

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2021

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

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

21-01 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 DECEMBER 7TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

21-02 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the minutes of the December 7th, 2020 regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22ND, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

21-03 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the minutes of the December 22nd, 2020 special council meeting be approved as presented.”

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Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Toole asked how Dr. Hebb's retirement gathering went.

Councillor Farnsworth stated it went well, her medical staff will forward the meal receipt over to the Town to be paid, which is what Council agreed on.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the nurse practitioner will be staying on plus 2 locums will be arriving, one in early May and the second one sometime in June.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) E-mail from Simon Mitchell – Natural Assets Inventory

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town was not approved for the Natural Asset Inventory Program and stated it is for Council's viewing.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she has discussed with Randy Wilson another project for the Town with Simon Mitchell. They emailed him and he said to go forward with it.

B) Thank you letter from the Village of St. Leonard

Mayor Kitchen stated it was for Council's viewing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

Library – No Report

Protective Services –

FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of December 15th meeting.

EMO

Councillor Toole stated there will be a teleconference call with Dr. Barker speaking, on Wednesday, January 6th from 2 – 3 pm and stated he would not be able to attend and wanted to know if another Councillor could.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she would attend.

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Recreation –

Randy Wilson stated the arena is doing well and the revenue is on track despite the pandemic.

Councillor Farnsworth stated there has been great response with the WeeHawks program, and it will be starting up again.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the House Decorating Contest was a success and asked to have the winner's names mentioned in the Key Newsletter.

Councillor McConaghy stated the contest created a buzz around town because she had heard about residents driving around to look at all the houses which she hasn't heard of before.

Public Works –

Councillor Toole stated the trickle filter repairs look good and asked if there was a hatchway to get in.

Randy Wilson stated yes, we can get in through the front if we have to.

Special Reports –

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Councillor Farnsworth stated the high school students will be coming on Thursday and Friday to take down the Christmas decorations. The reason being is the High School said they would do community service for use of the gym. She also stated there was a great response with people coming forward and decorating the mall and the downtown area, they are eager to get started for next year.

Randy Wilson stated it was very well received with great comments.

Councillor Farnsworth stated it will go ahead again next year but they need to have the Town on board to help with the decorating costs. They will have more discussions on it later in the year.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson submitted the 2021 TON Town Council Working Plan:

- Preparation for Audit of 2020 financial year
- Complete NB Power land deal.

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- And then- work to define scope of debenture for trickle filter, waterfront washrooms and septic field – force main if applicable.
- Explore and decide which project we ask RDC to support, new condenser, a larger washroom facility - certainly an important discussion
- Dillon to explore bi-lateral agreement to see if trickle filter can fit, an EIA needs to be done but otherwise shovel ready, just needs engineered plans. We have the study completed.
- Make sure we engage with the Glenn Group to ensure a clear vision for the waterfront project is acted on and managed appropriately. We will set up a meeting with all parties concerned.
- The Glenn Group should have a brief for council soon on what phase two of our waterfront plan would look like.
- If the gas tax plan needs to be revised, we will need to ensure we do so soon.
- We need to resolve our funding issue with the Corporation by getting discussions with tourism, this is the most likely path for success. The worst-case scenario is that council has approved \$60,000 to fund.
- We will anxiously wait for an announcement from the province to see if we receive a highway improvement program project. It would be nice to get the study completed up at the top of Landegger Drive and RTE 105 or get RTE 605 resurfaced.
- Apply for funding to continue trail work improvement.
- Work with DNEDC to develop a strategy to find someone to run the marina.
- Work with DNEDC to ensure progress is made on the special care home
- Find an individual to organize meetings with all stakeholders and write a report to council that will determine the future of our fire service.
- Purchase a ½ ton and a trailer.
- We will soon receive a report from Roy Consultants that will be forwarded to ELG that will define the terms of reference for a waterfront study on pros and cons for a septic field for our waterfront.
- HR committee to engage in contract discussion with union for a new collective agreement.
- A conversation needs to be had on the future of our Public Works Building.
- Roads and streets conversation (Dillon Report) – certainly funding an issue.
- We look forward to seeing the garden home complex completed as well as pursuing other investors and future projects.
- Municipal Election Monday, May 10th.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the NB Power land deal is complete.

Randy Wilson stated no, there was a lot of issues one being they wanted to see the EIA

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completed before they signed off on it; hopefully soon.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the Town received money from the province for COVID expenses.

Randy Wilson stated they have received around \$7000 of what we have spent on for extra costs for cleaning supplies, masks, thermometers, etc., due to COVID.

Councillor Farnsworth stated it was something else that the province was going to give each municipality per capita.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes, he also read it in the UMNb bulletin.

Councillor McConaghy asked about the continued work being done on the trail.

Randy Wilson stated they have done a lot of thinning last year and will continue with that. He has applied for another grant, it is a 50% grant, that whatever the province gives the Town, we have to match.

Councillor Toole stated once we are finished with the trail, Munroe Park is ready to be thinned out and that will give the trees room to grow.

Councillor Simpson stated it is nice to walk through the trail with all the work that has been done, but shrubs and alders will grow back after a few years. He also stated that Munroe Park does need work. He stated Council indicated to a concern citizen about the park that we would do something with it.

Councillor Farnsworth asked what can we do with Munroe Park, we do not need another walking trail. The only thing that was done was we stopped people from dumping trash.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

-he wrote the Mayor's message for the River Valley Sun.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

21-04 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

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Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 7:29 pm and Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) A Round Table Discussion on our Working Plan for 2021.

21-05 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 7:58 pm.

21-06 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO