

TOWN OF NACKAWIC  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 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 7:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

20-123 Motion: Councillor McConaghy  
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 OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-124 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the minutes of the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular council meeting be approved with the one amendment:

-page 2; last paragraph; last sentence; delete the word “pliable” and insert “viable”.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Mayor Kitchen informed Council the maintenance to the Nackawic Bridge is completed.

Councillor Toole asked if they found anything else wrong with the bridge while it was under maintenance.

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Randy Wilson stated he heard there was more issues and they will tender again next year depending on DTI.

Councillor Simpson stated he heard some issues were found under the pavement that wasn't visible and they will look at it next year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they haven't met has a committee but he has had several discussions over the phone with the CAO. They met with the fire department today at 6:00 pm and presented their asks and the committee informed them the Town doesn't have the necessary funds every year to full fill their requirements but we continue to do our best.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they had a discussion with the Chief and Deputy Chief about regionalization of the fire service and informed them that Council has a meeting with Minister of Municipal Reform and Local Government, Daniel Allain on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. There are two letters written, one from the mayor and one from him, as chairperson of the Economic Development Corporation, requesting an official dialogue around municipal reform and addressing the structural imbalance in the Town's revenue verses expense. They expressed to the Fire Chief, the Town has been trying for 4 and half years as Council to work within our existing structure to fully fund the department and all avenues have been exhausted with this latest reduction in our revenue. They wanted to stress to the department that the Town is here for them and want the best equipment and training for the members but they cannot keep going back to the tax payers and asking for more money. It was a good meeting and they understood where the Town is at and respect what the Town has done for them over the last 4 and half years.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated there was two letters written to the new minister Daniel Allain of Municipal Reform and asked him to look at fire service, recreation and different ways the Town can fund these budget items. The Town hasn't paved any streets for 6 or 7 years and we have had to raise taxes to keep up with inflation. The second letter from the Corporation, discussed the pro-active approach, trying to increase revenue and for a community, revenue can only be generated through additional buildings, new assessments and raising taxes. They have been pro-active in trying to rebrand the community and recruit private investments and asked for support to continue doing that and are hoping they will be given some commitment for longer term funding for Economic Development Corporation initiatives.

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Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated they have a meeting on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Protective Services – No report

Recreation –

Randy Wilson stated the arena opened today and stated hockey is allowed to have games earlier than planned. They are having issues with the dehumidifier; but they are working through it.

Randy Wilson stated Halloween went well, quiet night, the numbers were down in different areas from last year probably because of COVID.

Public Works – No report

Special Reports –

MCCC

Councillor Simpson stated their Annual General Meeting will be a virtual meeting held on November 19<sup>th</sup> and they are asking Brent Sansom to be on the panel of discussion. Some topics of discussion are Regionalization, Tourism and Economic Development.

DOCTOR RECRUITMENT

Mayor Kitchen stated he received notification from Horizon Health, the incoming Doctor that is starting in July has signed the papers.

Councillor Toole asked if there was going to be a locum until the new Doctor starts.

Mayor Kitchen stated Horizon Health said there could be 1 or 2 locums arriving.

Councillor Simpson stated the Town should present to Dr. Hebb a gift on her retirement.

Mayor Kitchen asked to set up a meeting to present it to her.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she will set up a day and time, probably at her office and have finger foods available.

Councillor McConaghy asked if the new Doctor will be covering more patients than Dr. Hebb had.

Mayor Kitchen stated he wasn't sure.

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DNEDC

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they had a board meeting on Thursday, October 29. They continue to work on the objectives for next year and have had lots of discussions and once they are finalized, he will have Brent Sansom report at a Council meeting.

Councillor Simpson reported that Allen Kings apartment house is available for sale.

Councillor Toole asked what Allen Kings was going to do with their new purchase.

Councillor Simpson stated maybe they will discuss it in Closed Session.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he has been working with ACOA/RDC press release.
- he is still working with ELG on certification of EIA.
- he drafted a letter to have Mayor Kitchen and Council present to the Province.
- he attended two finance 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 Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- he has been working on development plans with DNEDC.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked about the EIA.

Randy Wilson stated the certification letter has been written and there were some minor issues, now waiting on the Ministers signature.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended the DNEDC meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- he attended HR committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business.

20-125      Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
                  Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

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Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 7:33 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Budget

B) HR Committee Discussion

20-126 Motion: Councillor McConaghy  
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

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

20-127 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth  
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“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