

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Farnsworth

ABSENT: Councillor Toole
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:

20-104 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 SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-105 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the September 8th, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the Town will be moving forward on supporting the Upper River Valley Hospital Foundation.

Randy Wilson stated Dr. McLaughlin sent him an email thanking Council and he told him that Council will discuss whether they want to support the foundation during budget season and make a decision then.

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Councillor Farnsworth asked if the papers were sent off regarding the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative.

Randy Wilson stated yes.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if he found out who was on the York West Minor Hockey committee along with Aaron Perry.

Randy Wilson stated he knew of 3 people but did not know the others.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) COVID 19 – Nackawic Arena Operational Plan – YWMH Operational Plan

Mayor Kitchen stated it will be discussed under Closed Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated budget time is fast approaching and they need to set up meeting times with the different departments. He would like to have a quick finance meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:30 pm and have Kathryn Clark join them. He stated Kathryn Clark circulated the General Operating and Utility Income Statements in the package and she stated there are no areas of concern.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Library is operating under reduced hours still. They are not running any programs but they are offering a free pass to Kings Landing with a NB Library Card.

Protective Services –

Mayor Kitchen stated he will be attending an RSC 11 Zoom Policing meeting on September 24th and asked if any Councillors had any questions or concerns that he can forward to them.

Councillor Simpson asked where the plan was at where they were going to do some changes in communities.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes, and also the policing report that the Town is suppose to receive.

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Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated they had a good discussion with staff with regards to reopening the Arena. Some of the changes are: the arena will open a week later, the first week in November; there will be no canteen; mandatory mask; no food inside the arena but beverages are ok; one exit and entrance; there will be a sign-in sheet manned by minor hockey; you can only arrive 15 minutes early and have to leave the arena 15 minutes after each group and there will be no games until January.

Randy Wilson stated he is working with groups who want ice time and they have to have their own operational plan and submit it to the Town and there will also be public skating.

Councillor Simpson asked what plan does public skating fall under.

Randy Wilson stated they fall under the Town's Operational Plan.

Councillor Simpson stated that some days are hard to fill, has he done anything with that.

Randy Wilson stated he is still working out all the kinks.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked about the financial risk with not running as before.

Randy Wilson stated the power bill was always the most risk and he feels they will save with the canteen not being open. The Town has been approached by Recreation NB to go to the Province for a relief plan, there are programs in place for other areas such as curling clubs but nothing for arenas and they are hoping to change that.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated he asked the CAO to set up a meeting for next week. He stated the bridge work is almost completed and asked if they are still on schedule.

Randy Wilson stated he hasn't heard anything different.

Special Reports –

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated senior events are starting back up and the committee is looking into using the Curling Club's basement for a drop-in centre for seniors. First week of October is Wellness Week with lots of events planned. WeeHawkes Learn to Skate will be starting back up and Meals 4 U Program is going great, they have reached 60 people they prepare meals for each week. Wellness has received a grant from United Way for \$10,000 for the program but they needed \$15,000 in order to continue until the end of March. They have reached out to businesses for donations to help with the program.

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Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he continues to push EIA extensively and with funding partners ACOA and RDC on the Marina project.
- he has been working on 2020 budget process.
- he has been working with committee to ensure a safe opening of our arena and plan for Council.
- he has been working with NB Power on street light straightening.
- he attended Western Valley CAO meeting.
- he is looking to set up meeting with our committees to discuss budget needs.
- he met with RSC 11 to discuss their budget.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if it has been decided about the septic that the government wanted the Town to do for the marina.

Randy Wilson stated the Town is still waiting to hear from them. The elections have gotten in the way of that but we have been given assurances that they still have our file and soon as they are able to proceed, we should receive an answer soon.

Councillor Simpson stated he has seen a new driveway in place just past the Sure Life Assembly Church and was wondering if the Town knows who placed it there.

Randy Wilson stated that he does not know anything about it but he will find out.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he has contacted MLA Elect and told him what the Town's priorities are.
- he will be attending a UMNZ Zoom meeting on October 4th. He informed Council the next term for Council will be a 3-year term instead of the usual 4 years and they will be discussing and voting on it and asked Council what their thoughts were. All of Council was in agreement to keep it at a 4-year term.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) 2020-2021 Arena Ice Rental Rates & Sign Rental Increases

20-106 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council adopt the proposed Arena Ice Rental Rates for 2020-2021.”

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Motion carried.

Council made a decision to keep the Sign Rental Rates the same as the previous year.

B) Motion – Arena Capital Campaign Transfer

20-107 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council transfer \$3840.00 from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund after which the total amount in reserves allocated for the arena fundraising campaign is \$45,315.00.”

Motion carried.

20-108 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 8:03 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Arena Discussion

B) Waterfront – Street Lights

20-109 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:40 pm.

20-110 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

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Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO