

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2021

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

21-38 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the agenda be approved with the one amendment:

-under Closed Session; delete A) Waterfront and add Housing.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 15TH, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

21-39 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the minutes of the March 15th, 2021 regular council meeting be approved.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Simpson asked about the truck tender.

Randy Wilson stated there was a lot of interest but there weren't any bids because of high cost and we were told it would be in the Town's best interest to purchase a new truck rather than a used one. He will be running the tender again for a new truck.

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Mayor Kitchen stated if the Town purchased a new truck, it might cost more but better for the Town in the long run.

Councillor Simpson asked what department uses the truck the most.

Randy Wilson stated the rec. department uses it the most from May until September but the public works department does use it sometimes.

Councillor Simpson stated if it's for recreation, then why not have a 2-wheel drive instead of 4-wheel drive.

Randy Wilson stated the specs states either 2 or 4-wheel drive.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if the tender was advertised in the newspaper or just sent to dealerships.

Randy Wilson stated it was advertised on the NBON site and sent to dealerships.

Councillor Simpson asked where the finances would come from to purchase the truck.

Randy Wilson stated he will add it as a budget item and at the end of the year if the Town needs money to pay for it, he will recommend to Council to transfer it over.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the meeting request with Minister Daniel Allain, regarding funding for DNEDC, was turned down. DNEDC is planning a meeting on April 8th, nothing confirmed yet, and they haven't heard anything from Larry Shaw at Ignite.

Randy Wilson stated he received a phone call from our MLA, Mr. Ames, it was a follow up call with the conversation he had with Mayor Kitchen and the Premier. He expects to get a call back from Mr. Ames later this week.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the physiotherapist started today. They don't have any clients set up right now, but a lot of people in Nackawic are going for physio in Fredericton, Saint John and Woodstock.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the nurse practitioner/family physician information sheet has gone out, they are now able to call 811 as well as going online and signing up for a doctor. The nurse practitioner has 400 slots for patients for Nackawic and area but they do not have 400 names yet.

Mayor Kitchen stated he understood she had doctor Hebb's case load plus room for 400 more patients.

Councillor Farnsworth stated yes, because Dr. Hebb worked 3 days a week, whereas this doctor will be working 5 days a week, which will give her room for 400 more patients.

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Councillor Farnsworth stated a locum is coming in May to fill in until the Dr. Jones arrives in July.

Councillor McConaghy asked if the 400 extra names will be with the nurse practitioner or the physician.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they will be with the physician when she starts the end of July.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) 2020 Financial Audited Statements (New Business)

B) NBSFA Request (New Business)

C) Upper River Valley Hospital Foundation

Councillor Farnsworth stated in her opinion, Upper River Valley Hospital would not be Nackawic's hospital of choice, residents go to the DECH just as much, if not more.

Councillor Simpson stated that was his thoughts also and asked if Council had made a past motion to donate to the hospital.

Councillor Farnsworth stated it was discussed but never made.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the Town supports good healthcare, and our Health Centre is a part of Horizon Health but it is also affiliated with Harvey and McAdam's health centres.

Mayor Kitchen asked what is Council's wishes in writing a letter stating: The Town of Nackawic is please to inform them that at the recent Council meeting we officially support Upper River Valley Hospital.

Randy Wilson stated he will draft up a letter and get Council's approval.

D) New Brunswick's Nature Legacy Initiative

Mayor Kitchen stated he was confused on what the letter was about.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she will ask Simon Mitchell more about it.

Mayor Kitchen asked if Council was in favour of Councillor Farnsworth looking further into this and report back to Council.

All of Council was in agreement.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane thanked the CAO, Randy Wilson and Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn Clark for all their hard work for a successful budget in a tough year.

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated there is a meeting scheduled for this week.

Protective Services –

Mayor Kitchen stated Nackawic's Fire Fighter, Danielle Donnelly, will be attending Holland College to take fire fighters' course. He directed the CAO to write her a letter, wishing her all the best on her endeavours.

Mayor Kitchen stated he plans on attending a RSC 11 meeting with Public Safety regarding Policing.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated the McQuillan's are interested in running the soccer program again this year, provided the school allows them to use the field. Elementary School Vice Principal, Ross Calder will be running basketball, volleyball and gymnastics programs again this summer. There has been interest in baseball, if we can get enough kids and coaches. We are also running a babysitting course soon and Make Tracks at the Axe event will be running again if we get enough interest and volunteers and follow COVID guidelines.

Mayor Kitchen stated the arena is now closed for the season.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated Councillor Farnsworth came to him with a concern regarding the Elementary School crosswalk.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she spoke with Elementary School Principal, Larry Graham, and he has had many concerns from parents with kids being almost hit by vehicles that are not slowing down when approaching the crosswalk. She has spoken to Councillor Simpson, Councillor Toole and Randy Wilson and he has suggested to make the crosswalk larger and putting up signs stating to slow down. She also suggested to have the RCMP show their presence there, and hopefully the vehicles will slow down and be more careful. We can also have a crossing guard to patrol the crosswalk. Mr. Graham stated he has several people who would be willing to be a crossing guard but the Town

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would be responsible for their liability.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked who told her the Town would be responsible for the crossing guard.

Councillor Farnsworth stated Kathryn Clark because it is the Town's street but wasn't certain about it.

Mayor Kitchen stated to ask RSC 11 who would be responsible for a crossing guard.

Councillor Simpson stated to maybe have another road put in just for drop offs and the school board would be responsible for the cost.

Councillor Simpson suggested the Town should write a letter to Mr. Graham stating the department get a traffic engineer to look at the area in question, to see if it can be improved for safety purposes and when he puts the ask in, he can also add the letter from the Town.

Mayor Kitchen stated the Elementary School is the only school of the three that do not have a drop off of the main road.

Special Reports – No Report

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson stated that:

-Mayor Kitchen received the green paper, I have copies at town hall. It's the blueprint for reform.

-he has been working on the tender for the evaporator compressor for the arena. I also applied for a grant through Farm Credit Agri Community Fund, \$24,000.

-the tender for the ½ truck closed, there was no takers, as discussed, the market is hot for US consumption, nobody has used trucks except the late model ones, their values were very high. A second tender was sent for a base model new, with municipal discounts our cost will be competitive.

-he spent some time investigating cost for streets, companies were not in sync on this.

-the Town's lawyer is optimistic we can close this week. We do not have the leases. These can come later.

-Dr. Allie Engelhardt will be here on May 3rd to provide coverage into July. Dr. Jones is set to arrive in August.

-on April 28th, RSC 11 will be running Public Hearings concerning the three rural plan amendments/rezoning by laws.

-on Monday night at 6:30 pm we would like to provide a briefing for council on the waterfront project. The Glenn Group and RSC 11 will be here.

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- he has been discussing a street cost with a few companies with regards to development.
- he attended a tourism forum with operators. It was well attended, and two follow up meetings have been done.
- he had a meeting with Brent Sansom to discuss the middle school property and the funding woes center around the Corporation.
- the trickle filter and the waste water system for the waterfront have been submitted. We should know where we are headed in the coming weeks.
- he met with Colt Industries; they stated production is going really well. They are looking to add another line for floor joists soon.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked about investigating the cost for streets.

Randy Wilson stated the DNEDC asked him about finding out what it would cost to construct a street.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- there is an RSC 11 meeting tonight, but he attended tonight's Council meeting instead.
- he will be attending the RSC 11 Policing meeting on April 7th.
- he called the MLA regrading funding for DNEDC, he will call tomorrow to follow up.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) 2020 Financial Audited Statements

21-40 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the Town of Nackawic accept the 2020 Audited Financial Statements as prepared by Shannon & Buffet for the period of January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.”

Motion carried.

B) NBSFA Request

21-41 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That the Town of Nackawic donate \$1000 to the New Brunswick Sport Fishing Association.”

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-On the Question:

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked how much does it cost the Town for the NBSFA to use the waterfront.

Randy Wilson stated they haven't put any staff down there the last 2 years on the weekend, they use the waterfront and respect it.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if they asked to use the washrooms.

Randy Wilson stated no, they do not.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated you have to think of what they spend when they come for the weekend, they buy gas, go to Robin's, Subway, they are spending money in the Town. We don't necessarily have to do the full \$1000; we can donate less.

Councillor Farnsworth asked how much was budgeted for special events.

Randy Wilson stated around \$5000 which would be for Canada Day, Kraft Beer Festival and other events, which haven't happened last year.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if the Town could find a way through budget season to keep that fund at \$5000 and find a \$1000 for sport fishing events.

Randy Wilson stated as long as this Council looks at it has a priority; you can easily make it happen as long as we stay within our means.

Mayor Kitchen stated it doesn't look like there will be any events again this year because of COVID, the Town can sponsor them the \$1000 and revisit it again next year.

Motion carried.

21-42 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor McConaghy

"That Council move to Closed Session."

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 8:02 pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

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A) Housing

21-43 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor McConaghy

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried

Council moved back to regular session at 8:23 pm.

21-44 Motion: Councillor McConaghy
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO