

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – Rural Municipality of North Shore 6:30 pm, Wednesday December 12, 2023, North Shore Community Centre

PRESENT:

Mayor Gerard Watts

Deputy Mayor Nancy MacKinnon

Councilor Bob Doyle

Councilor Derek Cook

Councilor Peter McLaine

Councilor Robbie Moore

CAO Sarah Wheatley

Absent: Councilor Craig MacDonald

There was four members of the public present.

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order 6:30 pm by Mayor Gerard Watts

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was duly moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of two items: 6.5 Appointing committee chairs, 6.6 Letter to MLA re lights and speed bump.

Moved by Councillor McLaine; seconded by Councillor MacKinnon

All in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-12-141

2.1 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY (Financial) or other CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3 APPROVALS OF MINUTES

3.1 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 8, 2023 council meeting.

It was duly moved and seconded: that the minutes from the Regular Council meeting on November 8, 2023, meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by Councillor Cook; seconded by Councillor Doyle

All in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-12-142

3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

- Cass's Pond – Justin Walsh has been speaking with various Government Departments.

- Snow Removal: Eagle Trucking responsible for NSCC & Stanhope Place and HDN responsible for Grand Tracadie. Salting will be by request by Sarah (CAO).
- Rink liner was received, and Nancy MacKinnon will require volunteers to install.

4 Delegations, Speakers, and Public Input

There were no guest speakers.

5 REPORTS

5.1 CAO Report

Report as presented, with these items emphasized:

- Hired a Temp Contract worker for filing and records for a short time.

5.2 Finance and Infrastructure Report

- Grant included in original budget was not received (Wellness \$7,500).
- Revenue from activities at community center were higher than expected.
- We had not budgeted for donations, but made a couple, including the food pantry.
- Over on the mileage due to checking up on development issues.
- Office supplies are high due to changes with staff, computer requirements etc.
- Budget tracking component in Sage 50 (Simply Accounting) has not been implemented yet.
- Repairs/Maintenance is over budget due to Fiona related matters. Insurance claim will offset much of this.
- Spent 66% of budget to date and we are 67% of the way through our fiscal year.
- Income received 71% - on track.
- There are no grant programs that are applicable to provide funding assistance on any of our new hires. Grants for staff are mainly for young workers that are needing the experience or for people to qualify for E.I.

5.3 Planning Board Report

- Nancy reported new meetings will be held in January for approval of subdivisions/rezoning.
- Permit applications generally slow down in the winter months.

5.4 EMO Committee Report

Councillor Cook and members of the committee had to do some updating of EMO matters (minor details).

5.5 Recreation and Engagement Committee Report

Councillor Doyle cancelled the meeting due to the Rec/Events Coordinator position being vacant.

5.6 Bays, Environment & Water Committee Report

Inquiring for programs through Government to do some physical work in the Bay. Hoping to use Covehead Bay as a pilot program.

5.7 Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water Research Committee

There remains interest and committee needs direction moving forward.

It was duly moved and seconded: that all reports be approved.

Moved by Councillor Moore seconded by Councillor McLaine

All in favor
MOTION CARRIED
2023-12-143

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 RFD-23-041 EV Charger (Sarah)

After much inquiring and options Sarah recommends, we do this on our own by installing 2 ports and see how it is being used. We would charge for electricity.

It was duly moved and seconded: that all NSCC install EV chargers as recommended by CAO (option A)

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle.
All In Favor
MOTION CARRIED
2023-12-144

6.2 RFD-23-042 Climate Action Plan (CAO)

There was a meeting and survey completed. This document provides direction of where we want to go in future.

It was duly moved and seconded to approve the Climate Action Plan:

Moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Moore
All In Favor
MOTION CARRIED
2023-12-145

6.3 Lower cost development considerations (Councillor Doyle)

Councillor Doyle informed council of what Kinkora was considering regarding their subdivisions (**Mixed Density Housing**). Recommended to have on Planning Board meeting in January 2024 for discussion.

6.4 Rezoning Process (CAO)

Do we feel the process works presently for informing the public in adequate time frame or do we share more information before meetings on website. Adding information would be useful if that would improve efficiency.

6.5 Appointing Committee Chairs

We have received a request to change a chair of a committee, so we will be making the following changes:

- Councilor Doyle will step down as chair of Recreation.
- Councilor Cook accepted chair of Recreation, and stepped down as chair of EMO.
- Councilor McLaine accepted chair of EMO.

6.6 Letter to MLA re lights and speed bump (Bob)

Residents of Maggie Lane request streetlights and speed bump installed. This is a public street.

7 IN CAMERA SESSION: MGA – 119 Closed meetings.

Despite subsection 118(1), a council or council committee may, by resolution, close all or part of a meeting to the public, either in advance or at the meeting, where the matter to be discussed is, in relation to any of the following, confidential:

(d) human resource matters, including labour relations or employee negotiations.

(e) a matter still under consideration, on which the council has not yet publicly announced a decision, and about which discussion in public would likely prejudice a municipality’s ability to carry out its negotiations.

(f) The review of legal advice.

It was duly moved and seconded: to close the meeting to the public at 7:16 pm

Moved by Councillor Deputy Mayor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Doyle

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-12-146

It was duly moved and seconded: to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:02 pm.

Moved by Councillor cook, seconded by Councillor Moore

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-12-147

8 NEXT MEETING

Will be January 10 at 6:30pm in the North Shore Community Centre

9 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Moved by Councillor McLaine, seconded by Councillor Doyle

All in favor

MOTION CARRIED

2023-12-148

SIGNED: Gerard Watts, Mayor

DATE:

SIGNED: Sarah Wheatley, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: