

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2020

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

ABSENT: 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:

20-132 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Toole

“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 NOVEMBER 2ND, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

20-133 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the minutes of the November 2nd, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10TH, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

20-134 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the minutes of the November 10th, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”

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Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Toole asked when the traffic lights will be removed off of the bridge.

Randy Wilson stated he will make a call and find out.

Councillor Toole asked if the dry hydrant on Old Bridge Rd was operational.

Mayor Kitchen stated Fire Chief Hopkins reported that it was now working.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) NHS Boys Basketball Request (New Business)

B) MCCC Virtual Annual General Meeting

Mayor Kitchen stated there will be a MCCC AGM on Thursday, November 19th at 7 pm for any of Council who would like to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the General Operating and Utility Budget 2021 was passed with no new increases. He stated in 2021 there will be a lack of funding to add to the Town's reserve account due to the reduction in the property assessments. We are able to put approximately \$375,000 in repairs in the budget for the trickle filter.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated late Friday afternoon, November 13th, the Town received confirmation that we were approved for \$1,057,000.00 of ACOA and RDC funding for Phase 1 of the waterfront.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he received a letter from Daniel Allain, stating they are actively working on the Town's file to address our structural imbalance with regards to funding with the community verses our rising expenses. He thanked Randy Wilson and Council for their hard work during the budget process and the marina project.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated they are still waiting on word to hire part-time staff and there is concern on how they will do their fundraising. The new bathroom is up and running.

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Protective Services –

FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of October 5th, 20th & 27th and November 10th meetings.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Wee Hawks Learn 2 Skate stated last week with 23 enrolments.

Randy Wilson stated Saturdays and Sundays are full at the arena, in years past it was always a struggle to book the arena on weekends which is great for the Town.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated he received a complaint from a resident on Bird Street along with seven signatures from other residents, that the snow clearing equipment is tearing up people's lawn. He stated he will book a public works committee meeting for next week to address it and will inform Council of their recommendations.

Special Reports –

DR. HEBBS RETIREMENT

Councillor Farnsworth stated the medical centre staff have booked the afternoon of December 17th for Dr. Hebbs retirement party. They will be having a meal at that time and if the Town would like to present her with something, they can do so that afternoon. Councillor Farnsworth stated she would like the Town to present her with a gift from a local artist, a card and make a contribution to the meal.

All of Council was in agreement.

CHRISTMAS ON THE BEND

Councillor Farnsworth stated downtown is decorated and looks good but would like to have more lights. She would like to go forward with the Christmas tree lighting, she spoke to the fire chief about it. She stated she is thinking about applying for a beautification grant for the Town to build more flower boxes; flower baskets on light poles; a watering system and purchase flowers to fill the boxes and baskets. She asked if Council had any other ideas that she can apply for in the grant.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated she can start working on the grant and they will meet and come up with ideas and go from there.

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Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson reported that:

- he attended two press releases; the Garden Home announcement and the Waterfront Project.
- he continues to push for the EIA certification.
- he presented the 2021 budget to the province.
- he continues to work on arena scheduling, it has been extremely busy.
- he is working with the DNEDC on projects.
- he has had conversations with RDC on our projects and he has submitted a list to them.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended 2 press releases; garden homes and waterfront project. He thanked Council for all their hard work on these projects.
- he attended several budget meetings and stated it is approved by the province.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) NHS Varsity Boys Basketball Request

20-135 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council donate \$100 to the NHS Varsity Boys Basketball fundraiser.”

Motion carried.

20-136 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO