

NACKAWIC-MILLVILLE RURAL COMMUNITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 5, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Fox
Councillor Nozzolillo
Councillor Clark
Councillor Trail
Councillor Simpson

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor MacFarlane
Councillor Arbuckle
Councillor Graham

IN ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Clark, CAO
NoraLynn Carr, CFO
Jim Dumville, River Valley Sun
Robert Christie

TO ORDER: Mayor Fox called the regular meeting to order at 6:58 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:

23-149 Motion: Councillor Simpson
Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

“That the agenda be approved with the addition of the Minutes of the August 28, 2023 Recreation Committee Meeting.”

Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 21st, 2023, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

23-150 Motion: Councillor Trail
Second: Councillor Clark

“That the minutes of the August 21st, 2023, regular council meeting be approved as distributed.”

Motion carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING:

Councillor Simpson inquired on the request for fencing quotes from Public Works.

Kathryn Clark stated one quote has been received.

Mayor Fox provided an update that he and Deputy Mayor MacFarlane are waiting on a date to meet with the Minister of Local Government with regards to the Dumfries Fire Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) Card of Thanks from Bruce Stairs for the Sam Bates Citizenship Award.
- B) Invitation from Forest NB to attend Semi-Annual Fall Meeting Dinner & Reception was presented. Please RSVP to Kathryn Clark by Sept. 28, 2023.

Mayor Fox and Councillor Trail stated they will be attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance

Income statements for General Operating & Utility dated July 31, 2023 were provided.

23-151 Motion: Councillor Trail
 Second: Councillor Simpson

“That Council accept the financial statements dated July 31, 2023 as presented.”

Motion carried.

Councillor Trail inquired on the Millville Ballfield project start date.

Kathryn Clark stated she will contact Glenn Group for an update.

Councillor Simpson asked about the miscellaneous income line on the General Operating Income Statement.

Kathryn Clark stated that account is where a lot of the special event funding like Canada Day donations that will later be reallocated to the proper account. She noted the account would have to be looked at in detail to see what is included in the total.

Library – no report

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Protective Services

Councillor Trail reported he has spoken to Offroad Enforcement and RCMP regarding attending a Council meeting and they will be reaching out to the office to set a date. Public Safety attended the recent rally and it went well.

Recreation

Minutes of August 8, 2023 were presented.

Councillor Clark spoke about the request for early ice from York West Minor Hockey. The Recreation Director is looking into the cost associated with having the ice in earlier. There would be a conflict in schedule removing the docks at the same time as trying to make ice and the manpower required for those tasks.

Kathryn Clark stated that the date for completion of the compressor repairs is the end of September.

Councillor Clark also mentioned the Recreation Committee is looking for someone interested in organizing a power sports recreation show.

Councillor Nozzolillo thought maybe one of the local clubs would be interested in helping organize the event and could collect admission for their organization.

Mayor Fox suggested presenting the idea to DNEDC.

Councillor Trail is waiting for the Recreation Director to provide a date on a public meeting regarding combining the playground equipment in Millville.

Councillor Clark passed on a resident's compliments regarding the work recently completed on the Nature Trail and the bridges; job well done.

Public Works

Minutes of August 30, 2023 were presented.

Councillor Simpson spoke on the committee recommendations.

23-152 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Trail

“That a tender be prepared for the milling and paving of two streets, the Campbell Settlement Road from Route 105 to the border of ward 3, and secondly McLaren Lane in Ward 3 using funds allocated under the CCBF.”

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Motion carried.

Monthly Report for August 2023 were presented.

Councillor Simpson asked if the sewage blockage along Otis Drive was a result of a grading problem.

Kathryn Clark commented that she was not aware of any grading problem but would ask the Director of Public Works.

Mayor Fox received a question from Nackawic High School regarding the painting of the crosswalk.

Kathryn Clark stated that she would look into it.

