

Town of Florenceville-Bristol
Regular Council Meeting
September 13, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Council: Mayor Karl Curtis, Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, Councillor David Trafford, Councillor Nancy Giggie, Councillor Dan Guest

Staff: Sarah Pacey, CAO/Clerk, Michelle Derrah, Administrative Services Manager/Assistant Clerk

REGRETS: Councillor Andy Saunders, Councillor Ryan Dickinson

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Karl Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the September 13, 2022 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #103-2022

PRESENTATIONS:

a. Fire Chief Update

The department attended 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 motor vehicle on fire, 2 mutual aid structure fires, 1 structure fire, 1 large tree on road, and 1 alarm call since the last Regular Council Meeting. The department continued its bi-weekly training and is completing a slope/rescue exercise at dusk tonight.

b. John Moulton, Shogomoc Railway Site

John Moulton did a presentation on why he feels the Town needs to open the Shogomoc Railway Museum again with a full-time curator, along with his desire to operate a restaurant in the first railcar if the museum were operational.

c. Florenceville Kin Club, Jody Foster

Jody Foster gave Council some information about their upcoming Annual District 7 Atlantic Fall Leadership Council meeting with approximately 100 delegates, which is being held in Florenceville-Bristol this year at the Amsterdam Inn. They are looking for some projects to do in Town as part of the event on Friday, October 29. Jody asked for the Town to have the Kin banners flying throughout the event. The Mayor said he was looking forward to attending the banquet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the August 10, 2022 Town Council Minutes as distributed. Moved by Councillor David Trafford, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #104-2022

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:a. Municipal Reform

- CAO and staff continued to meet with the Transition Facilitator to draft a combined 2022 budget, and are now working on the 2023 budget.
- A software program is being developed by the province that will be made available on the Elections NB website at <https://www.electionsnb.ca> so residents can type in their address to find out their ward. Maps are also being worked on by the province.

b. Regional Service Commission (RSC) Reform

- The RSC has drafted their 2023 budget.
- The 2023 budget increased \$1.6 million from \$3.1 million to \$4.7 million, which includes the new mandated services.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

MOTION: To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for September 2022 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$8,989.00 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$178.10 for a total of \$9,167.10. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #105-2022

MOTION: To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for September 2022 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$870,481.39 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$571,460.43 for a total of \$1,441,941.82. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #106-2022

CORRESPONDENCE:a. Dog Report

There were no calls for Dog Control in August. The Animal Control Officer has been unable to locate the dogs following last month's complaint of the two dogs who ran at a resident's seeing eye dog, causing it to be distracted and unable to assist its owner. They visited the suspected home of the dogs, but their dogs did not match the description.

b. Hayward House Recovery Centre

A letter was read from Hayward House asking for a donation to their silent auction and monetary donations to fund their Christmas initiatives. Staff will provide some items for the silent auction.

c. Mark it Red for Dyslexia

A letter was read from Decoding Dyslexia New Brunswick requesting the Town spotlight one of its buildings red for at least one day during October 15-22 to bring awareness to kids with dyslexia.

MOTION: To light the Andrew & Laura McCain Library and Art Gallery with a red spotlight for at least one day during the week of October 15-22 to bring awareness to kids with dyslexia. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #107-2022

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

Attended the Andrew & Laura McCain Gallery (ALMAG) opening of Shared Shots: A Community Photography Show and Miniature World by Sara Brinkhurst on September 3. Attended the Andrew & Laura McCain Library Board Meeting on September 8. Helped cook breakfast at the Buttermilk Creek Fall Festival on September 10. Attended the CVARTS opening show Old Man Luedecke on September 10. ALMAG's pARTticipate Art Festival will run September 30 - October 2 with 15 workshops.

Councillor Ryan Dickinson:

Nothing to report.

Councillor David Trafford:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Nancy Giggie:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Andy Saunders:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan Guest:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Karl Curtis:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Planning & Development Grant, Florenceville Ag

Council reviewed an application received from Florenceville Ag. The grant pays 85% of the approved grant when the project is 50% complete, and pays the balance based on the actual property assessment increase after completion.

MOTION: To approve a \$32,000 Planning & Development Grant for Florenceville Ag Ltd. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #108-2022

b. Sponsorship Grant

Council had approved a Sponsorship Grant for McKencroft Productions to apply to CNCF for \$8,000 at the June meeting. That application was approved for \$4,000, so they still have a shortfall in addition to an anticipated 6% cost overrun. Therefore, they would like to apply for Community Involvement Funding (CIF) through the Province for \$5,000 and are asking Council to sponsor their application. Council would not be directly contributing financially to McKencroft, but the Town would be applying directly for CIF on McKencroft's behalf and transferring any approved funds to them accordingly.

MOTION: To sponsor McKencroft Productions' application to the provincial Community Involvement Funding for \$5,000. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #109-2022

c. Street Sign Request

Councillor Ryan Dickinson received concerns from a resident on Dyer Street that a Dead End sign was needed at the beginning of Dyer Street.

MOTION: To add a Dead End street sign to the existing post at the beginning of Dyer Street. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #110-2022

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 7:45pm. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Nancy Giggle.

CARRIED. #111-2022

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 11, 2022

MAYOR

CLERK

CLOSED MEETING:

Section 68 (1) (c) of the Local Governance Act: Information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract.

Section 68 (1) (e) of the Local Governance Act: Information that could violate the confidentiality of information obtained from the Government of Canada or from the government of a province or territory.

MAYOR

CLERK