

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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

ABSENT: Councillor Toole

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes
Dr. Wayne McLaughlin, URVH Foundation
Neil Jacobson, Hockey NB
Aaron Perry, YWMH President
Simon Mitchell, WWF

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-94 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the agenda be approved with the one addition:

-under To the Floor, add C) Simon Mitchell, WWF.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 17TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-95 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the August 17th, 2020 regular council meeting be approved with the 2 amendments:

-page 4; second paragraph under finance; delete the word “accruing” and insert the word “budgeting”,

-under New Business, A) in the title; delete the word “dictated” and insert

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the word “recommended”.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-96 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the minutes of August 26th, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 28TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-97 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of August 28th, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if the Town has received the letter from Frances McGuire, ACOA.

Randy Wilson stated no.

Mayor Kitchen stated when he spoke with Frances McGuire, he stated the Town was good to go, just waiting for the letter.

Councillor Simpson asked if Kathryn Clark prepared the 1 page spread sheet regarding the finances with the fire department.

Randy Wilson stated yes.

Mayor Kitchen asked if the Town received anything from Ivan Corbett regarding the fire department.

Randy Wilson stated no, they informed us that they are very busy with budget and will get

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to us as soon as possible.

With Council's permission, Mayor Kitchen moved to item 8. A) To the Floor

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Upper River Valley Hospital Foundation Presentation – Dr. Wayne McLaughlin

Dr. McLaughlin distributed a report of what the foundation is about. He stated the River Valley Hospital has been open for 13 years and his background is in family medicine. The project that the foundation is raising funds for is a \$290,000 project, and they received \$100,000 donation from a resident that had surgery at the hospital and wanted to give back and the Golf & Rotary Club matched that donation for another \$100,000.

Dr. McLaughlin stated the specific target areas for funds raised are:

- Recruitment and retention of health care professionals including family physicians.
- Continuous professional development training.
- Assist with staff morale, community connections.
- Provision of equipment that government is not able to provide, for example: operating room package; cardiac rehab program enhancement; expansion of dialysis services, etc.
- Reduction in travel for our family members and friends for services/treatments.
- Comfort tools for family members required to spend significant time at the hospital with loved ones.
- Other forms of assistance identified by our community.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane thanked him for his 50 + years in medicine and all his work with the foundation. He asked if there was any competition between URVH and the DECH.

Dr. McLaughlin stated no, the patients have their preference, both hospitals work very well together.

Councillor Farnsworth asked what fundraising ideas they have coming up that the Town would be able to support.

Dr. McLaughlin stated one will be the follow up on the ophthalmology program, which includes diabetic care for seniors.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked how much of the \$290,000 they have raised to date.

Dr. McLaughlin stated \$250,000.

Councillor Simpson asked if the foundation is formally created.

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Dr. McLaughlin stated yes, they have had approval from the regional board 2 years ago.

Councillor Simpson asked if the foundation has to go through the approval process.

Dr. McLaughlin stated yes, they have to get approval from the government, specifically the Horizon Board. Their main concern is they don't raise money for something that will cost more than the ongoing cost than what they can afford.

Mayor Kitchen thanked him for coming.

Dr. McLaughlin thanked Council for allowing him to speak about the foundation, and left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

B) Simon Mitchell, WWF

Simon Mitchell distributed a report on Municipal Natural Assets and the importance it. He stated they are looking for expressions of interest from municipalities that may be interested in pursuing this initiative. It is a \$25,000 - \$30,000 project, but they are only looking for \$2,500 commitment from municipalities.

Simon Mitchell stated at a basic level, a natural asset inventory includes:

- A list of natural assets that provide services to a local government, e.g. wetland, stream, forest.
- An understanding of what services those natural assets provide.
- The geographic boundaries of the natural asset.
- An understanding of the condition the natural assets are in and risks (both natural and human-caused) they may face.

Simon Mitchell stated the inventory helps communities build an understanding of the natural assets they rely on, the extent of that reliance, and importantly, provides the foundation for all other aspects of natural asset management including valuations, modelling, planning and implementation steps.

Councillor Simpson asked if there was an opportunity to go beyond the boundaries of Nackawic.

Simon Mitchell stated he sent that question to the organization and hasn't heard back from them yet. He thinks there could be a buffer around the community, but it does get complicated beyond that because of privately owned lands.

Councillor Simpson asked if the organization has been in contact with the government.

Simon Mitchell stated yes, there is interest in them doing more work in the region.

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Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if there was a private land owner that owned an interesting piece of land within the municipality, is there an ability to work with that group.

Simon Mitchell stated that would be step 2 or 3, through this inventory we can determine what is important in the municipality or an adjacent buffer area. If it comes back to provide a number of services, recreational as well as ecological, it supports that case with those types of land owners.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if he needs the Town's approval to give the organization the go ahead to start this initiative.

Simon Mitchell stated yes, he would draft up a report and present it to the CAO and if they get approval from the organization then the Town would have to pay the \$2500.

Mayor Kitchen thanked him for coming.

Simon Mitchell left the meeting at 7:32 pm.

C) Neil Jacobson & Aaron Perry, Hockey NB Presentation

Neil Jacobson thanked Council for allowing him speak and stated he has been with Hockey NB for 21 years, there are 15 board members from around the province and he represents York West Minor Hockey.

Neil Jacobson distributed a report on Return to Hockey and stated there is a Return to Hockey online course available at no cost through Hockey Canada and he outlined the structure, operational plan, safety guidelines and what their next steps will be in the coming weeks and months.

Neil Jacobson stated there are opportunities to fill this arena if there is an appetite to fill the arena.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Town started a program last year called WeeHawkes Learn to Skate without the use of any equipment and the idea is they will eventually hook into hockey.

Neil Jacobson stated the Town's reopening plan is very solid. The Town's CAO needs to connect with Aaron Perry, so Aaron can present his operational plan for the local minor hockey organization, if we start, here is what we are prepared to do.

Councillor Simpson asked Aaron Perry who else was with him on the board.

Aaron Perry stated they have a full board.

Councillor Simpson asked Aaron Perry if he would be the person for Randy to work with

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to book as much ice time as possible.

Neil Jacobson stated he would be the one with the links, he knows the people who he would connect Randy Wilson with.

Councillor Simpson stated the Town's arena currently runs on a deficit and we can't afford to increase that deficit.

Aaron Perry stated he would like to know what the Town sold for ice time last year and what you would need for the ice to sell this year.

Randy Wilson stated he will get him the numbers.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that hockey wasn't the only activity that goes on at the arena, everyone needs to be active in some way or another.

Mayor Kitchen asked the later the date the arena opens, then organizations won't be able to play as many games.

Neil Jacobson stated yes, that is correct.

Mayor Kitchen stated programs like high school hockey that depend on revenue from admissions, what is their protocol for numbers.

Aaron Perry stated you can now sit/stand 3 feet apart with a mask on. You have to abide by New Brunswick's rules from the Chief Medical Officer.

Mayor Kitchen stated the maximum number for indoor venues is 50.

Councillor Simpson stated if Hockey NB can reach their goals then it can help the Town reach ours because your objective fits nicely into the Town.

Neil Jacobson stated the Town's operation plan needs to be submitted to Hockey NB and go from there. If your facility is open for hockey, our association is going to be prepared to come in a safe and respectful manner.

Mayor Kitchen thanked them both for coming.

Neil Jacobson and Aaron Perry left the meeting at 8:33 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Music Festival Letter

Mayor Kitchen stated the following letter was thanking their supporters for their donations

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and they had a virtual music festival on April 20, due to COVID-19.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated Kathryn Clark circulated the latest month end Income Statements and she stated everything is looking ok.

Library – No report

Protective Services –

FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of July 9, July 21 & August 18 and stated that attendance is steady.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Babysitting Course was well attended. Some senior activities have started back up, they should all be up and running by the end of the month. The First Aid for the Town will be starting on Saturday, October 3rd at the Lions Club.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated the 5-year Capital Plan 2020-2025 is in the package and would like council to make a motion.

20-98 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

“That Council accept and forward the Five Year Municipal Designated Highway Plan 2020-2025 to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure as recommended by the Public Works Committee and prepared by Dillon Engineering.”

ON THE QUESTION –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated with regards to item 2. A); of the 4 years on council, the most concerns residents had that have come to him was regarding the risk with people crossing the 105 with the pulp trucks and increase traffic. He would be in favour of the Town looking through the budget process and see if we would be able to find our own money and do a study on it, to get it before government and not have to wait.

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Randy Wilson stated the Town has submitted a request for that area on flashing lights; reduce speed limits and changing traffic patterns and have received a “no” on all accounts.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they reduced the speed on the 102 highway at the Kings Clear Reserve, why wouldn't they do the same for the Town.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated it is a great document and thanked the public works committee for putting it together.

Motion carried.

Special Reports –

DNEDC

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane reported on the August 27th meeting and stated they have had a presentation from Ginger Design on our social media campaign and feels it has been well received by the community and has had a positive influence on the business community this summer and they are presently discussing their funding for the 2021 calendar year. He stated he will have Brent Sansom give an update to Council soon.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he worked on the EIA and with funding partners ACOA and RDC on Marina Project.
- he has been involved with the Colt Group regarding Garden Homes Complex, rezoning passed, land sale complete.
- he attended a DNEDC meeting on August 27th.
- he is working with Worksafe NB on COVID operating plans.
- he attended an HR committee meeting on September 3rd.

Mayor Kitchen stated will he be updating Council on the EIA in closed session.

Randy Wilson stated yes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended the DNEDC meeting on August 27th.
- he has been in conversations with the CAO on the EIA.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A) Excess Equipment Auction

20-99 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council move to accept the results from the excess equipment tender that closed on Friday, September 4th, 2020 and award the winning bid to John Jardine, Jardine Auctioneers at the bid amount price of \$32,600 plus applicable taxes.”

Motion carried.

B) Simon Mitchell, WWF

20-100 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council proceed with the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative presented by Simon Mitchell and instruct him to move the process forward on the Town’s behalf.”

Motion carried.

20-101 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 8:56 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Personnel

20-102 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

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Council moved back to regular session at 9:38 pm.

20-103 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO