

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2020

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

ABSENT: Councillor Toole

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes
Matt Fox

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-72 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the agenda be approved with one addition;

-under To the Floor, add 8. A) Matt Fox, Special Care Home Presentation.

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane declared a conflict with item 9. B) Special Care Home.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 22ND, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-73 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the minutes of the June 22nd, 2020 regular council meeting be approved with 2 corrections:

-under CAO’s report; 3rd sentence; omit the word “have” and insert “has”;

-under New Business, C) Forestry Capital of Canada Plaque Restoration; 1st paragraph should read “plaque that was made by Mr. Morrison to recognize” not “recognized”.”

Motion carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if there will be an update on ACOA.

Randy Wilson stated he will speak on it in his report.

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

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Matt Fox, Special Care Home Presentation

Matt Fox thanked Council for inviting him to speak and stated himself along with Greg MacFarlane are looking to open a Senior Care Home. He stated Social Development has approved their Nackawic Care Home of 40 beds consisting of 31 Level 2 Beds and 9 Level 3B Memory Care beds. It would provide 24 hour - 365 days a year care and services would include – all meals; foot care; hair care; intergenerational outreach care program – community engagement programming and nurse & physician services.

Matt Fox stated the project represents \$4 million dollars of commercial tax base to the Town of Nackawic. Additionally, 40 new long-term jobs will be created to support the care services of its residents. Residents of the care home will be charged no more than the New Brunswick government subsidized rate. This is a fixed rate that the government pays that does not increase per year with inflation.

Matt Fox stated if they are successful in their discussions with the Nackawic Lions Club, they envision building, at a cost, a comparable size community room to hold the same functions they do now. They would also provide an office for the Legion and Lions Club and community room space to other non-profit users in a new facility.

Matt Fox stated given the disadvantage we face vs urban care homes on up-charging, the undertaking we are prepared to pursue for a community venue replacing the current Lions Club, we are specifically requesting the land from the Town of Nackawic for nominal value. If an agreement can be reached with the Lions Club and Council, a suggested timeline for completion of the build will be September 2021 and clients can move in by November 2021. The special care home will be owned by Matt Fox and Greg MacFarlane.

Councillor Simpson congratulated both Matt Fox and Greg MacFarlane for their efforts in this project and asked where did the discussions stand with the Lions Club.

Matt Fox stated they met with them last week and are hoping to hear from them soon.

Councillor McConaghy asked about the commercial aspect of the building and what they have in mind to put there.

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Matt Fox stated he wasn't sure yet; they would need to develop a masterplan. The waterfront attracts a lot of people, especially boaters.

Councillor McConaghy stated it would be an opportunity to establish something there that would draw people to the area.

Councillor Simpson stated a part of the Town's waterfront masterplan was to have a food venue close to the water; that could be one idea.

Matt Fox stated they haven't discussed it extensively, but are looking at several options.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she supports them but, in your presentation, you stated that it won't proceed if you don't have a downtown location, and asked why.

Matt Fox stated we need community support to keep the project moving forward and the Lions Club lot is a great area. They need to be leveraging the potential of the lot, location and facility as much as possible and need the community support and fundraising on an ongoing basis.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she feels the area in question is more for recreation, used by everyone in the community.

Matt Fox stated that is correct, and that is why they need to tie the commercial piece to it and the whole community would have access to it.

Councillor Simpson stated if the Lions Club is going to have community space there, the value of the property now is for the bowling alley and the hall and the bowling alley has been struggling for years. What he understands about this project is that there will be a space for that and have it available to the community like the hall is now.

Matt Fox stated they have an architect involved right now but he doesn't know exactly what the footprint will look like yet but they do need to capture tourist coming by water and land.

Mayor Kitchen asked what will happen if the Lions Club isn't on board.

Matt Fox stated they had a great meeting with the president of the Lions Club and he feels very optimistic.

Councillor Farnsworth asked what kind of fundraising activities they have for the community.

Matt Fox stated he wasn't sure, and when they looked at other smaller homes in the province, they all have some sort of foundation ties to them but they will look to the community for support for that.

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Councillor Simpson asked if it was going to be a 2-storey building.

Matt Fox stated they wasn't sure yet what it will look like.

Councillor Simpson asked Randy Wilson what the zoning was for the area.

Randy Wilson stated it is Public Recreation and RSC 11 would have to be involved with the rezoning.

Mayor Kitchen stated once the Lions Club has agreed then you would have to have it rezoned and if they do not agree, he suggested other land the Town has available, like Munroe Park and the lot behind the middle school.

Councillor Simpson stated the project addresses two of the main objectives with the masterplan; Special Care Home and the waterfront.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Matt Fox for his presentation.

Matt Fox left the meeting at 7:38 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Age Friendly Community Recognition Letter

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town received a letter stating the Town of Nackawic is now an Age Friendly Community. He thanked Councillor Farnsworth and her committee for all their hard work that went into this project.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they should have the Age Friendly Community sign soon.

B) Thank you letter from Lindsay Graham

Mayor Kitchen stated Lindsay Graham thanked Council for nominating her for the Sam Bates Citizenship Award.

Councillor Farnsworth suggested instead of buying new plaques, add extensions onto the old ones because they are running out of room on the walls.

