

Town of Florenceville-Bristol
Regular Council Meeting
April 14, 2020 @ 7:00pm

DUE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY, ATTENDANCE WAS VIA TELECONFERENCE:

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

Media: Doug Dickinson, The Bugle-Observer

REGRETS: None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mayor Curtis acknowledged the new format needed for today's Council meeting during the Provincial State of Emergency, so the Town can continue to conduct business. Any member of Council who speaks will identify themselves before speaking, including when motions are moved and seconded.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of the April 14, 2020 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #045-2020

PRESENTATIONS:

a. Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law Public Hearing

Due to the Provincial State of Emergency and guidance from the Department of Environment and Local Government, Council wants to ensure the public has been engaged and has any opinions heard. There is concern the Town Office closure and conducting the Council meeting via teleconference is not ideal to ensure they are heard.

MOTION: To postpone the Public Hearing for the proposed Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law amendments until Council are comfortable the process can meet the intent of a Public Hearing. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #046-2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Ratify approval of the March 10, 2020 Town Council Minutes as distributed. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #047-2020

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to add to the minutes.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

MOTION: To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for April 2020 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$1,998.51 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$140.27 for a total of \$2,138.78. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #048-2020

MOTION: To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for April 2020 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$471,381.53 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$183,642.54 for a total of \$655,024.07. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy and seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #049-2020

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Dog Report

Council reviewed the Dog Report for March 2020.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Councillor David Trafford:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan Guest:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Elizabeth Campbell:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Karl Curtis:

Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

ALMAG's Guess Who's Coming to Dinner has been cancelled this year due to the Provincial State of Emergency. The ALMAG and River Arts Centre are both closed to the public, and all scheduled workshops have been cancelled. All CVArts performances are also canceled.

Councillor Dan McCarthy:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2019 Audited Financial Statements

A review of the Town's 2019 Audited Financial Statements provided by Oulton Parkinson Walker Derrah showed that the General Operating Fund had a surplus for 2019 of \$11,397 and the Utility Operating Fund showed a surplus for 2019 of \$2,047.

MOTION: To adopt the 2019 Audited Financial Statements as presented. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #050-2020

b. Appointment of Auditor for 2020

MOTION: To appoint Oulton Parkinson Walker Derrah as the 2020 Town auditors. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #051-2020

c. School Street Speed Bumps

Council reviewed a report from WSP, which outlined advantages and disadvantages of installing speed bumps on School Street. At this time, WSP does not recommend installing new speed bumps as they believe they have little impact if any.

MOTION: Not to proceed with the installation of speed bumps on School Street. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #052-2020

OLD BUSINESS:**a. Hume Road Sewer Main Extension Request**

Council reviewed an estimated cost from engineers, WSP, to extend the Town sewer to Hume Road. They estimate the project will cost \$1,300,000 plus HST, plus engineering fees. There are approximately 12 homes plus an apartment building on Hume Road. This translates into a cost of \$100,000 per building that would be hooked up.

MOTION: Not to proceed with the sewer extension to Hume Road due to the significant cost per household. Moved by Councillor David Trafford, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #053-2020

b. Proposed Art Gallery Sign

The Andrew and Laura McCain Art Gallery (ALMAG) had previously asked Council for permission to have two permanent anodized aluminum signs made to replace two of the banner spots on nearby lamp posts. Council had agreed, but wanted to approve the final design. Council reviewed two designs proposed by ALMAG.

MOTION: To approve both designs as presented by ALMAG for insertion onto the two previously approved lamp posts. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #054-2020

c. 2024 Solar Eclipse Speaker

David Hunter presented at the last Council meeting an idea for an event to celebrate the 2024 Solar Eclipse that will be directly passing over our Town. He proposed a speaker with the caliber of Chris Hadfield would draw a big crowd to the event, helping to offset the higher cost. He suggested other speakers at a lower cost, but noted they would not bring the people that Mr. Hadfield would.

MOTION: To secure Chris Hadfield as a speaker for the 2024 Solar Eclipse event by paying the deposit of \$25,000 plus HST. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #055-2020

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #056-2020

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 12, 2020

MAYOR

CLERK