

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2021

VIA ZOOM MEETING (COVID-19)

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

ABSENT: Councillor Toole

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

21-07 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the agenda be approved with one addition:

-Under New Business; 7. B) By-Law Review.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5TH, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

21-08 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the minutes of the January 5th, 2021 regular council meeting be approved with the one amendment:

-page 2; under Correspondence; second sentence; delete the word “of” and insert “for”.”

Motion carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Town received Dr. Hebb's retirement lunch invoice which has been paid.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Zoom meeting with EMO and DR. Barker went well.

Mayor Kitchen asked if the meeting was better to attend than the previous tele-conference meetings.

Councillor Farnsworth stated much better.

Councillor Farnsworth stated there are approximately 25 people registered for WeeHawks program which starts on Friday, January 29th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) E-mail from Dan Dionne CAO Perth Andover regarding Maritime Bus Route cancelation.

Mayor Kitchen stated he didn't think Nackawic had a local stop anymore.

Councillor Farnsworth stated no, you have to go to Fredericton or Woodstock.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Town heard from anyone who has expressed any interest to have it.

Randy Wilson stated no, he hasn't heard anything. He suggested to send a letter of support to them from the Town.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Town should support them.

Councillor Simpson stated he would support them also.

Mayor Kitchen directed CAO to write a letter of support from the Town.

B) Thank you card from Dr. Hebb

Mayor Kitchen stated Council wishes Dr. Hebb all the best on her retirement.

C) Letter from Marion Norquay.

Mayor Kitchen asked if she has already applied to RSC 11.

Randy Wilson stated ye, and they will inform us if there are any issues.

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Councillor Farnsworth asked if the house will stay on the lot.

Randy Wilson stated that was his understanding and RSC 11 will inform them of anything different.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the plan that he seen several years ago, drawn up by the surveyors, there was two addition lots in conjunction to the existing house.

Mayor Kitchen stated she is asking RSC 11 that the two new lots to be residential.

Councillor Simpson asked Deputy Mayor MacFarlane if the two new lots would face on Landegger Drive

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated yes, that was his understanding.

D) Request from Nackawic Music Festival. (New Business)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he had several discussions with CAO regarding the fire department and would like to discuss it later to get Council's opinion, whether they should proceed with regionalization. He would like to see finance submit a financial report on regionalization of the fire department to Council for their review.

Mayor Kitchen stated finance should be a part of the process of the review of the fire department.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated maybe Council might not want to proceed with finance by itself but he feels they are close to having the report ready.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if he would be putting the package together or Kathryn.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated it would be part of the working paper of what Kathryn has done to date. It would be either put before an adhoc committee or committee of the whole of Council, however we want to structure the file going forward. He feels it would be best to break it down into two areas, cost and service deliveries and then a decision would have to be made on weighing them both out.

Mayor Kitchen asked Council if they were in agreement with what Deputy Mayor MacFarlane suggested.

All of Council was in agreement.

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Library – No Report

Protective Services –

Randy Wilson stated with the Chief being away and Zone 3 in the orange phase, there are no meetings or training; members are only responding to 911 calls.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the arena is doing well, the WeeHawks program is doing great with the second group starting the end of the month. She is having a snowman making contest for residents of the Town, and hopefully get the schools involved also. There is no set date, waiting on the right type of snow.

Mayor Kitchen asked if Zone 3 goes to the Red phase, the rink will have to shut down and our next COVID claim should include the lost revenue.

Randy Wilson stated yes.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated he asked the CAO to schedule a public works committee meeting for next week to go over the work plan that was presented to Council at the last meeting and perhaps to discuss some new ideas.

Special Reports –

DNEDC

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated there is a scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 20th with Glenn Group in discuss a couple items (1) Phase 2 of the waterfront development plan which will be submitted to ACOA and (2) the Corporation is getting ready to put a tender document out for marina operations.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated today, he and Brent Sansom met via Zoom with Margaret Johnson, Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture; Bill Hogan, MLA for Woodstock and our MLA, Richard Ames. It was a pitch on economic development and an ask for them to help us tell our story to cabinet for operational funding going forward. They stated they are hearing a lot about what Nackawic is doing and that it sounds great.

Mayor Kitchen asked if he heard anything from Minister of Tourism.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated yes, and she stated she has seen the document but it has moved around through Cabinet.

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Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson stated:

- he is working to set up a meeting with Dan Glenn to review the waterfront project. It's on Wednesday, January 20th at 2:30 pm via Zoom.
- he is working to set up a meeting with Surtek to discuss the sub-division plan up by Middle School, meeting set for Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00 am.
- he took part in lots of discussions with Brent Sansom.
- he took part in a meeting with Town's lawyer, Steven Christie and Mayor Kitchen on January 13th to complete the signatures on land sale documents with NB Power.
- he took part in a Zoom meeting with Federation of Municipalities to discuss infrastructure projects, present was Brent Sansom, Jamie Young, P. Eng. with MJM Solar Solutions from FCM representative.
- he has been working on the Union Contract, it expires February 28th. Our HR committee will take the lead.
- he has been working with Jon Burt with the Roy Group to close out his work with regards to the EIA.
- the Town has received some documents from Glenn Group regarding Phase 2.
- he took part in a Zoom meeting with WVREC concerning funding opportunities that will be released.
- Marion Norquay is looking at rezoning her property. RSC 11 has the application.
- Mark Alward has also reached out to RSC 11 to discuss rental properties on his property.
- he is working on the Fire Service review process.
- he has had discussions with RDC concerning funding opportunities.
- a reminder to Council, the municipal election is scheduled for May 10th.
- he has scheduled a public works staff meeting for Thursday afternoon.
- he will schedule a public works committee meeting late next week.

Councillor Simpson asked who is the negotiator on the HR committee.

Randy Wilson stated Mayor Kitchen, Councillor McConaghy, Councillor Farnsworth and himself, but the Mayor and himself will be taking the lead.

Councillor Simpson asked if Mark Alward's property was on municipal water and sewer.

Randy Wilson stated he wasn't sure, but he will find out and get back to him.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked how the arena was doing.

Randy Wilson stated the hockey bookings are staying solid, if we go in the Red Phase and lose any revenue, we can apply it to the COVID claim. He is very pleased with how the arena is running through COVID.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if he expects the revenue to be up from past years.

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Randy Wilson stated he expects the arena to reach its goal.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he attended an RSC 11 Audit committee Zoom meeting on January 12th.
- he attended an RSC 11 governance Zoom meeting on January 14th.
- he wrote an article for River Valley Sun.

Mayor Kitchen asked the CAO to reach out to the Fire Marshalls office to set up a meeting for late this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Nackawic Music Festival Request

21-09 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council donate \$150 to the Nackawic Music Festival.”

Motion carried.

B) By-Law Review

Councillor Simpson suggested to Council to request RSC 11 to review the Town's By-Laws, it should not be any cost because the Town already pays them for their services now. If they decide to review them, then Council can start sending down the first lot.

All of Council was in agreement to forward this request to RSC 11.

Mayor Kitchen directed the CAO to reach out to RSC 11 and ask this request.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane suggested to Council that the Town should recognize our essential workers (teachers), maybe bring them a meal.

All of Council was in agreement.

Mayor Kitchen directed Randy Wilson to reach out to the frontline workers and write a thank you letter to go along with the meal.

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21-10 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

 “That the meeting be adjourned.”

 Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO