

NACKAWIC-MILLVILLE RURAL COMMUNITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2023

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

ABSENT: Councillor Graham

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark, CAO  
Dallas Cakes  
Jim Dumville, River Valley Sun  
Peter Cole, Big Axe Brewery

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 unsundered territory of Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

23-05 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane  
Second: Councillor Trail

“That the agenda be approved with the one addition:

-under New Business; add C) Animal Control Agreement.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

There was no declaration of conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

23-06 Motion: Councillor Arbuckle  
Second: Councillor Clark

“That the minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, regular council meeting be approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

There was no business arising.

TO THE FLOOR:

A) Peter Cole, Big Axe Craft Beer Festival

Peter Cole reported on last year's festival and stated that it was very successful. There were three areas to improve on, food trucks were not parking in the correct areas; need more garbage containers; and more water for rinsing stations. There were more volunteers than before, and also security was present. The event went very well, and the weather cooperated.

Peter Cole stated usually 100% of the proceeds stayed local, but last year they had volunteers helping from high school students and basketball players, and they requested donations. Not all the money stayed local like previous years. Peter Cole stated the cost for everything went up, like ice, for example, and they ran out of ice because distilleries were using it to mix their drinks and there were more distilleries this year than before. We use the ice to keep things cold, not for mixing drinks, next year they might have to buy their own ice. There were many boats along the river and everything worked out great.

Peter Cole stated the date they would like to have the festival is Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and he would like to meet again before this, maybe with the recreation director. He is looking to make the venue bigger this year and extend the area to accommodate everyone, but he doesn't want to do two sessions, 4 hours is enough with all the clean-up.

Councillor Nozzolillo asked how many tickets he is hoping to sell this year.

Peter Cole stated he would like to sell 2000.

Councillor Nozzolillo asked how many did they sell last year.

Peter Cole stated 1500, and if they can move the washrooms outside the gate and have it fenced in, they can make room to fit everyone which would compensate for the cost, because everything has gone up in price.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked what the regulations were around fencing.

Peter Cole stated it has to be a fenced in area and they would have to have security there to make sure no one can come in and out.

Councillor Simpson asked if there was enough room to accommodate another event at the same time which would complement the beer festival.

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Peter Cole stated he is not sure, he doesn't want to make it too complicated. They have the tent set up on Thursday through Sunday and the tent is taken down on Monday. He would like to see local talent on Friday evening, and maybe have a family day on Sunday, with activities for children and have a bouncy castle. He would like to see the tent used, because that is a big cost for one venue.

Peter Cole stated if anyone has any ideas for this, he is open to ideas.

Councillor Nozzolillo asked if they already have their food trucks booked for this event. He could reach out to them and asked if they could come the day before when an event is happening which might draw more people there.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if he was looking for approval tonight for the date.

Peter Cole stated yes.

23-07            Motion: Councillor Simpson  
                      Second: Councillor Trail

“That Council approved the date of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to use the waterfront area for the Big Axe Craft Festival.”

Motion carried.

Mayor Fox asked Peter Cole to do up a letter of request for the office to have on file.

Peter Cole stated yes, he would.

Mayor Fox thanked Peter Cole for coming.

Peter Cole left the meeting at 7:37 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A) Letter from Province of NB, re: 2023 Budget

Kathryn Clark stated the 2023 budget was received and approved. She will input it on a spreadsheet and the format on how Council would like to see it presented.

Mayor Fox stated the format of how we want to see it presented, it could be something finance can work on too. We have shared cost like policing, garbage, etc. but some things are specific for each ward, it doesn't make sense to split everything out by ward when some things are shared. It's going to be quite different from what you are used to.

Councillor Trail stated he would like to see what the cost is for ward 4 for those

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constituents if they want to become shared on certain things. It will be difficult to figure out but he needs to know these numbers to let them know.

Mayor Fox stated the budget is approved and we will discuss the layout of the spreadsheet and the details once the CAO has worked out a way to present it.

B) Letter from Sharon Connor

Mayor Fox reported on the letter and asked what council's thoughts were on the matter.

Councillor Nozzolillo stated when we do discuss agriculture and woodlands to invite them to a council meeting and get their opinion.

Councillor Trail stated he disagreed with having a couple council meetings a year out in Millville. It is a new municipality and this is the municipal office where council meetings are held and the meetings are open to the public. He stated when we do the by-laws we will contact these people anyway.

Councillor Arbuckle stated council has so much to get done in the next year, every meeting will be a mix of different discussions.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the overall message is communication. How will we get messages out to the residents of the community. It is a clean slate now, and everything is going to be addressed.

Councillor Trail stated we can print up pamphlets and place them in different areas in the communities so residents can pick them up. The Key Newsletter was discussed with him also and how to get it to reach everyone in the whole entity.

Kathryn Clark stated that is being discussed, we know where they have to go but the issue is doing up the paper work for these flyers, but we are working on it and hopefully will have it resolved as best we can.

Councillor Clark stated he also agrees with keeping the Council meetings in the Municipal office in Nackawic and with the by-law review for each ward.

Councillor Simpson stated when Council goes through the by-law review process, it will be a slow process, because it will take a couple of meetings to do one by-law. It will probably take a year to review all the by-laws, and not every by-law will pertain to all the wards, they will be different.

Councillor Clark asked if the government was supposed to set out guidelines for by-laws.

Kathryn Clark stated they just did the 4 mandatory by-laws that was put in place before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Nackawic has by-laws and Millville has bylaws and some are the same, for

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example the dog by-law, we would do one for the whole entity or for certain wards and when it comes time to pass it, we will rescind both by-laws and do a new one. It will be whatever Council decides.

Councillor Arbuckle stated as for specific meetings to discuss issues, he doesn't see that as being feasible because we have too much work on our agenda and we do have committees that can speak to some of these issues as well.

Mayor Fox stated he is in agreement of having council meetings in one place as well. There are changes that will occur in the different wards that are being discussed and when we respond, we can let Mrs. Connors know that when we are ready to make these changes, we will engage the people in their wards with the issues we are working on.

C) Invitation from Central Valley Fire Fighters' Association, re: Fire Service 2025 Report

Mayor Fox stated that this meeting falls on February 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is Council meeting and it is also a holiday, we move our Council meetings to the Tuesday following the holiday, which is February 21<sup>st</sup>. If he attends this meeting, then the Deputy Mayor will chair the council meeting or maybe the protective services chair can attend this meeting. He will make that decision later on.

D) Letter from Andrew Black, President, UMNB

Mayor Fox stated it is for Council's information.

E) UMNB Zone 6 Meeting

Mayor Fox stated that day is a very busy day for him, he would like to participate at the beginning but he would like to have come councillors to join that meeting as well.

F) Letter of Request from Leanne Mullin (New Business)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – No Report

Library – No Report

Protective Services – No Report

Recreation – No Report

Public Works – No Report

Special Reports –

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DNEDC

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated they have a board meeting January 26<sup>th</sup> and Gemtec Engineering will be presenting on phase 1 & 2 of the residential development. He will be meeting with Pam Fogarty and the CAO on January 25<sup>th</sup>, it is open to everyone from Tourism Fredericton, and they are going to be engaged by RSC 11 to push tourism. As you know, a portion of our taxes is going towards promotion and Tourism Fredericton, we want to start working with them as soon as possible on our branding strategy. Also, we have an appointment for our permanent membership which is under new business.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Kathryn Clark stated that:

- she attended a meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> with Pam Fogarty regarding DNEDC.
- the application for the Canada Summer Jobs was completed and submitted requesting 5 summer student positions.
- registrations were completed and hotel rooms booked for the upcoming UMN Orientation on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.
- she attended a zoom meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> with Gemtec, along with Mayor Fox, Deputy Mayor MacFarlane and Director of Public Works & Utility, Brad McClure regarding the residential development study.
- she conducted interviews on January 17<sup>th</sup> for the Chief Financial Officer's position.
- she attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Local Governance Orientation on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Water/Sewer billing has been completed and mailed out.
- a new agreement was signed for the Canada Community Building Fund, Unincorporated Areas for the Ballfield upgrades and kiosk in Millville due to the amalgamation.
- work continues on the transfer of ownership of vehicles, etc. from North York and Dumfries Fire Departments and name change for all of Nackawic's vehicles and equipment. Hope to have this completed soon.
- the approved 2023 Municipal Budget was received from the province. Budget figures will be transferred to a detailed spreadsheet for departments and eventually entered into the accounting system.
- various municipal reform work continues daily.

Councillor Nozzolillo asked if the summer students was open to the whole region and if it was just for high school students or just post-secondary students.

Kathryn Clark stated the government programs states grade 12 or post-secondary education, we do budget a portion of our funds because we have to hire enough to run the marina.

Councillor Trail asked if the students would work for the whole region because Ward 4, Millville, does repairs on the rink in the summer time.

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Kathryn Clark stated it will depend on the number of applications we receive, usually we don't receive a lot but last year we did.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fox reported that:

- he attended the tour of the Nackawic Health Centre on January 11<sup>th</sup> along with Deputy Mayor MacFarlane, Richard Ames, MLA was also in attendance. They had discussions with Richard Ames regarding other issues and potential opportunities.
- he attended the Capital Region Service Commission noon-hour board meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- he attended a virtual meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> with Gemtec along with Deputy Mayor MacFarlane, CAO and Public Works Director Brad McClure.
- he met with MP Richard Bragdon along with Deputy Mayor MacFarlane and discussed ongoing projects as well as potential future opportunities.
- he participated in Department and Local Government orientation webinar on "Effective Governance & Administration on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending the ELG webinar on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending along with CAO, the introductory meeting with CUPE representative on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending the UMNZB Zone 6 Zoom meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending the DNEDC board meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending the Capital Region Service Commission Orientation meeting in Hanwell on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending the ELG webinar "Community Financing and Community Funding" on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- he will be attending Council meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending ELG webinar "Leadership in Times of Change" on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending UMNZB Orientation Conference on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending ELG webinar "Effective Communications" on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- he will be attending Council Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- he will be attending Valley Fire Fighters Association Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- he will be attending ELG webinar "Mandated Services and Working Collaboratively in Support of Stronger Regions on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request from Leanne Mullin

23-08            Motion: Councillor Trail  
                      Second: Councillor Arbuckle

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“That the Municipality is not responsible for any costs associated with the repairs of the wastewater pipe on Ms. Mullin’s property; By-Law W-1; Section 4.08 (a) states this, therefore her request is denied.”

On the Question:

Councillor Arbuckle asked if all the repair work that was done was on the homeowner’s property and not the municipality.

Kathryn Clark stated yes, it was on the homeowner’s property. The resident was having issues and hired someone to check it out. Residents know if the issue is on their property, which would be from their house to the end of their property line they are responsible for the cost of repairs and if it is on the municipalities side, then we would be responsible to pay for the repairs. She feels that homeowners are getting miss communication from the contractors, saying the municipality should cover the cost, or at least a portion of it.

Councillor Simpson asked if new home builders are responsible to install and pay for the connection to the main line, and if it has to be inspected by the public works department.

Kathryn Clark stated yes, but than it would be RSC 11 that does the inspections.

Councillor Simpson suggested we should have something on paper for the contractors so they know.

Kathryn Clark stated it is in our by-laws.

Councillor Clark asked why did she say the Town would have to come back and replace it.

Kathryn Clark stated she was told by the public works employee, that is what the contractor told Ms. Mullin. Kathryn Clark asked them if there was any repair work completed past that connection, and they said no.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if the homeowner is responsible from their house to the main connection.

Kathryn Clark stated yes, and this issue is going to come up more and more because the piping is so old.



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Councillor Trail stated once the by-laws are upgraded, let residents know what they are responsible for and what the municipality is responsible for.

Mayor Fox asked if there is misperception from the property line to the connector, would there be any distance between it.

Kathryn Clark stated no.

Motion carried

B) Appointment of Committees of Council

23-09 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane  
Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council accept the recommendation for the committee structure of the Nackawic-Millville Rural Community with the one amendment.”

On the Question:

Councillor Nozzolillo asked if she could sit on the Destination Nackawic Economic Development Board.

Kathryn Clark stated the DNEDC board would have to appoint her.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane stated the board can make a recommendation at their next meeting.

Councillor Arbuckle asked if he could also sit on the Public Works & Transportation committee.

Mayor Fox stated yes.

Councillor Simpson asked if there will be public members on the public works & transportation committee as well.

Kathryn Clark stated yes.

Councillor Arbuckle asked if councillors can attend other committee meetings as well and not just their appointed ones.

Mayor Fox stated yes, he couldn't see any reason why not.

Motion carried.

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C) Animal Control Agreement

23-10 Motion: Councillor Trail  
Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

“That Council move forward with the Animal Control Agreement for Millville Subunit effective January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.”

On the Questions:

Councillor Simpson asked with regards to paragraph 16), what happens if he exceeds the annual amount and the year isn't up.

Kathryn Clark stated that is something the office will have to keep track of and is not sure of how many calls he receives.

Councillor Trail stated it varies, some months you will not receive any calls and other months you could have 4-5 calls.

Deputy Mayor MacFarlane asked if Nackawic is engaging the same person.

Kathryn Clark stated Nackawic's agreement is with NBSPCA who Randy Casey works for but he also has his own clients on the side. He has always been working for the LSD's. This contract is for the subunit of Millville only. We will be looking at amalgamating this next year.

Motion Carried.

23-11 Motion: Councillor Trail  
Second: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Tim Fox  
Mayor

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Kathryn Clark  
CAO/Clerk