



## **REGULAR MEETING OF NASHWAAK RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

June 21, 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

Councillor Mike Mulherin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with all members of Council present. Mayor Sweeney declared a personal conflict of interest with the agenda item “Nashwaak Music Fest Sponsorship”.

### **APPROVAL OF PREPARED AGENDA**

CAO added “Regional Annual Council Meeting” under “New Business” - this had been requested by Councillor Floyd prior to the meeting.

*Motion:* To accept the agenda as presented, with the addition.

*Moved by:* V. Green

*Seconded by:* M. Mulherin

*Result:* Carried

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

*Motion:* To accept the minutes as presented.

*Moved by:* M. Mulherin

*Seconded by:* A. Ferris

*Result:* Carried

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS/BUDGET**

Council reviewed the May financial report.

*Motion:* To accept the financial report as presented.  
*Moved by:* J. Foster  
*Seconded by:* V. Green  
*Result:* Carried

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### ***Administrative Report - CAO***

The CAO provided an update on the administrative activities for the previous month. She will send an updated draft of the Strategic Plan to Council and they will review it in a special meeting on July 14, 2023.

### ***Protective Services***

**i) Stanley Volunteer Fire Department**

Anouchka Hawkes-O'Hara provided the report for the SVFD.

**ii) Nashwaak Valley Fire Department**

No report (both Chief and Deputy were away)

**iii) RCMP**

Councillor Ferris will ask about mental health support in rural communities at the next CRSC Public Safety Committee meeting.

**iv) CRSC (Capital Regional Service Commission)**

Mayor Sweeney provided a report on the meetings he attended in May.

### ***Transportation Services***

**i) DTI Depots**

CAO explained that when the depots in Stanley and Taymouth are decommissioned, the sites will have environmental studies done and then be listed for sale. DTI is aware that the Community is interested in these properties.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Committee Reports***

**EMO**

Councillor Green provided an update on the Committee's activities. They need a bit more info from Ward 5 in order to finish up the draft of the EMO Plan.

**Land Use Planning**

Councillor Foster provided the update. There hasn't been a committee meeting, but

members are currently reviewing the available rural plans.

## **Recreation**

Councillor Holt-Logan reviewed the plans for Canada Day.

### ***Nashwaak Villa Board***

Councillor Holt-Logan explained that the first meeting will be held on June 26, 2023.

### ***Earth to Belly Homestead***

With proper proof of insurance, Council agreed to allow this business to set up their farmstand in Stanley.

### ***Dangerous & Unsightly Premises By-law***

Council would like to accept CRSC's offer for them to draft the by-law and guide Council through the process to adoption.

*Action:* CAO to contact Lonnie Forbes

### ***Bill 45 and Tax Rate Differential***

Council discussed correspondence from the province (ELG) and UMNB regarding these 2 issues.

### ***Signage***

*Action:* CAO to order street signs for: Ward Settlement Rd., Bartlett's Lane

### ***SPCA Contract***

CAO presented a proposed contract with SPCA which would save the former Village of Stanley sub-unit a significant amount of costs for animal control. The SPCA already provides the service in all other sub-units.

*Motion:* To accept the contract as presented

*Moved by:* Councillor Green

*Seconded:* Councillor Mulherin

*Result:* Carried

### ***Jail Proposal***

Council took a vote on whether to pursue a proposal for construction of a provincial jail in the Community. The vote was 4-3 to NOT pursue the proposal.

### ***Nashwaak Music Fest Sponsorship***

*Motion:* To sponsor the 2023 Nashwaak Music Fest in the amount of \$1,000

*Moved by:* Councillor Green

*Seconded:* Councillor Floyd

*Result:* Carried

### ***Regional Annual Council Meeting***

*Action:* Mayor Sweeney will talk to the Mayors in Upper Miramichi, Central York, Grand Lake, Nackawic and Sunbury-York South to gauge interest in an annual regional meeting.

## **AJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next regular meeting: July 19, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. at Nashwaak Valley Rec Centre