Mayor Kitchen stated they can look into it.

C) DNEDC Report

Mayor Kitchen stated the report is for Council's viewing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Finance – No Report

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the renovations are moving forward, the air exchange is installed and the washrooms are almost complete. She stated the attendance is down but the Café is doing well because they are having the gatherings outdoors.

Councillor Farnsworth stated their part time staff, Debbie Edmonston, is leaving because she found full-time employment. They are currently looking for a replacement.

Protective Services –

FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on minutes of June 23rd meeting.

Councillor Simpson asked if the hoses were certified before.

Randy Wilson stated yes, they were, but they have to be checked every year.

Councillor Simpson asked if the pool filling policy was the Town's policy or the fire departments own policy.

Randy Wilson stated he wasn't sure if it was the Town's policy or the fire departments.

Councillor Simpson asked Randy Wilson if he could find out and let him know and if there is a fee for filling pools, who would get it.

Randy Wilson stated the Town gets the fee.

Randy Wilson stated Chief Hopkins is still working on the form that needs to be filled out for the LSD to take over the Fire Department.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated all facilities are open at use-at-own-risk. Looking into offering a babysitting course in August with social distancing and setting up a First Aid Course in September for town employees and opening it up to the community.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated he is looking to set up a committee meeting soon; two main points on the agenda 1) Pricing for trailer; 2) Trickle Filter Report to discuss condition, options and cost.

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Special Reports –

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated there will be a farmer's market soon, it will be at the lower entrance to the parking lot of the Lion's Centre instead of close to the Arena.

Councillor Farnsworth stated there will be an information session at the Lion's Club on July 21st regarding Garden Homes. They were looking to have 60 – 70 names to attend and they currently have 50.

Councillor McConaghy asked why the market wasn't setting up by the Arena like last year.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they need to have insurance on the arena grounds and they don't at this area.

DNEDC

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the package that the Executive Director put together went to Allen Bard, Parks & Attractions Branch at Tourism because they have spoken with them about re-issuing more money for next year because without the grant, they won't be able to operate. Letters have been sent to the MP and MLA and stated Destination Nackawic is bringing great things into the community. The Destination Nackawic brand and its social media was launched a few weeks ago, and has been well received. He informed Council, after January 10, 2021 there will be no more funding, and they are looking at ways for fundraising. He thanked Council for supporting the project.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he worked on the EIA extensively and with funding partners ACOA and RDC on Marina Project.
- he has been involved with the Colt Group regarding Garden Homes Complex; rezoning process has begun.
- the nature trail work is moving along, new bridges have been built, lots of thinning and mulching completed.
- there has been lots of discussing regarding a nursing home.
- he has had discussions with a company (Signature Sound) about transforming the Council Chambers to meet the needs for electronic sessions.
- the water testing on the Nackawic beach has begun, the first result was very good.
- there will be public works and finance committee meetings soon.
- there are two small bass fishing events planned; the Rapala Group on July 25th and B1 on August 8th. Both groups have presented operational plans. The muskie group has inquired as well.

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Councillor Farnsworth ask about the marina tender.

Randy Wilson stated E. Cummings Contracting asked for an extension until July 25th. There has been a lot of conversations on the site with the engineer trying to sort things out. He informed the Glenn Group there will not be any more extensions. DFO is pleased with everything they have presented and Duty to Consult is completed. If everything comes together as planned, they are looking at a September date.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he contacted Social Development to increase the bed capacity from 40 to 49 for the potential Special Care Home, which they approved.
- he emailed the president of ACOA, Francis McGuire, regarding the waterfront project and he hasn't responded back .

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Forestry Capital of Canada Plaque Restoration

20-74 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council commission James Morrison, to repair the plaque that was presented to the Town of Nackawic in 1991, in a way that preserves its historical significance to the town at a cost not to exceed \$3000 HST included.”

On the Question –

Councillor Simpson stated he spoke with the creator of the plaque; James Morrison and he stated the plaque was made to represent Nackawic as the Forestry Capital of Canada in 1991 which is a part of the Town's history. The plaque was put in storage for a number of years because there was a fire at the Town Hall/Fire Hall in 2014, which is also a part of the Town's history and got damaged. Mr. Morrison felt, instead of repairing the plaque to its original state, to repair the plaque looking like it has been broken. Councillor Simpson felt it was good idea and asked Council for their opinions.

Council agreed to have the plaque repaired looking like it has been damaged.

Motion carried.

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

20-75 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“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 second time by title only.”

Motion carried.

Councillor Farnsworth read By-Law No. W-2.5, a By-Law Respecting Water Rates and Sewer Rentals in the Town of Nackawic for the second time by title.

20-76 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“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 third time by title and enacted.”

Motion carried.

Councillor Farnsworth read By-Law No. W-2.5, a By-Law Respecting Water Rates and Sewer Rentals in the Town of Nackawic for the third time by title.

20-77 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 8:32 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane removed himself from the meeting at 8:52 pm due to conflict of interest.

CLOSED SESSION:

- A) Waterfront Project
- B) Special Care Home
- C) Garden Homes

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20-78 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 9:07 pm.

20-79 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO