

TOWN OF NACKAWIC  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2020

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson  
Dallas Cakes  
Brent Sansom, DNEDC

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-111 Motion: Councillor McConaghy  
Second: Councillor Simpson

“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 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-112 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

“That the minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 regular council meeting be approved with the following corrections:

- Page 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence from the top; change “Aaron Fox” to “Aaron Perry”
- Page 3; under recreation; delete the word “guarded” and replace it with “manned”.

Motion carried.

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

TO THE FLOOR:

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A) Brent Sansom – DNEDC Update

Brent Sansom thanked them for allowing him to present to them the summary status for DNEDC. He stated they were incorporated on March 21, 2019 and mentioned the active board of nine directors/members that are focused on improving the economy of the Town of Nackawic and the greater Nackawic region. They have established the 5-year Economic Development Agreement to act as the economic development agent for the Town of Nackawic.

Brent Sansom stated they have attracted over \$7million of new private investment in Nackawic along with over \$1 million of new joint government infrastructure investment in the Phase 1 of the Waterfront; 12 Adult Garden Homes Development which should be ready for rental summer of 2021 and the strategic Marketing and Social Media Development – Town rebranding & website development and implementation which cost approximately \$79,000. Throughout the summer they ran ad campaigns in social media with a lot of attraction and interest about the region.

Brent Sansom stated they did inventory of the lands available in the Town and supported selling land to Topmar. The financial Management & Planning for DNEDC now have their own books and financial statements being prepared since January 2020.

Brent Sansom stated they have reviewed and temporarily put on hold the Hotel Development and Nackawic Waterfront Pavilion Development. The board has just started development of its 2021 Strategic Plan, which will include a focus on strategic topics like: Concession Operations Plan; Continuing with the Digital Marketing. They will have some Signage Development for Destination Nackawic and the Town of Nackawic and hopefully see some refacing of the signs in Town and on the highway.

Brent Sansom stated he will be back with a strategic view late in the year or early next year and when considering the Town's budget, they are still asking for financial support again from the Town.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if there is a connection with Destination Nackawic and MCCC, because it sounds like DNEDC is doing a lot of what the MCCC would be doing.

Brent Sansom stated the individual chambers obviously try do a lot to support businesses and growth, but feels they do not have the mandate to do what DNEDC is doing. One thing he has done, he has presented to the chambers what DNEDC have been doing and they have been very supportive with them. He stated they are not replacing what the chambers would be doing and maybe they can help each other.

Mayor Kitchen asked if there was any update on the 40 bed Senior Care Home Development.

Brent Sansom stated he is meeting with them on October 7<sup>th</sup> to look at property the Town

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owns behind the school. They made a proposal of what they would like to have, there are four options on the table and they will be working through it with them and find out what is the best way to proceed.

Councillor Farnsworth asked how much land would they need to build the special care home.

Brent Sansom stated they would need 5-6 acres just for the building and parking but they want close to 30 acres for future development.

Councillor McConaghy stated she thought there was a timeline for having this development started.

Brent Sansom stated he believes the election may have delayed it and he will find out more at Wednesday's meeting.

Mayor Kitchen thanked Brent Sansom for coming.

Brent Sansom left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Councillor Farnsworth asked the CAO if he found out about the new driveway past Sure Life Assembly church.

Randy Wilson stated no, he hasn't found out who put the driveway there and why.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There is no correspondence.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane reported on the finance meetings and stated they are scheduled to meet with the fire department on Wednesday. They are continuing to review year-to-date numbers and stated they have had a lot of discussions around the arena and the risk around ice rental & cost. They will be reviewing numbers for all departments and plan to have weekly meetings throughout October. They will have more of a written report as to where they are at towards the end of the month. Next meeting is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

Randy Wilson stated the fire department cannot meet on October 7<sup>th</sup> but would rather an evening time. He will get back to them on a date.

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Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated they are now back to their regular hours but still no programs and they are working on their budget.

Protective Services –

FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and stated that Fire Prevention Week has started.

Councillor Toole stated the Town should write a thank you letter to them for their services.

Councillor McConaghy asked about the LSD taking over the Fire Department.

Mayor Kitchen stated he hasn't heard anything but he will be calling tomorrow and inquiring about it.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated Wellness Week started today, not as many events as previous years but people are anxious to get out and attend these events. The WeeHawkes are getting ready to start up for another year and asked if anyone knows the exact count on how many can gather inside a building.

Councillor McConaghy stated she will try and find the most current numbers to date.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Ridge Church will be setting up their Halloween Trunk-or-Treat at the Nackawic Elementary School again this year following the Public Health Guidelines.

Councillor Simpson asked if the residents of the Town will be receiving the rules and regulations around Halloween.

Randy Wilson stated yes, there will be a flyer going out and it will be posted on the Town's Website and Facebook page.

Public Works –

Councillor Toole reported on the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and stated regrading the budget, their main priority will be the Trickle Filter but they are also looking to purchase more vehicles such as snow blower, and maybe a pickup truck.

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Mayor Kitchen stated at the UMNB conference, there was discussion around municipalities who are members of UMNB receiving discounts to help with such purchases and asked the CAO to find out more about it.

Randy Wilson stated yes, he would.

Councillor Simpson mentioned the shoulders of the road on the 105 are washed out and would like to try and have it repaired.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if it was a DTI road.

Randy Wilson stated the section of the shoulder that is of concern is the Town's responsibility.

Special Reports –

OFFICE RENTAL

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Town has rented out the office space that Brent Sansom was using to 3 occupants who is interested in sharing the room one or two days a week each. Brent Sansom will move to another room when meeting at the Town Hall.

Councillor McConaghy asked if they have their own entrance.

Councillor Farnsworth stated yes.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated with the shopping mall struggling, maybe the Town should not be competing with them and have the potential rentals rent a place at the mall.

Councillor Farnsworth stated one is only paying \$300 a month and the others less than that. They could not afford to rent a space at the mall with hydro on top of the rent.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked who came up with the amount for the rent.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she has been in discussions with Randy and Kathryn that years ago when it was being rented, they had an amount which wasn't high because they were only using the room 2-3 days a week, so it was decided to do the same.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Councillor Farnsworth asked Council to make a donation to purchase Christmas decorations to decorate the light poles along Otis Drive by the shopping mall for the Christmas Season. She stated she can apply for grants but would not receive the amount she would need as they are expensive.

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Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated to come up with a budget plan for next year and give it to DNEDC, they might be able to help with it or apply for a beautification grant.

Councillor Farnsworth stated that would be ok for next year but she is looking for money this season.

Councillor Simpson asked if she can come up with a budget in the next couple weeks and present it to Council.

Councillor Farnsworth stated yes.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he has been working with ACOA on funding agreements for our Marina which are now signed.
- he has been working with RDC on a funding agreement for our marina which should be signed in the coming days.
- he is working with both ACOA and RDC to have a funding announcement, the expectation is that both parties will do something together with the Town.
- he is working on a letter to have Mayor and Council present to the province.
- he attended 2 finance committee meetings.
- he has been working on budget items.
- he has been working with staff and council to ensure a safe and financially sound plan to open our arena on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- he has been working on development plans with DNEDC.
- he attended a public works committee meeting.
- Town staff have all been recertified in First Aid & CPR as per requirements of workplace health and safety.
- the town's new website is very close to going live.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if he had any idea when ACOA will be making the announcement.

Randy Wilson stated in 2 -3 weeks.

Councillor Simpson asked if the amount from RDC was available.

Randy Wilson stated he will email it to Council.

Councillor Simpson asked how much was the ask to RDC.

Randy Wilson stated \$250,000.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he signed the funding agreement with ACOA.
- he attended the UMNB annual meeting and the two resolutions that was put forward was both defeated; Code of Conduct and the Municipal 3-year term.
- he stated that Council Simpson will be receiving his 12+ years' UMNB service certificate.

Councillor Simpson asked who brought forth the 3-year term and was it for only one term.

Mayor Kitchen stated it was Saint Andrews, they said they couldn't get people to run and thought 3 years would help, but it was defeated by a land slide.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if there was any discussion on municipal reform.

Mayor Kitchen stated the minister was on the zoom call and made a presentation and is very optimistic that there is going to be a reform. He will call and send him a letter.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked when he was going to call him.

Mayor Kitchen stated tomorrow and he will also call minister of environment about the EIA if we haven't heard anything by then.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

20-113      Motion: Councillor Simpson  
                  Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 8:09 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A)      Sub-Division

20-114      Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
                  Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move back to regular session.”

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Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:39 pm.

20-115      Motion: Councillor McConaghy  
                 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Ian Kitchen  
Mayor

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Randy Wilson  
CAO