

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2020

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

ABSENT: 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:

20-31 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
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 THE FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-32 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the February 18th, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Simpson asked Mayor Kitchen if he heard back from Public Safety regarding the RCMP reports.

Mayor Kitchen stated he will be attending the next RSC 11 Policing meeting on March 3rd and will ask then.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Order of New Brunswick Letter

Mayor Kitchen stated it was for Council's viewing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated there is a meeting scheduled for next week, they will be putting in their request to expand the floor space and installing bathrooms at that time.

Mayor Kitchen stated the school district will be covering the cost for the new bathroom, security doors and donating \$3000 towards a mini-split, also, the library will be asking the Town for a donation towards the heat pump.

Protective Services –

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of February 4th, 11th & 18th meetings.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if there were fire fighters that was injured.

Randy Wilson stated he thinks it was one fire fighter, not necessarily injured and he will discuss it in more detail after meeting.

Councillor Farnsworth also mentioned fire fighter Dave Nason.

Mayor Kitchen stated Dave Nason had a personal health issue.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Cabin Fever Games will be on Wednesday, March 18th.

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town received a grant of \$2500 for the trail upgrade.

Randy Wilson stated the Town did receive the grant and they are waiting for the WAWA permit to be completed.

Public Works –

Councillor Toole asked if there was a reason why the fire hydrants haven't been completely cleared of snow.

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Councillor Simpson stated they can only go in so close to the hydrant with the loader.

Councillor Toole stated the new plough truck looks good.

Mayor Kitchen stated he has received several complaints about the plough truck speeding.

Randy Wilson stated he will bring it up to the public works employees.

Special Reports –

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated Wellness will be presented with a Horizon Health Award plus \$500 and stated this will be the 4th one they have received.

Mayor Kitchen stated it was good to hear, Wellness does a lot of great work.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councillor Simpson asked if the Town should contact Public Health and asked for more information on the Coronavirus19 and if there is anything more that the Town should be doing to keep ahead of the virus and keep the public informed.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated EMO NB is probably keeping municipalities updated regularly of the Cononavirus19.

Councillor Toole stated yes, he receives emails on a regular basis of any updates with the virus and stated the most vulnerable would be seniors and people with respiratory issues and to remember to wash your hands often.

DOCTOR RECRUITMENT

Councillor Farnsworth updated Council on the Doctor recruitment and stated they received a package that came from Ontario that showed how to set up the information that we are going to use to provide the Physician that might be interested in coming to Nackawic. She stated Fredericton hasn't followed through with any information that they said they would send to Nackawic. She stated there is another meeting next week.

Councillor Farnsworth also stated that Doctor Hebb doesn't want to announce her retirement until September and was wondering if this would hinder the community from registering for a doctor.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated no it wouldn't, you can sign up even if you think your doctor might be retiring.

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Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked what was in the recruitment package.

Councillor Farnsworth stated it was in a list format of what is in your community for example listing the schools; churches; clubs and organizations. It had nothing to do with the incentives the Town of Nackawic has to offer.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Town should offer a list of incentives in the package.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated we need to decide if there is going to be incentives, other communities are doing it so we need to be prepared for it.

Mayor Kitchen stated it is a competitive market so we should be ready for it.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he attended Western Valley Conference CAO meeting on Feb. 21st.
- the LED lights are installed in the Arena.
- he has had ongoing discussions with Ginger Agency about the website. They want to present on March 11th.
- he stated Brenda Knight is meeting with staff on March 10th.
- the Household Hazardous Waste Day will be on Saturday, June 6th.
- he attended the Ron Berube Volunteer Award presentation to recipient Vera Bradbury – it was a great turnout.
- the Sale of Land to Topmar is almost complete.
- the Arena Capital Fundraiser will be on Saturday night, March 14th.
- the arena has been busy – getting close to another year end.

Councillor Simpson asked how the arena revenue was for this year.

Randy Wilson stated good, we met our goals on budget last year and the Town is in line to maintain our goals this year. The increase in the rates this year has helped us to reach them.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Town has to make motions when selling the loader.

Randy Wilson stated he is waiting to have a public works meeting and discuss it then.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked for an update on the Environment Impact Assessment.

Randy Wilson stated he spoke with Roy Consulting and they said it is registered with the province, everything is going as planned, the deadline is still the end of March and we should receive a letter to say everything is ready to go. They will then apply for the WAWA permits, update ACOA to discuss funding and inform NB Power on sale of land.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended Family Day on February 18th which was very well attended.
- he attended the Senior's Luncheon and presented the Ron Berube Award – they had a great turnout.
- he will be attending the RSC 11 meeting on March 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Plough Truck and Loader Debenture

20-33 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“Be it Resolved that the Clerk and /or Treasurer and/or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of Nackawic debenture in the principal amount of \$524,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and be it resolved that the Municipality of Nackawic agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture.”

Motion carried.

20-34 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO