

APPROVED MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts, Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon, Councillors Krista Shaw, Derek Cook, Wanson Hemphill, Bob Doyle and interim CAO Patsy MacKinnon.

Regrets: Councillor Peter Vriends

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm by Mayor Gerard Watts.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the deletion of Item 4.1 Introduction of the CAO.

Moved by Councillor Krista Shaw, seconded by Derek Cook.

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2.1 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Part VI, Section 23 of the *Municipalities Act*, which maintains that *No member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.* (1983, c.33, s.24.)

DECLARATIONS: *There were none.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was duly moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting be approved.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon , seconded by Councillor Bob Doyle.

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4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS:

Councillor Krista Shaw mentioned the Gas Tax money and the additions of the newest infrastructure projects, the ballfield project has already been applied for to be added to the list of approved projects.

Councillor Bob Doyle requested an update on the Grand Tracadie Commons. Councillor Wanson Hemphill said the next step is meeting with our MLA in the future.

Soccer nets have been secured on the soccer fields.

Councillor Wanson Hemphill informed the council that a defibrillator is not eligible for the Community Catalyst Grant, but Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon suggested other programs that might be eligible. Councillor Krista Shaw thought this was not councillors role to be filling out applications, Nancy MacKinnon commented councillors could help filling out the applications. It was noted that the CAO had to sign off on all applications. Community Catalyst Grant is open until November to apply for funding.

A letter has been sent to Hon. Steven Myers regarding flashing lights at the Pleasant Grove Road / Covehead intersection.

5. REPORTS

5.1

Recreation and Community Engagement

Councillor Krista Shaw reported that Canada Day was successful. Fireworks will be advertised at DUSK next year to avoid residents disappointment in missing them due to a time being posted. The reason why the fireworks were early is because FX fireworks make the final decision on when they go ahead and what time.

Water and Environment

Councillor Wanson Hemphill attended a meeting on July 8, 2019 to discuss:

1. Getting information on water quality and sewer maintenance to summer residents and how to present the information to them. There will be a meeting in August and George Somers, Director of Drinking Water for the Province will be invited to make a presentation.
2. Biosolids coming into the Community. Questions regarding the treatment of the waste coming from Crowbush Treatment Plant is a concern. Is this waste being treated the same at the Charlottetown Biosolids waste.

It was duly moved and seconded that no approvals would be granted to spread sludge until more information on long term health impacts are known.

Moved by Councillor Wanson Hemphill, seconded by Bob Doyle.

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3. Meetings for this Committee will be set the 1st Monday of each month @ 1pm
at
the North Shore Community Centre, June-September, than as required.

Administration and Finance

Mayor Watts presented the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the first three months with a surplus of \$ 28,000.00.

Councillor Krista Shaw questioned signage on the promenade and if they will be replaced. It was noted that the finance and admin committee was looking into replacing the signs and is working with Parks Canada to assist with the information.

Councillor Wanson Hemphill questioned the size of the building under consideration. Storage, safety and location are all to be determined.

Councillor Krista Shaw mentioned the PO system to be put in place, the fees bylaw rates were discussed.

Washer and dryer purchase was discussed for washing tablecloths and chair covers.

Desktop computer in the office is not functioning very well, it will be taken to Staples

for

a clean up.

EMO

Councillor Derek Cook updated that no EMO Committee meeting last month.

Special Committee on Community Planning

Councillor Peter Vriends , absent, updated the Council, by email, regarding the Official Plan Update. See attached

5.2

Planning Board Permit Reports

Councillor Cook reported Approved Permits

Cottages	5
Sub Division	1
Single Family Dwellings	10
Accessory Buildings	3
Addition to Existing Structure	1
Demolition	1
Agricultural Building	1
Mini Homes	2

Mayor Gerard Watts reached out to the Province regarding Grand Tracadie and Pleasant Grove building permits and how it will be tied into the Community Plan.

5.3

Interim CAO's Report

- Ongoing committee meetings have been attended and recorded
- Updating social media(Facebook) and electronic sign (sign is tripping the breaker)
- Small Halls set up tear down and lunch prepared for entertainers
- Bank deposits
- Liquor store purchases for weddings and small halls events
- Washing, drying, and folding all tablecloths and chair covers (at home)
- Ongoing organization of storage areas/library in building
- Meeting with Brent Bruce regarding repairs needed in the Community
- Working with Jason Diamond, Auditor, to find invoices, deposits, receipts
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- Preparing for Monthly Meeting
- Balancing Bar Float
- Greased swings at Grand Tracadie School, residents had phoned regarding the squeaking
- Greg has been a great help in doing things like set up for weddings
- Bar sign has been made and placed above the bar area
- Applied for funding under the rural Growth Community Revitalization Program
- Hired Mathew MacAulay as the summer student
- Changed the phone messages on both phone lines.

5.4 Mayor's report - Mayor Watts

Mayor Gerard Watts reported that the appointed CAO, Tammy Hunt, decided that this position was not for her after one day. There will be another interview on July 12, 2019 with another candidate.

Update on meeting with Parks regarding leasing some land for a well easement near the Stanhope School.

Update on meeting with lawyer, Perlene Morrison, to finalize the Enforcement Bylaw, which will be taken to the next meeting.

Stanhope Wharf: the bulk head will be installed today, a 20ft ramp will be installed with two floating docks sometime in August.

Kidsfit update. Cindy Smith will pay \$1400.00 rent per month.

Garbage / waste will be picked up on a weekly basis, previously once every two weeks.

Building Permits should be will be monitored by the CAO but councillors could work collectively to inform the CAO, inquire if a building permit has been issued. The Enforcement Officer position will be filled once the Enforcement Bylaw is in place.

Sustainability Committee will consist of Wade MacMillan, Rolin Andrews, Richard Ablett, Rob Moore and Tracey Allen with the addition of all council members.

It was duly moved and seconded to accept these names to the Sustainability Committee.

Moved by Councillor Wanson Hemphill and seconded by Councillor Krista Shaw.
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6. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 Mayor Gerard Watts discussed the Eagles Path Lane building issue. A lawyer sent out a letter regarding the issue to comply with the building permit Conditions.

1.2 MacMillan Point Resident issues related to Airbnb. A letter received from the MacMillan Point Homeowners Association and Rob Moore with regards to unruly renters, causing disruption to other residents, hitting golf balls into Covehead Bay, etc. This concern will be discussed further at the next meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Presentation by resident, Gary Paynter, a resident of Mac's landing. Mr Paynter has concerns over no enforcement of issued building permits. The amalgamation of Grand Tracadie and Pleasant Grove is now part of North Shore and his concern is that the Official Plan, Zoning laws and Municipal Act are not being enforced. Gary Paynter read the last page of the Municipal Plan. It reads "Bylaws will be enforced by an Enforcement Officer" , "Funds will be set aside in the annual Budget for an Enforcement Officer " these were discussed and Gary Paynter would like to see these items done in the near future.

Presentation by Fire Chief, Jason Blackman, updating the fire service within the Community. Proud and honored to wear the uniform and represent the North Shore Fire Dept.

Welcome to Lindsay Lambrock, from Halifax, to the fire family.

Recognition of milestones Craig Jones-5years service, Steve Robinson-10years service, Mitchell MacDonald-15 years of service and Daryl Lewis-20years service. 35 Training sessions attended and responded to 67 calls in the 2018 fiscal year. In 2018 they attended - 20 car accidents, 10 medical responder calls, 4 bush fires, 1 commercial fire alarms, 1 flue fire, 8 fire alarm calls, 1 carbon monoxide calls, 10 utility pole fires, 3 car fires, 2 sight/smell smoke calls, 4 water rescue , 3 structure fires and 3 false calls.

Attended several Community events to promote and show their pride in the Fire Dept. Santa Claus Parade, Murphy's Christmas, Santa at the Community Centre,

Canada Day, Remembrance Day, etc.

We will complete our vehicle replacement program in 2019 with a new tanker arriving in June. This will replace all 5 trucks since 1999.

In 2019 the North Shore Fire Dept will celebrate 40 years, this will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct 6, 2019 during Fire Prevention Week.

Chief Blackman acknowledged the fireman's spouses and family for invaluable support and understanding for the passion they have and the service they provide.

Currently have 29 members putting themselves at risk at each call.

Fire Department building and everything in it has been paid for.

7.2 Airbnb Discussion.

How does this fit into the Rural Municipality of North Shore Resident Plan and the impact it will have?

Councillor Krista Shaw said there is a \$1,000.00 Provincial Government fine for an operation not being registered.

It was agreed that more information was needed and that residents should be protected against AirBNB issues.

7.3 Resident Inquires to Councillors

Councillor Krista Shaw regarding the property on Cassess Road with abandon Vehicles - a letter will be sent about unsightly property.

The cliffs around MacMillan Point are eroding and silting up the Bay. Protection Barriers were mentioned, Wanson Hemphill said sometimes this is worse than no protection especially on the neighbouring properties. Resident concern will be redirected to the Watershed committee.

The flower bed on the promenade is overgrown and has been cleaned up.

The promenade land at the entrance of the Stanhope Golf Course, is owned by the Golf Course, and they cut their own grass but the Community does the trim work around the Gazebo. Councillor Krista Shaw mentioned that Lawns and Beyond and other companies could do the grass cutting and flower bed maintenance.

It was duly moved and seconded to tender the grass cutting and landscaping of The promenade, in its entirety, each year, to ensure the appropriate upkeep.

Moved by Councillor Krista Shaw and seconded by Councillor Derek Cook.

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Councillor Derek Cook noted that the hole at the end of the promenade has been repaired and residents are still inquiring about the widening of the Eastern Road, meeting with MLA to be arranged.

Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon would like to have the ballfield in Grand Tracadie sprayed for mosquitos. Cost would be \$ 300.00 for school and ball field property.

Mayor Gerard Watts mentioned the Wolf Property. It is suggested that a Bylaw be brought in where all commercial businesses to provide their own parking for their business customers.

7.4

Recreation Director Position was discussed and a job description will be drawn up and presented ASAP.

It was duly moved and seconded for the Recreation Committee to draft a recreation coordinator job description and once completed and approved it would be advertised. **Moved by** Councillor Krista Shaw and seconded by Councillor Bob Doyle.

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8. BYLAWS

8.1 Fees Bylaw # 2019-03 - Second Reading.

Discussion followed regarding long term use and the approval of these rental fees.

Offering Kidsfit different options in the fall was discussed.

It was duly moved and seconded that the Fees Bylaw be approved as read.

Moved by Councillor Wanson Hemphill, seconded by Councillor Derek Cook.

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9. NEXT MEETING: Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, 7pm
At Grand Tracadie School.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 pm

SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor

DATE:

SIGNED: Patsy MacKinnon, Interim Administrator

DATE: