

TOWN OF NACKAWIC
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Kitchen
Deputy Mayor MacFarlane – COVID (via cell phone)
Councillor Farnsworth
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Meade
Councillor Toole

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark, Acting CAO
Dallas Cakes
Jim Dumville, River Valley Sun

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

22-23 Motion: Councillor Toole
Second: Councillor Farnsworth

“That the agenda be approved with one addition:

-under Closed Session; add B) Public Works.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7TH, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

22-24 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Toole

“That the minutes of the February 7th, 2022 regular council meeting be approved with the one amendment:

-page 3; under Neighbourhood Watch; second sentence; delete “ed” in the word “blocked”.”

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Farnsworth asked if there were many applications for the Public Works

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position.

Kathryn Clark stated there are quite a few, but she hasn't looked at them yet, and it closes on February 25th.

Mayor Kitchen asked how the new vibrator for the sander was working.

Kathryn Clark stated they have not received it yet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) Letter of Request from New Brunswick Sportsfishing Association, re: Spring Smallmouth Bass tournament (New Business)
- B) UMNB Letter to Hon. Daniel Allain, Minister of Local Government, re: Local Governance Reform

Mayor Kitchen stated the letter is outlining questions and concerns of the members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

Library –

Councillor Farnsworth stated they had a meeting on February 11th. She announced that the library manager, Paulette Tonner will be retiring this summer. The library will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on May 26th and she also informed Council that you can now learn how to play a musical instrument through the library's website for free.

Protective Services –

Councillor Toole stated the Nackawic fire department was thanked on social media for their hard work on their last call where they had to do a search and rescue for a lost ATV and another one went through the ice.

Recreation –

Councillor Farnsworth stated Family Day Events was cancelled due to the limited amount of people that could attend because of COVID restrictions, but they did have sliding and public skate at the arena.

Councillor Farnsworth stated she applied for a grant of \$3200 for kick skis through Kent Kuhn and now need a place to store them.

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Kathryn Clark stated the arena has been very busy and changes every day, but there hasn't been any request to keep it open longer.

Public Works –

Councillor Toole stated the culvert at the corner of Otis Drive and Route 105 going down the hill towards the mill, is plugged.

Kathryn Clark stated the employees have been working on it for a couple days trying to unplug it with salt, but it is not working, also there is an issue on Bird Street with all the rain and melting snow. She is calling Nicholson's in the morning to have them come and unplug the culvert on the 105.

Special Reports –

DNEDC

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated over the last 90 days the tourism committee has been working very actively to develop the promotional winter video for the region. The video is completed with participation from 5 businesses in the region and they are identified in the video. Going to be launched tonight and promoted over the next 6 to 8 weeks, winter/spring campaign, partially funded through tourism and the Town of Nackawic.

NACKAWIC BEND SKI CLUB

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated him and his wife has been involved and invested in the club for approximately 22 years where he bought a ski doo for the club and invested in the parking lot and sign. Approximately 10 years ago they started a fundraiser called Run the River to help the club, over a period of 9 years have raised closed to \$30,000 and donated half of it to the schools to purchase skis, currently, all three schools have 24 sets of skis for school programs. A part of the money stayed in the club and paid for operational expenses, such as maintenance on the ski-doo, gas and insurance. They went years and never charged a membership because they wanted to keep it open to the community and provide a free experience for the public. They also invested over the last 2 years by putting a new roof on the cabin, siding, installed steel beams under the cabin, and mesh around the cabin, built a new deck, new washroom, and thinned out the trails. They still have money in the bank but over the last few years where they haven't had the fundraiser Run the River, they have been depleting their funds.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he would like to protect that piece of nature which is a habitat for wild life, so people can enjoy it. AV Group owns the land and their fear is it could be cut, but there hasn't been anyone saying whether they want do that or not. He would like to approach Nature Trust of New Brunswick and see if they would negotiate a deal with AV Group to have the land, then the Town or the new entity could lease the space for a \$1 a year so the club could continue to operate.

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Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked other members from the club if they could open it up for more recreation for the new entity, it would be free and accessible to people for mountain biking in summer and snow shoeing in the winter. He asked Councillor Meade if he could reach out to Nature Trust New Brunswick and see what their thoughts were.

Councillor Meade stated he did reach out to Nature Trust New Brunswick and asked if they done anything like this before and they said they do, they are going to discuss it with their staff and report back to him.

Councillor Simpson stated that most of the ski trail is in the parish of Southampton, they might want to speak to the chairman of the committee and get their support.

Councillor Farnsworth asked if Run the River will happen again.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he didn't know, it's a huge endeavour that was organized by a large number of volunteers and the last two years it didn't run. He wouldn't say that they would never do it again, but he did not know.

Mayor Kitchen stated it is a great idea, Council will have to push the issue when the budget for the entity comes up when they discuss recreation.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they are asking for a letter from the Town stating they support the concept.

Mayor Kitchen stated the Town can have the letter for him when he is ready for it.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the ski club would not be where it's at if it wasn't for Roger Lagacy and he would like to recognize him for all his hard work and give him a plaque from the ski club and present it to him at the Town Hall from the Mayor.

Mayor Kitchen stated he was ok in doing that, to let him know when he would like to present it.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Kathryn Clark stated that:

- the letter and cheque were sent to Nackawic Music Festival.
- she completed and submitted the RDC application for the sewer lift station at the marina/arena.
- she completed and submitted the application to the Canada Community-Building Fund for the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the waterfront project.
- she met with Lonnie Forbes to review marina project and funding on February 14th.
- she completed and submitted claims for the marina project. Two claims to RDC and one claim to ACOA includes all invoices up to December 31, 2021.

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- the Collective Agreement has been signed with CUPE Local 3620 on February 14th.
- completed and submitted an application for Canada Day celebrations.
- the generator at the well will have some annual maintenance work done on February 28th by Source Atlantic.
- the ice schedule continues to change constantly with groups trying to fit games in and still receiving cancellations due to COVID.
- she began working on audit, T4's, etc.
- the first meeting of the Technical Committee for Entity 71 is February 23rd.

Councillor Simpson asked if the generator at the well cuts in when power goes out and asked if it has been activated and has it worked well in the past year.

Kathryn Clark stated she does know the employees are supposed to start it up once a month, and she gets propane alerts through email from superior propane letting us know how much is in there.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor Kitchen stated that:

- he attended the first meeting of the advisory committee on Entity 71 on February 9th and stated they are going with the ward system.
- he signed the Collective Agreement on February 14th.
- he will be attending the second advisory committee Entity 71 meeting on February 23rd.
- he and Councillor Farnsworth met on a personnel issue which he will report in closed session.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated he is still concerned with the ward structure and that the Town will only have 2 seats in the new entity. He knows they are going on population and there are going to be advisory committees for each ward but he feels they are being under represented with just two seats in the new structure. He is concern with the Town's finances, and the fact that the advisory committee from Nackawic, could recommend the town to borrow and spend a certain amount of money for paving and the new Council and the ward representatives will vote and it get voted down.

Mayor Kitchen stated they raised that concern at the advisory meeting, if it was for our Town Proper, the tax payers of Nackawic are paying extra for that, if it is a recommendation from the committee, and financially feasible, it would be approved.

Councillor Simpson stated he read in the white paper; the government has made a commitment that the areas would only pay for the services they get. If we get a service to maintain our roads, and that was our responsibility, there wouldn't be any reason for them not to approve it, especially if it goes through a committee. He stressed at a meeting he attended several weeks ago, it was essential that we think as a region, without abandoning the areas that we were voted in from.

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Mayor Kitchen stated we hope the people who are elected, will be running for the right reasons, he did push for the advisory committee members to be given honourariums to be on the committee so it is more official.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request from New Brunswick Sportsfishing Association

22-25 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Councillor Meade

“That Council grant the NB Sportsfishing Association permission to use the waterfront on the May long weekend but declining the request for the sponsor of \$1000 due to budget concerns.”

Motion carried.

22-26 Motion: Councillor Meade
 Second: Councillor Toole

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to closed session at 8:05 pm and Dallas Cakes and Jim Dumville left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Personnel Issue

B) Public Works

22-27 Motion: Councillor Farnsworth
 Second: Councillor Meade

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:50 pm.

22-28 Motion: Councillor Toole
 Second: Councillor Meade

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“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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Mayor

Kathryn Clark
Acting CAO