

TOWN OF NACKAWIC  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2020

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

20-116 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“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 OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-117 Motion: Councillor McConaghy  
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular council meeting be approved with the one amendment:

-page 2; 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph down; delete “to plan next year’s campaign” and insert the two words “with the”.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Toole asked if he found out who constructed the new driveway past Sure Life Assembly.

Randy Wilson stated it was put there by the owner of the property Mr. Cronkhite, so he

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can have two entrances to his property.

Mayor Kitchen asked if Mr. Cronkhite contacted the town before the driveway was put in.

Randy Wilson stated no, he did not.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the committee did not meet last week, but the CAO met with the Library board to discuss their budget.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated that Council was in a slight state of shock when they heard about the 2020 reassessed property assessments which triggered some emergency calls to the new MLA Cabinet Minister for Local Government Reform, Daniel Allain. The impact was approximately \$60,000 a year to the negative and Council does not want to be raising taxes to that level, because they have raised taxes a number of times over the last 4 years. Council organized a virtual meeting with the new Cabinet Minister and asked him for immediate relief on the reassessment, he didn't guarantee anything but will have a follow-up meeting soon.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated Council doesn't feel that every time there is an assessment, that Council can go back to the tax payers of the community. The government talked about municipal reform, but we don't know what that will look like, it may take different shapes for different communities. On the immediate hit, Council asked for funds for that and feels there is an indirect way to get that \$60,000, also they asked the minister to expedite the discussion on regionalization of the Fire Department and look at regionalization or a funding model for the Arena, both of which would help with preventing the Town to continue to raise taxes to run the community.

Councillor Simpson stated with regards to the letter they wrote to the Minister, Daniel Allain, the reassessment of the mill in 2014, the Town as an annual short fall of \$500,000 along with the additional \$60,000. If they are able to fix it, it would be fine but it won't be fixed permanently, the town could be on the hook every year for \$560,000. If the Town can have discussions with the premier or Mr. Allain, I feel we have to try very hard and get the point across. For government to make a decision to help big businesses by reducing their taxes, it temporally solves the problem with the big company, but it makes a permanent problem someplace else and Nackawic's got a permanent problem. The smaller the community the harder it is and he feels this is an opportunity for Council to try very hard and get them to look at a viable policy. It is not the municipalities responsibility

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to help a big company because we do not have the resources to be able to do it. He feels, for the sustainability of the community in the future, he thinks that has to be Nackawic's end goal. The municipal reform may address that in some way, but it is the permanent fix that we got to have for that continuing loss or we will be in the same problem every year and we won't always be successful in getting relief for another year.

Mayor Kitchen stated he hopes after meeting with the Minister, they will form a committee and ask Nackawic for further input, which Council wants to be a part of anyway.

Library – No report

Protective Services – No report

Recreation –

Randy Wilson stated arena ice schedule is complete, they have 9 bookings on Sundays this season which they never had before. The ice plant will be starting up tomorrow and the start of ice season is Monday, November 2nd.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Christmas lights are on the trees.

Public Works –

Mayor Kitchen asked if the maintenance on the Nackawic bridge will be completed soon.

Randy Wilson stated they should be completed October 31<sup>st</sup> as planned.

Special Reports –

OFFICE RENTAL

Councillor Farnsworth stated the physical therapist will be starting in November.

HALLOWEEN

Councillor Farnsworth stated NES is going ahead with the Trunk or Treat, with a drive through and people are encouraged to decorate their vehicles because they will be voted on for best decorated car.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane entered the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

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- he attended a meeting with Atlantic Garden Homes Group to discuss on site set-up.
- he attended a budget meeting with the Library Board to discuss their upcoming budget.
- he has had lengthy discussions regarding the EIA and the movement has been made. We are waiting for the letter of certification to be issued.
- he has been working with user groups to finalize the ice schedule.
- the funding contracts are signed with RDC and ACOA to fund our marina project.
- he took part in a critical discussion through Zoom with the Minister of Local Government concerning municipal reform, Mr. Daniel Allain.

Mayor Kitchen mentioned to Council that the Town will be doing a study to see how many boats use the marina.

Randy Wilson stated the concern came from the Department of Health because of the water issues, and one thing that worked in the Town's favour is that we do beach testing during the summer.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the Town would have to put in a lift station to build washrooms.

Randy Wilson stated yes, that would be the first thing they would have to do.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated one suggestion in the tentative plan which was discussed at the DNEDC meeting would be to have a portable system brought in that could be emptied every week.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended an RSC 11 meeting on October 15 to approve the budget.
- he attended a Virtual meeting with the Minister of Local Government, Daniel Allain on October 16 along with Deputy Mayor MacFarlane, Councillor Simpson, Randy Wilson and Brent Sansom.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### A) Excess Equipment – 2 Docks

20-118      Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane  
                  Second: Councillor Toole

“That the Town of Nackawic tender 2 docks (8” wide x 16” in length) as excess equipment, on an as-is-where-is basis.”

Motion carried.

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B) Arena Capital Campaign Transfer

20-119 Motion: Councillor McConaghy  
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That \$7400.00 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund.”

Motion carried.

20-120 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane  
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 7.30 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Budget

20-121 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:11 pm.

20-122 Motion: Councillor Simpson  
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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Ian Kitchen  
Mayor

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Randy Wilson  
CAO