

Town of Florenceville-Bristol
Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2021 @ 7:00pm

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

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

REGRETS: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Karl Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of the March 9, 2021 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #021-2021

PRESENTATIONS:

a. Fire Chief Update

The department attended 2 structure fires and 5 motor vehicle accident calls since the February Council Meeting. The department is currently completing member annual evaluations. The department has 5 members scheduled to take their Level 1 firefighting training this spring and they will continue with their bi-weekly training now that we are in the Yellow Phase of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

b. Florenceville Kin Club

Jody Foster from the Florenceville Kin Club did his annual presentation to Council of the projects they have completed over the past year. The Kinsmen 100-year anniversary was not what they had hope nor was their fundraising due to the pandemic. They received a federal government grant for seniors which allowed them to deliver 100 meals every Saturday since last September. In total the program will have run for 31 weeks with additional assistance from some generous local donors at a cost of about \$1,000 a week. They have been partnering with the Rotary Club, the Florenceville Legion and local Fire Departments along with volunteers to deliver the senior meal program. The Kin Club has grown by 4 members this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Ratify approval of the February 9, 2021 Town Council Minutes as distributed. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #022-2021

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to add to the minutes.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

MOTION: To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for March 2021 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$2,669.87 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$1,229.48 for a total of \$3,899.35. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #023-2021

MOTION: To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for March 2021 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$204,322.61 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$150,532.23 for a total of \$354,854.84. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #024-2021

CORRESPONDENCE:a. Village of Centreville

The Village of Centreville asked Council to consider an additional contribution to the Western Valley Multiplex. The Town had previously given a one-time \$10,000 donation during the Village's pledge drive. The Village contributed \$90,000 over 10 years when the Northern Carleton Civic Centre (NCCC) was built. Council acknowledged it is important for neighbouring municipalities to support one another's projects, especially when each other's residents will benefit from the project.

MOTION: To commit \$20,000 to the Western Valley Multiplex in 2021 in addition to the \$10,000 donated in 2019 and then donate \$10,000 annually for 7 additional years, for a total donation of \$100,000. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #025-2021

b. ALMAG

The Andrew and Laura McCain Art Gallery (ALMAG) is asking for \$9,000 to contribute to a \$18,000 piece of public art by Colin Smith to be installed outside the River Arts Centre.

MOTION: To contribute \$9,000 to ALMAG for the commissioning of a piece of public art by Colin Smith. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #026-2021

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:Councillor David Trafford:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan Guest:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Elizabeth Campbell:

The Andrew and Laura McCain Library Board would like to appoint David Hunter as a library board member.

MOTION: To appoint David Hunter to the Andrew and Laura McCain Library Board. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #027-2021

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan McCarthy:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Karl Curtis:

Attended a funding announcement March 5 at which time the Town received \$5.5 million in funding from the federal government for a Recreation Facility addition. He thanked the Federal government, McCain Foundation and McCain family for their generous contributions to this project.

NEW BUSINESS:a. Old Florenceville Bridge

Mayor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Whyte-McCauley, and CAO Pacey attended a video conference February 24 with Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Jill Green, MLA Margaret Johnson as well as representatives from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) regarding the Old Florenceville Bridge. The Province indicated the preliminary cost estimate to refurbish the bridge is somewhere between \$10 and \$20 million and they do not have this in their capital budget. Town officials insisted the bridge is a vital part of our community and it needs to be put back into service. DTI told the Town the bridge had lots of life left in it when they had the Town contribute nearly \$415,000 to install the bailey bridge due to the Jim Davis Drive culvert wash-out in 2016. The Province is going to check on some alternate solutions and get back to us. A follow-up meeting took place March 3 with the MLA, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor McCarthy, and CAO. It was determined the MLA and Town will research funding options, including federal funding streams. Concerns were raised by Town officials that the Province has not been providing funding for any projects, such as the Designated Highways, Recreation Facility Addition, and now with the bridge repairs. The MLA is going to request the scope of work from DTI, so the Town can explore a second opinion on the solution and costing. The Town has been in contact with Kellie Blue-McQuade of the Association Heritage NB and covered bridge expert Dan Tingley of Wood Research and Development, who are supporting our efforts.

b. Sewer Debenture Renewal

The Town entered into a 30-year debenture in 2011 that renews every 10 years for the Centreville Road sewer extension, which is up for renewal.

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk and/or Treasurer and/or Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of Florenceville-Bristol debenture in the principal amount of \$424,000 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, and BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Florenceville-Bristol agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #028-2021

c. Remuneration of The Mayor and The Councillors By-Law No. 2

The HR Committee reviewed the by-law, and determined Mayor and Council's compensation is similar to other municipalities of the same size. The Committee presented a recommendation to Council to amend the by-law to remove the 2% annual cost of living increase and add clarity that the review of remuneration should take place in the year prior to an election, as opposed to one year prior to an election.

MOTION: To proceed with the first reading by summary for the proposed amendment to By-Law No. 2, A By-law respecting the Composition of the Council and Remuneration of The Mayor and The Councillors. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #029-2021

The first reading by summary was completed.

MOTION: To proceed with the second reading by title for the proposed amendment to By-Law No. 2, A By-law respecting the Composition of the Council and Remuneration of The Mayor and The Councillors. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #030-2021

The second reading by title was completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Municipal Plan Amendment 12A-1, 11 Centennial Crescent

MOTION: To enact by third and final reading by title for the proposed amendment 12A-1 to By-law No. 12A, A By-law to Adopt the Town of Florenceville-Bristol Municipal Plan. Moved by Councillor David Trafford, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #031-2021

Third and final reading by title, Amendment No. 12A-1 to By-law No. 12A, A By-law to Adopt the Town of Florenceville-Bristol Municipal Plan.

b. Zoning By-Law Amendment 13B-1, 11 Centennial Crescent

MOTION: To enact by third and final reading by title for the proposed amendment 13B-1 to By-law No. 13B, A By-law to Adopt the Town of Florenceville-Bristol Zoning By-law. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #032-2021

Third and final reading by title, Amendment No. 13B-1 to By-law No. 13B, A By-law to Adopt the Town of Florenceville-Bristol Zoning By-law.

c. Rent Relief for Railcars

Council had previously agreed to waive the Fresh and Shamrock Train Inn rent to the end of February 2021 and review again in March.

MOTION: To start billing 25% of the monthly rent to Fresh and Shamrock Train Inn beginning in April 2021 and revisit again at the June Council Meeting. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #033-2021

d. Peddlers on Town Property

At the September 2020 meeting, Council denied permission for peddlers to set up on Town property until April 2021, as the local businesses needed time to heal. We have received a request from a peddler looking to set up at Riverside Park the week of April 19.

MOTION: To continue to deny peddlers permission to set up on Town owned property until local businesses can open at full capacity. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #034-2021

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 8:12pm. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #035-2021

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 13, 2021

MAYOR

CLERK

CLOSED MEETING:

Reason for the Closed Session:

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) (d) of the Local Governance Act: The proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land.

Section 68 (1) (j) of the Local Governance Act: Labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.

MAYOR

CLERK