

NACKAWIC-MILLVILLE RURAL COMMUNITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Fox  
Councillor Nozzolillo  
Councillor Trail  
Councillor MacFarlane  
Councillor Graham  
Councillor Clark  
Councillor Simpson  
Councillor Arbuckle

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

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

Mayor Fox stated he would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory of Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

23-01 Motion: Councillor Simpson  
Second: Councillor Trail

“That the agenda be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was no approval of minutes.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Letter from Province of NB, re: Local Governance Orientation

Kathryn Clark informed Council of the online orientation event, and stated if anyone was interested, they could all come to the Town Hall and view together, or they can view it in

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their homes. The event is available to view in the evenings and once she receives more information on the times, she will let everyone know.

B) Letter from Capital Region Service Commission (CRSC), re: Orientation

Kathryn Clark informed Council of the overview and orientation for the newly formed Capital Region Service Commission and stated they have set aside three seats for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CAO to attend on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-1:30 pm.

Councillor Arbuckle asked if they were all able to attend.

Mayor Fox stated he will be attending.

Kathryn Clark stated we are all required to attend.

C) Letter from John Deweyert, re: Temperance Vale Bridge

Mayor Fox briefed Council on the letter and stated regarding Council committees, he feels Council needs to develop a working relationship with DTI. Whether it's in the public works committee and expand it to include Transportation outside the Ward of Nackawic or we have a separate transportation committee that will look after more rural wards and develop the relationship with DTI.

After discussion, the consensus was to have the one committee, and a councillor work with DTI through that committee.

Mayor Fox asked the CAO to write a letter of response to John Deweyert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance –

Kathryn Clark reported that audit work will begin end of the month and Natalie Hill will be working with her auditors to end the 2022 year in Millville.

Councillor MacFarlane asked when they would be able to look at the budget.

Kathryn Clark stated she hasn't heard anything from the province regarding the budget whether it is approved yet.

Library – No Report

Protective Services –

FIRE

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Mayor Fox reported on the minutes of December 13, 2022 meeting.

Recreation –

Kathryn Clark stated she asked the departments to submit monthly reports to give everyone an idea of what is happening in the departments.

Councillor MacFarlane stated DNEDC has brought the subject of charging stations in Nackawic to Council in the past and asked how this came about.

Kathryn Clark stated Mike Wilson has an electric car and thought it would be great to have a charging station down on the waterfront, while a car is charging, tourist can browse the waterfront and shopping mall.

Councillor Simpson stated there are rebates for charging stations from NB Power but wasn't sure how you would have to go about doing it. He also asked where the ball hockey grant came from.

Kathryn Clark stated she wasn't sure how the NB Power rebates work; she would have to check into it. She stated the ball hockey grant was from Kent Kuhn for \$3100.

Councillor Nozzolillo stated she has worked with NB Power on rebates and stated that you have to pay everything yourself and are required to keep all receipts and submit them for the rebate.

Mayor Fox asked to get more information on cost estimates for the charging station for next Council meeting.

Public Works –

Kathryn Clark reported on the monthly report and stated this was our busiest year yet for water shut off/hook ups for repairs. We have implemented a charge this year where we never have before. We have received the sidewalk spreader to sand the sidewalks.

Special Reports –

DNEDC

Councillor MacFarlane stated they never had a December meeting, but they did meet with Gemtec Engineering early in December regarding the subdivision plan, and they are ready to follow up with Council. They have been engaged to come up with a masterplan for the 47 acres behind the middle school which have been identified with the board as a great housing opportunity. We feel we have the infrastructure and the land to do that, the Town funded half the cost and the province did the other half. We will be looking for developers, also federal and provincial partners to fund potentially phase 1 & phase 2.

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Councillor MacFarlane met with the chair of the board of Ignite Fredericton, Jeff Thompson, and discussed economic development, they are in the process of re-imagining how to deliver economic development in the valley now with municipal reform. He stated the boards contract with president, Brent Sansom has expired and have not been renewed and would like to thank him for his hard work and drive of the agenda.

Councillor MacFarlane stated the Corporation has been informed of funding approval for tourism initiative starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, it includes updating our website and more branding for campaigns. We will have the opportunity and funding to tweak our brand, now that we have a new name and new municipality, there may be things we might want to look at to bring in more regional perspective on the branding.

Councillor MacFarlane stated going forward, we need to re-establish the four permanent members on the board, which will be discussed under new business, and there are a couple of vacancies on the board outside of the permanent members and once the board is re-established at the next meeting, we have to fill Brent Sansom's role.

Councillor Simpson asked if there is going to be an arrangement with Destination Nackawic Economic Development and Ignite Fredericton.

Councillor MacFarlane stated it is in its early days, but he feels they want to work with us and we have been pushing hard to get the money back that they are going to tax us for.

Councillor Simpson stated the corporation was established for economic development, and with the municipal reform, if they give that job to Ignite, then we have to make a deal with Ignite for the corporation.

Councillor MacFarlane stated Jeff Thompson mentioned there could be potential funding to help fund smaller projects like housing. We have asked for a meeting with the Deputy Minister to try and finalize this for couple of years now and stated he doesn't know how it all will end.

Councillor Trail asked if Destination Nackawic could help entrepreneurs start up small businesses into our area, where there is so much red tape with the government in starting up businesses.

Councillor MacFarlane stated he will take it back to the board and have it on the agenda at the next meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Kathryn Clark stated that:

-the Swearing -in Ceremony was organized and the new Council of Nackawic-Millville Rural Community Took their Oaths of Office on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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- the Special Council Meetings were held on December 21<sup>st</sup> to approve year-end transfers and final minutes of Nackawic Town Council. Presentations were made to the outgoing Council.
- UMNB Orientation will take place on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza in Fredericton.
- she attended meetings on December 22<sup>nd</sup> with Natalie Hill and Justin McGuigan, re: municipal reform.
- the office was closed for the holidays from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- the job posting for the Chief Financial Officer's position closed on December 31<sup>st</sup> and applications are being reviewed. Interviews will be set up within a week or so.
- Councillor Simpson and myself met with Brent Sansom on January 5<sup>th</sup> regarding the transition of the DNEDC.
- the municipal transition work continues on a daily basis.
- the Council Photos will be scheduled for March/April.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fox reported that:

- he met with Kathryn Clark on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to get ready for the mayor position.
- he will be attending the tour of the Health Centre on January 11<sup>th</sup> and stated Richard Ames; MLA will also be in attendance.
- he will be attending the Capital Region Service Commission zoom meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- he was approached by the Big Axe Brewery to make a presentation at the next Council meeting regarding Festival 2023.
- he would like to have a DNEDC meeting before January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- he will be attending the orientation session with Capital Regional Service Commission on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending the Municipality orientation on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Fox asked Kathryn Clark if she will be doing the registrations or should councillors do their own.

Kathryn Clark stated staff will do them, that way we will have all the confirmations together in case we need to make any changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Fox explained how they will go about electing Deputy Mayor and stated we are required by law to have a verbal vote and not secret ballot if need be.

Mayor Fox declared Councillor MacFarlane to Deputy Mayor by acclamation.

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23-02          Motion: Councillor Trail  
                  Second: Councillor Arbuckle

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to closed session at 7:43 pm, Dallas Cakes and Jim Dumville left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A) Potential Development Opportunity

23-03          Motion: Councillor Arbuckle  
                  Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:00 pm.

23-04          Motion: Councillor Trail  
                  Second: Councillor Clark

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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Tim Fox  
Mayor

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Kathryn Clark  
CAO