

Town of Florenceville-Bristol
Regular Council Meeting
October 13, 2020 @ 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 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of the October 13, 2020 Town Council Agenda with the presentation from Kristi Schriver removed as she was unable to attend. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #129-2020

PRESENTATIONS:

a. Fire Chief, Andrew Cougle

The department attended one mutual aid structure fire, three motor vehicle accidents, one slope rescue, two calls of tree downs on power lines, one car fire, and one flue fire since the September Council Meeting. The department had a three-hour interior search and rescue training at the Northern Carleton Civic Centre that was very beneficial to members.

b. Public Art Presentation – James Buxton

Carver James Buxton presented his bird carving that was installed in Council Chambers, and gave some background on it.

c. Eclipse Project Update – David Hunter

David Hunter updated Council on his proposal that he will be submitting to UNB's Engineering Department to request their assistance with the balloon portion of the 2024 Solar Eclipse event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Ratify approval of the September 8, 2020 Town Council Minutes as distributed. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #130-2020

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to add to the minutes.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

MOTION: To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for September 2020 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$2,796.05 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$6,183.78 for a total of \$8,979.83. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #131-2020

MOTION: To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for September 2020 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$151,116.27 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$255,013.13 for a total of \$406,129.40. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #132-2020

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Dog Report

NBSPCA received no calls in September.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Councillor David Trafford:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan Guest:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Elizabeth Campbell:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Karl Curtis:

The Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) Annual General Meeting occurred on October 4, 2020. Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform, Daniel Allain, greeted local leaders and talked about his new role and plans to tackle local governance reform. The new resolutions that were passed at the AGM include support for NB land-based natural resource industries; safe restart negotiations; universal affordable high-speed internet access in New Brunswick; and a machinery tax resolution. More details of these resolutions can be found at <https://umnbc.ca/resolutions/>. Adopted resolutions form the basis of UMNB's advocacy priorities.

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

Tristan Horncastle had to postpone his CVArts show until October 15. CVArts also has a performance by Saltwater Songs scheduled for November 21. The Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery is presenting Art of the Book 2018, an international juried exhibition of book arts, from October 17 to November 14, 2020. The annual Small Works Exhibition will run from November 21 to December 19.

Councillor Dan McCarthy:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Halloween

The province has provided guidelines to allow safe Trick-or-Treating.

MOTION: To allow Trick-or-Treating in Town pursuant to the province's guidelines. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #133-2020

b. WVRSC Proposed Budget

Council reviewed the draft budget as presented by the Western Valley Regional Service Commission (WVRSC).

MOTION: To approve the WVRSC budget as presented. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell. Councillor Dan McCarthy voted against the motion.

CARRIED. #134-2020

OLD BUSINESS:

a. COVID-19 Infrastructure and Program Decisions

Council reviewed opening the Community Hall for rentals and decided to leave it closed at this time.

b. Rent Relief at Shamrock Train Inn and Fresh

Council would like to discuss further in a closed session, since it is an issue that could cause financial gain or loss.

c. Sale of 2000 Fire Pumper Truck

There were no offers near the appraised value of \$25,000-35,000, but one offer came in at \$20,000. It was for a small volunteer fire department in New Brunswick that has a very limited funds and aging equipment.

MOTION: To ratify the sale of the 2000 Fire Pumper Truck to the Province for the Lawrence Station Fire Department for \$20,000 plus HST. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #135-2020

d. Valley Outdoor Centre Sponsorship Grant

The Valley Outdoor Centre (VOC) applied for a Sponsorship Grant to allow people to donate to the VOC through the Town and receive a charitable donation receipt.

MOTION: To approve the Valley Outdoor Centre's sponsorship grant application. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #136-2020

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 8:14pm. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #137-2020

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

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.

MAYOR

CLERK