

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 14, 2021

VIA ZOOM MEETING (COVID-19)

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

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Wilson
Dallas Cakes

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

Randy Wilson informed Council that this is Nackawic's 19th Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

21-61 Motion: Councillor Simpson
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 MAY 3RD, 2021 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

21-62 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Simpson

"That the minutes of the May 3rd, 2021 regular council meeting be approved with the two corrections:

- page 4; under Recreation; first sentence at the top; delete the word "Coon" and insert "Kuhn" and the word "Knome" should be spelled "Gnome"."

Motion carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) NES Request. (New Business)
- B) Waste Water System at the Nackawic Arena and Nackawic Marina & Five-year Capital Investment Plan 2019-2023. (New Business)
- C) Memo on listing a Town Vehicle as excess equipment. (New Business)
- D) Letter to Council regarding the donation of a parcel of land by the Chang family from New York, USA. (New Business)
- E) Letter from a resident regarding our light poles. (New Business)
- F) Letter from Minister of DTI, Jill Green – updating our Municipal Designated Highway Plan.

Mayor Kitchen stated it has to be completed by June 30th.

Council Simpson stated it is very quick, considering it is not until next summer before it will be approved.

- G) Letter from Colt Structures, REG: Garden Home Project.

Mayor Kitchen stated the CAO has discussed it with Gordon Wheaton and if Council would like to discuss it further, they can in Closed Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Kitchen stated he will be setting up an informal meeting soon, with Council, to discuss committee structure and what the Town's priorities will be over the next several years.

Councillor Simpson stated when the province reaches 75% vaccinated, and they loosen restrictions, he would like to meet in person to have these discussions.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes, they would defiantly have to meet in person in order to have these discussions and he will leave all Council members on the same committees until they have this meeting.

Finance – No Report

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Library – No Report

Protective Services –

FIRE

Mayor Kitchen reported on the minutes of May 4th, 18th and June 1st meetings and stated that they have a new member.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated 'Make Tracks at the Axe' will be taking place on Sunday, June 27th and stated it's an opportunity for people to get out and see what the Town is offering for summer programs, they can have 150 people attend while social distancing. She invited Councillor Meade to join them if he is available. She stated this event is a part of ParticipAction event, and she encouraged all residents with the E6G postal code to sign up and record their physical activities. The 1st place winner will receive \$12,000 for their community.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the T-Ball/Rookie Ball has been very well accepted. They went from one team to three teams, they are low on coaches, but once it starts up, she feels people will step up because people are showing a lot of interest.

Public Works –

Councillor Simpson stated he will schedule a meeting soon to discuss a schedule for the coming year.

Special Reports –

WELLNESS

Councillor Farnsworth stated they have been shut down for the summer. The new flower boxes have been built and are out around town and look great, and she stated they will not ask the Town for any more next year. She stated they never received the grant they applied for Hope Grows.

Councillor Farnsworth stated they will be doing 'Paint the Town Red' again this year for Canada Day and there is a meeting tomorrow morning to discuss categories and prizes.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Randy Wilson stated that:

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- we have been receiving calls from residents concerning four wheelers, cars traveling too fast and mischief.
- the sale of Land from NB Power is now complete; we are waiting for NB Power to draw up our new lease agreements.
- we responded to a concern from a potential buyer of lots at T&B Logging. The concern was the clause regarding "construction needs to begin within six months of the closing" On the advice of our solicitor it was agreed that T&B Logging could facilitate this request.
- he spoke with RDC on the Bi-Lateral Agreements. It is clearly apparent that there will be no awards in 2021. I advise council to pause the trickle filter rebuild until 2022 and have asked our Financial Officer to put a financial plan together that will allow council to move on the waste water disposal project at the site of the arena and waterfront project. A plan that will not require a debenture would be preferred. Please note, if we are going to use our Gast Tax Fund, we need to do so by request and a motion, for tonight, the motion would be to move forward to amend (see motion in your package).
- the marina project has received an obstacle, creating a plan with less work unfortunately has created some changes under the Navigable Waters permit. We were required to move through a public process of engagement. Jon Burt has been hired to carry this through for us. I have high praise for Mr. Burt, he has guided us well through the permitting process with the Feds and the Province, not an easy task!
- he has invited RSC 11 Staff Lonnie Forbes to attend our next regular session of council to provide an update on our Marina project.
- we were faced with a Covid-19 issue at Town Hall. The Department of Health guided us on this.
- the developers for the Special care Home reached out with some preliminary designs.
- government Municipal Reform is almost upon us, the presentation for the Town is close to being completed. We took part in our first online engagement session on June 10th.
- Kathryn and I reached out to Cain Ins. and met via Zoom to provide them with a Marina update and the impacts on our insurance.
- Colt Structures (Garden Home) reached out with a concern; letter added to package.
- Route 605 to be resurfaced this summer as part of the Municipal Designated Highway Program, it's a 1 km lane repair from the intersection at HWY 105 up to and past the curling club. We also received the letter from the Minister Jill Green at DTI to get our 2022 updated plan submitted. We will send this to our Public Works Committee for review.
- you will see a letter in your package a letter concerning the donation of land to our Town.
- he has had discussions with Horizon Health concerning renovations at the health clinic. Council will receive a letter in the near future to deal with this issue. We have discussed the recent COVID outbreaks in our Town as well.
- the Town has for excess equipment one Town Vehicle. See package.

Councillor Simpson informed Council that he is really disappointed in the government regarding the By-Lateral Agreements and asked if the government made an announcement that this was going to happen.

Randy Wilson stated he received an email from the government which he will forward on to him.

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Mayor Kitchen stated he spoke to Richard Bragdon and voiced his concerns on the Bi-Lateral Agreement. Mr. Bragdon stated he will check into it.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kitchen reported that:

- he spoke to MP Richard Bragdon on the Bi-Lateral Agreement.
- he was interviewed by Terry Seguin, CBC Radio on June 8th.
- he recorded a message for the graduates at the Baccalaureate Service on behalf of the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) NES Request

Councillor Farnsworth stated the request was brought to her attention, about having a rainbow crosswalk like NHS. She discussed it further with the CAO and he would like to wait and see if there will be any vandalism with the first painted crosswalk because the paint is quite costly.

Randy Wilson stated he spoke to the NHS teacher and they agreed to wait until September to paint their crosswalk because she wants the students to be involved.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if any of the schools stated they would help with the cost.

Mayor Kitchen stated we can inform them that the Town is in favour of painting the rainbow crosswalk if they are willing to fundraise to help with the cost of the paint.

Councillor Simpson stated if the Town was doing it with white paint, it would be the Town's cost, there will be an extra cost with the colored paint. If we could compare the two costs, we would have a better idea of what the three crosswalks would cost in total.

Councillor Farnsworth stated NHS has received a grant to help with the cost.

Councillor Simpson stated maybe the schools would take more pride in them if they helped pay for it. Also, he suggested to wait until September to paint the high school's crosswalk and leave time in between each one to see if there will be any vandalism with the first one.

Randy Wilson stated he will check back on the motion for the high school's request to see what was stated.

Mayor Kitchen directed the CAO to contact Melissa Keen and ask if they are helping with the cost of the paint and report back.

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Randy Wilson stated he would.

Mayor Kitchen asked Council to table the request until the CAO has more information and report back at the next Council meeting.

All of Council was in agreement.

B) Waste Water System at the Nackawic Arena and Nackawic Marina & Five-year Capital Investment Plan 2019-2023

21-63 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council amend the Town of Nackawic’s Five Year Capital Investment Plan for the Gas Tax Fund Administrative Agreement for 2019-2023 to the Department of Environment and Local Government. We have identified the marina/arena waste water system and the trickle filter as priorities.”

On the Question -

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town wants the Gas Tax to pay for the marina & arena waste water and that it is not in the current plan.

Randy Wilson stated yes, we will amend the plan to include the marina/arena waste water because the old plan just says arena.

Mayor Kitchen asked if the Town will need to apply to the Capital Borrowing Board.

Randy Wilson stated no, he will write a letter and ask them to pause the application and keep it on the books for next year.

Councillor Simpson asked if Council will have to amend the plan.

Randy Wilson stated yes.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the trickle filter is going to be a 2020 project but the Town is going ahead on the lift station.

Mayor Kitchen stated yes.

Councillor Simpson asked if the Trickle Filter will need a more substantial cover over it for the winter months.

Randy Wilson stated Dillon Consulting suggested to put the hut in place for the time being.

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Motion carried.

C) Memo on listing a Town Vehicle as excess equipment

21-64 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the Town list as excess equipment, one half ton truck as described. It is being sold with a rejected vehicle inspection sticker. Repairs will be required. Sealed bids will be accepted at Town Hall (115 Otis Drive) until July 14th, at 11 am.”

Motion carried.

D) Letter to Council regarding the donation of a parcel of land by the Chang family from New York, USA

21-65 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Meade

“That Council have the CAO to proceed and accept the gift of land to the Town of Nackawic and to cover the cost of legal fees and possible surveying fees.”

On the Question -

Mayor Kitchen stated if the Town can get the land for just legal fees, it would be a great deal.

Councillor Simpson stated it looks to be approximately 3-4 acres. He suggested the Town to accept it with our thanks, and the only cost to the Town, besides the legal fees, would be the cost to have it surveyed, so we would know exactly what would become the Town’s land.

Motion carried.

Councillor Toole joined the meeting at 7:50 pm.

E) Letter from a resident regarding our light poles

Councillor Simpson stated they would have to get approval from NB Power first to see if its ok to paint them and asked who would be responsible to contact NB Power.

Mayor Kitchen asked, should the resident or the Town reach out to NB Power.

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Councillor Simpson stated the Town should.

Councillor Toole stated the resident would be responsible and asked why would the Town get involved.

Councillor Simpson stated because there are numerous poles around Town and there might be a good reason why they wouldn't want them painted and the Town would need to know.

Councillor Toole stated it will leave the Town susceptible to people painting them with improper paint and they could be peeling in five years and not look good.

Mayor Kitchen stated and we would be opening ourselves up to vandalism as well.

Councillor Farnsworth stated the Town should reach out to NB Power first, to see if they would allow it and then the Town will make a decision if they want to have the poles painted or if the Town will have any say it.

Mayor Kitchen directed the CAO to reach out to NB Power and ask these questions.

Randy Wilson stated yes, he would.

21-66 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move to Closed Session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to Closed Session at 7:55 pm, Dallas Cakes left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Nackawic Marina

B) Development Discussion

21-67 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried

Council moved back to regular session at 8:05 pm.

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21-68 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Ian Kitchen
Mayor

Randy Wilson
CAO