Special Reports

DNEDC

Mayor Fox provided an update on the August 31, 2023 DNEDC board meeting. Prior to the meeting, Ignite held a networking event at the Lion's Club. The Ignite team joined the Board meeting providing introductions to their team and brief summaries of their role.

DNEDC continues to meet with the Housing Hub and hopes to have an update to provide to Council soon.

There was also discussion on hiring an executive director/CEO; someone to head DNEDC. There will be a recommendation coming to Council at some point. They are also looking to source some funding for the position. The motion was made to recommend Council increase the municipal contribution to DNEDC in the upcoming budget process.

The Loop Scenic Drive was discussed and Greg is going to arrange a discovery meeting with Harvey Sawler.

There was a motion to recommend to Council to begin communication and exploration of relocating the ballfield to a site adjacent to the middle school soccer field.

Tourism was discussed as well as the next year's bass tournament and allocating funds towards a dedicated website for the tournament.

Renewing the agreement between DNEDC and the Municipality was discussed as the existing agreement was signed with the Town of Nackawic. It would be good to get it updated to the new Municipal name as the term runs out in March and there was discussion about updating it and renewing the term.

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23-153 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

“That a letter be sent requesting a meeting to discuss the concept of relocating the ballfield with the Department of Education.”

Motion carried.

Chief Administrative Officer’s Report

Sept. 5th, 2023 report

- Draft Energy Reports for Southampton and Bear Island Community Halls were received today. I will review in the next couple of days.
- Picnic shelters have been repaired in Millville
- Trickle Filter Program timeline updated; debenture will have to be next spring.
- \$75,000 refinancing for waste water treatment plant for 5 years may be done this fall. We will be reviewing reserves, etc. on how to proceed.

Councillor Simpson said it would be a pretty big hit to the reserve funds to pay it off and asked which reserve would be the funds would come from.

Kathryn Clark stated the funds would come from the utility reserve and there are funds available. It is a matter of seeing how much is required for the trickle filter project with the debenture.

Councillor Simpson said where it is the utility reserve fund, it would free up whatever the payment would be if we paid it off.

Mayor Fox asked about the municipality’s shared cost of the trickle filter project.

Kathryn Clark stated she would have to look up the exact figure but it is around \$200,000. There will be interim financing required for the whole project. The invoices will have to be paid and then submit the claims.

Mayor’s Report

Sept. 5^h, 2023 report

Recent Activities

1. August 21, 2023 – Council Meeting
2. August 22, 2023 – Public Safety Canada Consultation – Contract Policing for 2032
3. August 23, 2023 – Health Centre Tour & Meeting with Horizon Senior Management
4. August 24, 2023 – CRSC Finance Committee meeting
5. August 31, 2023 – Ignite Networking Event – Newcomers & Community
6. August 31, 2023 – DNEDC Meeting

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Upcoming Activities

7. September 5, 2023 – Council Meeting
8. September 14, 2023 – Bylaw review committee
9. September 18, 2023 – Council Meeting
10. October 11, 2023 – ForestNB Fall Meeting Dinner & Reception @ Big Axe Brewery

Mayor Fox provided an update regarding the health centre. They have engaged a consultant to come up with a functional plan for the health centre and hope to have a report in 30 days.

23-154 Motion: Councillor Clark
 Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

“That Council accept all reports as presented.”

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

23-155 Motion: Councillor Simpson
 Second: Councillor Trail

“That Council move to closed session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved to closed session at 8:00 PM, Jim Dumville and NoraLynn Carr left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

A) Noise Complaint

23-156 Motion: Councillor Trail
 Second: Councillor Clark

“That Council move back to regular session.”

Motion carried.

Council moved back to regular session at 8:45 PM

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23-157 Motion: Councillor Clark
 Second: Councillor Nozzolillo

“That Council forward the letter from Robert Christie, re: noise complaint to the By-law Review Committee.”

Motion carried.

23-158 Motion: Councillor Nozzolillo

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Tim Fox
Mayor

Kathryn Clark
Clerk