



REGULAR MEETING OF NASHWAAK RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 19, 2023 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Mayor David Sweeney

Councillor Jeff Foster

Councillor Heather Holt-Logan

Councillor Amy Floyd

Councillor Victoria Green

Councillor Andrew Ferris

Councillor Doug Koch

CAO Bethany Ryan

Regrets: Councillor Mike Mulherin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with all members of Council present, and no conflict of interest disclosures.

APPROVAL OF PREPARED AGENDA

Motion: To accept the agenda as presented.

Moved by: D. Koch

Seconded by: V. Green

Result: Carried

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Nashwaak Council of March 15, 2023 were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes as presented.

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded by: J. Foster

Result: Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BUDGET

Council reviewed the March financial report.

Motion: To accept the financial report as presented.
Moved by: H. Holt-Logan
Seconded by: V. Green
Result: Carried

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Protective Services

i) Stanley Volunteer Fire Department

Trevor Tomilson provided the report for the SVFD.

ii) Nashwaak Valley Fire Department

No report.

Fire Service By-Law and Policy Manual

CAO explained that a by-law and policy manual are currently being developed and reviewed by the 2 Fire Chiefs. Both documents will be presented to Council when the review is complete.

iii) RCMP

Councillor Green raised an issue with the lack of communication from the RCMP regarding a recent armed home invasion and robbery in Woodlands. She questioned what the protocols are for notifying the public when armed suspects are at large.

Mayor Sweeney explained that with a previous similar incident, the public was not notified as the RCMP felt that public awareness of their location would hinder their investigation.

iv) CRSC (Capital Regional Service Commission)

Mayor Sweeney provided a report on the meetings he attended in March. He explained that the CRSC was looking for Council nominations for committees. The following nominations were made:

Community Development: Councillor Floyd

Public Safety: Councillor Ferris

Regional Infrastructure: Councillor Koch

Economic Expansion: Councillor Green

Action: CAO to forward nominations to CRSC.

Transportation Services

i) DTI update

Mayor Sweeney advised Council that he and Councillor Mulherin met with DTI regarding the bridges in the NRC. DTI provided a report on each bridge along with a timeline for repairs.

Action: CAO to create a notice with this information that can be provided to the public (posted on website, Facebook).

Environmental and Public Health Service

i) Garbage By-law

Draft is not yet complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports

EMO

Councillor Green provided an update on the Committee's activities. They have drafted a letter to the public seeking volunteers and a list of assets that may be available to the community in the event of an emergency.

Action: CAO to post the letter on the Nashwaak website and Facebook page.

Land Use Planning

Councillor Foster explained that he and Councillor Floyd would be meeting with the CRSC the following week to discuss the first steps in developing the Rural Plan.

Human Resources

Councillor Holt-Logan provided an update on the HR Committee's activities. She also made the recommendation to Council that they accept the Nashwaak Rural Community HR Policy Manual.

Motion: To accept the HR Policy Manual as presented.

Moved by: H. Holt-Logan

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

Councillor Holt-Logan also provided a recommendation from the HR Committee that Council accept the Council Travel Policy.

Motion: To accept the Council Travel Policy as presented.

Moved by: A. Floyd

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

Recreation

Councillor Koch provided an update on the Committee's activities since the last meeting. They are working on hosting "Nashwaak Days" later in the summer, developing some ideas for recreational trails, and will be meeting with the ATV Federation to discuss their existing network and proposed new trail through the Nashwaak Rural Community.

Street Lighting Request

Councillor Floyd explained that she had a request from a resident who was asking about street lighting. CAO advised that currently in the former Village limits, the cost of street lighting is approximately \$700/km per year. Council agreed that unless more residents start asking for street lights, it wouldn't be financially feasible to start installing them.

Strategic Planning

Council will meet on April 27th via Zoom for their third Strategic Planning session.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next regular meeting: May 17, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Creek Lions Club