



REGULAR MEETING OF NASHWAAK RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 16, 2023 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Mayor David Sweeney

Councillor Jeff Foster

Councillor Heather Holt-Logan

Councillor Mike Mulherin

Councillor Victoria Green

Councillor Andrew Ferris

Councillor Doug Koch

CAO Bethany Ryan

Councillor Amy Floyd

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Morgan

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: V. Green

Seconded by: H. Holt-Logan

Result: Carried

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL: KARL EDGAR

Mr. Edgar was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the sewage connection at his property on Bridge St. Mr. Edgar is asking for the account to be closed, because the property is no longer usable and the house was torn down after the 2013 flood. Mayor Sweeney explained that the by-law states that vacant lots must pay 25% of the annual fee, and that there are other lots in the former Village in the same situation.

Council discussed the matter when Mr. Edgar left, and agreed that he should pay whatever is owing on the account now, but that they would be open to finding out if there are any options for him.

Action: CAO to contact CRSC to ask about a variance on the property.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular meeting of Nashwaak Council of January 17, 2023 were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes as presented.

Moved by: H. Holt-Logan

Seconded by: A. Floyd

Result: Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BUDGET

Council reviewed the January financial report.

Motion: To accept the financial report as presented.

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded by: M. Mulherin

Result: Carried

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Protective Services

i) Stanley Volunteer Fire Department

Trevor Tomilson, Robert Foreman and Anouchka O'Hara were welcomed to the meeting to provide the report for the SVFD.

ii) Nashwaak Valley Fire Department

Chief Stephen Bliss and Pat Deschenes were welcomed to the meeting to provide the report for the NVFD.

iii) RCMP

Council reviewed the printed reports for the former Village of Stanley.

iv) CRSC (Capital Regional Service Commission)

Mayor Sweeney provided a report on the meetings he attended in January and February. John Bigger has been appointed Chair and Judy Wilson-Shea is Vice-Chair of the CRSC Board of Directors.

v) **EMO Report**

Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara was welcomed to the meeting to provide an update on Emergency Measures planning for the NRC.

Transportation Services

i) **Bridges Letter**

Council gave final approval for the letter to Premier Higgs.

Action: Staff to send this letter.

ii) **DTI Location**

Councillor Koch provided information on the planned construction of a new DTI Depot on the Route 8 Highway, which will close the 2 depots in the Nashwaak. Council also discussed the maintenance standards.

Action: CAO to contact DTI for clarification on these issues.

Recreation & Cultural Services

i) **Nashwaak Valley ATV Club**

Adam Russell was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the former Village of Stanley's incomplete ATV by-law and the required Highway Use Permit (HUP).

Council discussed the request and agreed that the route through the former Village should be from the Mick Rd., down the Park Hill trail behind the Agrena, out Centennial St., and onto Main/Bridge (Route 620) to the Ward Settlement Rd.

Action: CAO to send route information to the ATV Club.

Action: CAO to inquire with the Snowmobile Federation as to why the trails are not multi-use in the winter.

Sewage

i) **Spencer Environmental Report**

Gary Spencer was welcomed to the meeting to provide an overview and history of the wastewater system in the former Village. He advised that the lagoon is at its end-of-life and this Council will soon need to come up with a plan for replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

Policies

Motion: To accept the Signing Authorities policy as presented.

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Motion: To accept the Recreation Funding policy as presented.

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: J. Foster

Result: Carried

Action: CAO to draft a Garbage By-law for the March meeting. Samples from other communities have been placed in the Council shared folder.

Strategic Planning Session

Council chose March 8 at 7pm and April 8 at 9am for planning sessions.

Action: CAO will send a citizen engagement survey to Council for feedback.

100 Women Correspondence

Council reviewed correspondence from Edie Dextraze on behalf of the 100 Women Making a Difference organisation in Stanley. Council agreed to continue to support this initiative as in the past.

Action: CAO to respond to Mrs. Dextraze.

ESIC Regional Transportation Symposium

Amy Floyd will attend this event on March 22-23.

Daycare Application Letter

Council reviewed a request from Erin Williams, who is submitting an application to run a childcare program out of the Stanley Consolidated School. Council agreed to support her application.

Action: CAO to send a signed support letter to Ms. Williams.

Seniors Housing

Council will host a meeting on February 21, 2023 to discuss housing options in NRC.

Committee Reports

Council heard reports from the committees and their work on developing a mandate.

Action: CAO to draft a standard template for Terms of Reference for each committee.

Closed Session

Motion: To enter a closed session of Council to discuss staff/hiring

Moved by: J. Foster

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

Motion: To come out of the closed session

Moved by: H. Holt-Logan

Seconded: V. Green

Result: Carried

Appointments

Motion: To accept the HR Committee's recommendation for the hiring of the CAO.

Moved by: H. Holt-Logan

Seconded: D. Koch

Result: Carried

Motion: To appoint Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara as the EMO Coordinator for the Nashwaak Rural Community.

Moved by: V. Green

Seconded: M. Mulherin

Result: Carried

Miscellaneous

Mayor Sweeney explained that it is recommended for Councils to NOT have a Finance Committee, but rather have all of Council involved in the budgeting process. Therefore, there is no need for the Finance Committee appointed at the January meeting. Council agreed.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Next regular meeting: March 15, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Nashwaak Bridge Legion (CAO to confirm location)