

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting Water and Environment Committee

1:00pm Wednesday, June 2, 2021

North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Committee Chair Councillor Wanson Hemphill, Committee Members John MacDougall, Justin Walsh and Connie Egan, Mayor Gerard Watts and CAO Stephanie Moase

Regrets: Robbie Moore
1 member of the Public

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 1:08 pm by Committee Chair Councillor Wanson Hemphill.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of 3.4 Blue Dot Initiative and 4.2 Septic on Undersized Lots

Moved by Justin Walsh and seconded by John MacDougall

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

2.1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary or Other Conflicts of Interest:**

There were none.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Apr 7, 2021 meeting be approved as presented

Moved by Justin Walsh and seconded by John MacDougall

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

3.1. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Discussion on the possibility of hosting a Public Information Meeting on Septic Maintenance and Water Conservation.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Water and Environment Committee request approval from Council to host a Public Awareness Raising Meeting on Septic Maintenance and Water Conservation with opportunity for Public input to be held perhaps in August

Moved by John MacDougall and seconded by Justin Walsh

All in Favor

MOTION CARRIED

3.2 Water Conservation and Septic Maintenance Promotion

Mail out vs Hand out for Septic Information was discussed. Areas of high density are a concern. but all areas of the Community should be informed of water conservation, supply and usage, and Septic Maintenance.

Topics to include:

- Tight well caps
- water testing
- septic tank pumping
- Installation of a septic tank riser and filter cleaning is important information for property owners.
- Drain cleaners are not recommended for septic systems.
- June to September is a critical time frame for limiting water use
- Using Rain barrels
- Repairing leaks
- pools should be topped up with a water truck, not ground water
- large machinery not to be driven over septic tank area.

Mail outs can be expensive, council needs to approve expenditures.

Timeline of 10 days for Committee to agree on the content of the handout and Gerard will try and find someone to design it.

3.3 Septic Bylaw

Authority Section 180, require legal advice to ensure that this section is OK.

John MacDougall will review and add some updates to the Bylaw.

3.4 Blue Dot Initiative

Connie Egan updated on the Blue Dot Initiative and concluded not to move forward with it at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.1. Stanhope Peninsula Fresh Water System Committee

Mayor Gerard Watts presented what happened at the initial meeting.

The Lighthouse Point HOA has been working hard on their alternative options. The committee has a great amount of expertise to assist in pulling together all the information and resources.

Wanson Hemphill expressed his disappointment that he has not been appointed to this committee or named as a resource for information.

Connie Egan provided a Resource package that will be of benefit to this committee from her time on the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

4.2. Septic on Small Lots in Proposed Bylaw

Justin Walsh mentioned that the current LandUse Bylaw states that anyone building on an undersized lot (less than Provincial minimum of 0.574acre), that the septic must be designed and signed off by a certified engineer. There was discussions of this not being in the new proposed LandUse Bylaw.

It was duly moved and seconded to recommend to the Planning Board that the wording from the old bylaw be retained for the requirement for engineered septic on an undersized lot.

Moved by John MacDougall and seconded by Justin Walsh

3-1 In favor

MOTION CARRIED

5. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021@ 7:00 pm

6. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

SIGNED: Wanson Hemphill, Chair

DATE:

SIGNED: Stephanie Moase, CAO

DATE: