- he attended a finance meeting on May 26.
- he attended a public works committee meeting on May 28.
- he attended a Western Conference CAO meeting via zoom.
- he attended a DNEDC meeting.
- the left-hand turn lane is going well.
- the trickle filter report is in its final stages.

Councillor McConaghy stated with the current clean up that is being done of the park, asked if it was work being done from the grant or is it something different.

Randy Wilson stated it is something different but with the grant for the trail clean up, he has a meeting next Thursday with the two gentlemen who will be doing the work and he will know more after that when they will be starting.

Councillor McConaghy stated with regards to the slow-moving streams, she smells an odour coming from there and asked if it might be sewage running into it.

Randy Wilson stated it would be nothing from the Town, it could be from the farm.

Councillor Toole asked if the Town has ever tested the streams going into the river. He stated a couple years ago it was really bad and it was discussed by Environment and Local Government but he doesn't think it was ever done.

Randy Wilson stated no it hasn't.

Mayor Kitchen directed the CAO to have a water test done, and forward it on to Environment and Local Government and go from there.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended an RSC 11 meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> – they changed by-laws to allow chair and vice chair to stay on for another year because of COVID-19.
- he informed everyone that the Recycling is opened again.

Mayor Kitchen stated he had conversations with Carl Urquhart, Minister of Public Safety and Richard Ames with regards to the debate with the Union and AV Group. They informed him the mill plan was good and if there are any issues, then WorkSafe would have to handle it.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that safety wasn't the issue; it was bringing people in from outside of the province and not hiring local.

Councillor Toole stated there is going to be a protest at the Mill tonight.

Mayor Kitchen stated he spoke to reporters and informed them he has had discussions with head of the union, mill manager and government officials and assured them WorkSafe is on top of it.

Councillor Farnsworth asked why are they saying they are allowed to bring workers in from Nova Scotia and Quebec.

Mayor Kitchen stated that is what the whole debate is around, on a regular shut down that would not be an issue.

Councillor McConaghy stated you would need to bring workers in advance to be able to quarantine for 2 weeks.

Mayor Kitchen stated that is what the government is suppose to find out. He has been assured by Minister of Public Safety that they are following the guidelines that is set forth.

Councillor McConaghy stated she heard they would be quarantined in certain areas of the mill and not working with the local employees.

Mayor Kitchen stated he was told the same by the mill manager. The Town cannot do anything else about it, it is up to Public Safety.

Mayor Kitchen stated he spoke to the MLA about going to RDC for more funding for the Waterfront, he wanted numbers and he instructed the CAO to forward the numbers to him.

Mayor Kitchen stated that graduation will be going ahead with 7 mini grads at the arena

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over a two-day period - June 15 & 16 as long as we are able to have gatherings of up to 50 people.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business.

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.

20-61            Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
                  Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion Carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 7:51 pm and Dallas Cakes left the call.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Sam Bates Citizenship Scholarship

B) Forestry Capital of Canada Scholarship

20-62            Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
                  Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:07 pm.

20-63            Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
                  Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council award the Sam Bates Citizenship Scholarship to Lindsay Graham.”

Motion carried.

20-64            Motion: Councillor McConaghy  
                  Second: Councillor Simpson

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“That Council award the Forestry Capital of Canada Scholarship to Nathaniel Morehouse.”

Motion carried.

20-65      Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
              Second: Councillor Toole

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Ian Kitchen  
Mayor

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Randy Wilson  
CAO