

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-66 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the agenda be approved with one addition; under New Business, add C) Forestry Capital of Canada Plaque Restoration.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1ST, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-67 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the minutes of the June 1st, 2020 regular council meeting be approved with the 2 corrections:

-on page 2; under Finance; omit the word “Regional” and insert “Economic”;

-on page 5; under CAO’s report; 5th paragraph from the bottom; omit the word “order” and insert “odour”.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the tennis courts were open.

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Randy Wilson stated yes, all Town recreation areas at the waterfront are open to the public with signage in place.

Councillor Simpson asked Randy Wilson if he found out the cost to the cleaning of the ditch to Riverbend Court.

Randy Wilson stated Philson Construction quoted a cost of approximately \$28,000 plus HST for 90 feet of ditching and stated he will check around for more prices.

Councillor Toole stated the Town hasn't done anything to the ditch in many years, the Town is trying to save money not find ways to spend it.

Councillor Toole left the meeting.

Councillor Farnsworth asked about the signage for Blue-Green Algae.

Randy Wilson said he met with Department of Health and they approved the sign and DTI will be installing it.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if there was a cost to the Town.

Randy Wilson stated no, there isn't any cost and it is being installed down by the beach to the right of the present boat launch.

Councillor Farnsworth asked about the odour from the farm on the walking trail.

Randy Wilson stated he investigated and couldn't find anything and Fisheries and Oceans came and they didn't know what the odour was either.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the Town was going to perform water tests from the waterfront throughout the summer.

Randy Wilson stated yes, they will be testing for 6 weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Allocation of Gas Tax Funds Letter

Mayor Kitchen reported on the letter and stated the Gas Tax Fund Allocation for 2020 is \$64,844 to invest in Municipal Infrastructure projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

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Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the library is now open with reduced hours, but not a lot of foot traffic to date. They did have an outdoor café on Friday, which was very well attended.

Mayor Kitchen stated the School District will be installing a bathroom for the library and working on the doors.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked who was paying for the installation of the bathroom.

Mayor Kitchen stated the School Board will be paying for the bathrooms and the new doors and the Town gave a contribution of \$5000 to cover the heating and cooling system.

Protective Services – No Report

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated for Canada Day, we will be decorating the Town red and hopes the residents will get on board and start decorating their homes also. There could be an antique car parade on that day as well.

Councillor Farnsworth asked about softball.

Randy Wilson stated he contacted other communities around the valley and they cancelled all programs because they thought the risk was too high.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated there will be a committee meeting soon to discuss purchasing a trailer for public works.

Special Reports –

DNEDC

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated there was a soft launch of the DNEDC website last week and they continue to do mending and refining of the dropdowns on the page and content. He feels it has been very well received by the public and that most people seem to be happy with it, except for a couple of negative comments. They will be working in the coming weeks to start to roll out the individual blog post about the region featuring different articles. He thanked everyone who has been involved in it and is looking forward to seeing how it helps to push some of the other initiatives under way.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they have been meeting with ACOA that continues to move along. There is some activity with regards to garden homes and there is some

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progress being made on the special care home.

Councillor McConaghy stated she thought the website looked great and asked what were the negative comments.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated when the website went live on Friday, someone liked and shared the post and then in turn, someone made a negative comment on the photo on that person's post and stated it wasn't a local picture.

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated Wellness received a Horizon Health grant; it is the 4th year in a row. It will be presented at the Town Hall through conference call on June 25th. She stated the United Way grant is finished but they have enough donations to continue for 2 more weeks, and hopefully they will receive stage 3 of the grant and it will last until March.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he has been working on the Environment Impact Assessment extensively with partners. My plan is to do a conference call to bring everyone up to date soon.
- he has been working with funding partners ACOA and RDC on Marina project.
- he has been working on Arena Evaporative Condenser costing for Council.
- he has been involved with the Colt Group regarding Garden Homes Complex; rezoning process has begun.
- the Town's nature trail work is moving along; staff have done a lot of clean-up to date.
- he met with DTI officials on Friday to discuss Highway Maintenance Agreement.
- the left-hand turn lane is completed – bridge refurbishing now on to phase 2.

Councillor Simpson asked about the garbage contract.

Randy Wilson stated Fero is coming next week to have a discussion with them about the Town's contract which ends December 31, 2020.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Town has received the funds from EMO for repairing the storm sewer replacement at the arena parking lot.

Randy Wilson stated he spoke with Dillon Consulting and they informed us that they are slow in distributing funds but they will pay in time. He asked Dillon to forward them an email and copy the Town on it to see where it stands and they have yet to respond.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

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-he has spoken to Carl Urquhart and his assistant about Regional Development Corporation to try and find more funding for the Town.
-he will be attending an RSC 11 meeting on June 25th.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Arena Electrical Energy Proficiency Upgrades

20-68 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council approve the Arena Electrical Energy Proficiency Upgrades to D.Mac Electrical for \$4820 which was covered by Community Investment Fund Grant.”

Motion carried.

B) By-Law No. W-2.5 Water Rates and Sewer Rentals Repeal.

20-69 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That By-Law No. W-2.5, a By-Law Respecting Water Rates and Sewer Rentals in The Town of Nackawic be read for the first time in its entirety with the clarification of 5.02 – insert the words “per gallon” after every metered rate.”

Motion carried.

Councillors Farnsworth and McConaghy read By-Law No. W-2.5, a By-Law Respecting Water Rates and Sewer Rentals in the Town of Nackawic for the first time in its entirety.

C) Forestry Capital of Canada Plaque Restoration

Councillor Simpson stated the plaque that was made by Mr. Morrison to recognize Nackawic as the Forestry Capital of Canada in 1991 by Premier Frank McKenna. It was put in storage after the 2014 fire and when it was taken out 3 years later, pieces of the plaque were cracked and broken. He would like to see it restored because it is a part of our heritage. Mr. Morrison gave a price between \$1500 to \$3000.

Mayor Kitchen asked to have Mr. Morrison come to council and give more clarification on the restoration and what the exact cost would be to repair it.

Councillor Simpson stated he will notify Mr. Morrison of Council’s decision.

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20-70 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 7:56 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

- A) Economic Development Discussion
- B) Arena Evaporative Condenser Replacement

20-71 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 9:00 pm.

20-72 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO