

Town of Florenceville-Bristol
Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 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

Media: Doug Dickinson, The Bugle-Observer

REGRETS: None

As an additional safety measure, the January 12 Council meeting was moved to a virtual meeting due to an increased number of COVID-19 cases and hot spots in our community.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Karl Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of the January 12, 2021 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #001-2021

PRESENTATIONS:

a. Fire Chief, Andrew Cogle

The department attended 2 structure fires, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 tractor/trailer fire, 1 rubbish fire, and 3 alarm calls since the December Council Meeting.

b. Gordon Hunter – Old Florenceville Bridge

Gordon Hunter addressed Mayor and Council with his concerns if the province decided not to reopen the Old Florenceville Bridge. His view is that any decision about the bridge must be made by the elected members of the Provincial Government and not employees of the Department. The Old Florenceville Bridge is in the very same location as when it was opened in 1886, and like all such structures, there have been numerous changes and improvements over that 134-year period. He gave Council copies of items which appeared in the County Newspapers in 1886 and 1911, which stress the fact that it was our community leaders and our members of the Legislature, who caused the Bridge to be built and upgraded over time. He ended by outlining that it is his view that there is only one decision that must be made and that is, that steps are going to be taken to repair the bridge immediately.

Council advised staff has been working with DTI's District Engineer and MLA Margaret Johnson to ensure our concerns are heard. They have advised downtime is anticipated to be 2-3 months, and there is another meeting within the provincial government in the coming weeks to review options. We have let them know we would like to be involved in the decision-making process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Ratify approval of the December 15, 2020 Town Council Minutes as distributed. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #002-2021

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nothing to add to the minutes.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

MOTION: To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for December 2020 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$2,173.47 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$183.84 for a total of \$2,357.31. Moved by Councillor Dan McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #003-2021

MOTION: To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for December 2020 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$230,081.84 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$37,547.44 for a total of \$267,629.28. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #004-2021

CORRESPONDENCE:

NBSPCA received no calls in December for their Dog Report.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Councillor David Trafford:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan Guest:

Attended Finance Committee meeting this month.

Councillor Elizabeth Campbell:

Nothing to report.

Mayor Karl Curtis:

Attended an HR Committee meeting this month and also have a meeting with Daniel Alain, Minister of Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform on January 13 and a meeting with the Department of Justice and Public Safety on January 20.

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

Attended Finance Committee and HR Committee meetings this month.

Councillor Dan McCarthy:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Community Grant Applications

Council reviewed recommendations from the Finance Committee on Community Grant applications.

MOTION: To approve a Community Grant of \$5,000 for Florenceville Curling Club to help cover winter costs while they are not able to operate. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #005-2021

MOTION: To approve a Community Grant of \$20,000 for Andrew and Laura McCain Art Gallery for program funding. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #006-2021

MOTION: To approve a Community Grant of \$10,000 for New Brunswick Potato Museum for planning consulting. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell.

CARRIED. #007-2021

MOTION: To approve a Community Grant of \$1,500 ice rental credit, plus an \$80 per Town player subsidy to the Carleton Minor Hockey Association. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #008-2021

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 7:41pm. Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dan McCarthy.

CARRIED. #009-2021

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 9, 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) (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.

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

MAYOR

CLERK