

Town of Florenceville-Bristol
Regular Council Meeting
June 14, 2022 @ 7:00pm

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

Staff: Michelle Derrah, Administrative Services Manager/Assistant Clerk

REGRETS: Sarah Pacey, CAO/Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the June 14, 2022 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #071-2022

PRESENTATIONS:

a. Fire Chief Update

The department attended 1 mud slide, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 3 structure fire calls, 3 alarm calls, 1 forest fire, and 1 scrap vehicles fire since the last Regular Council Meeting. The department continued its bi-weekly training, including attending Hazmat training in Hartland. Four members trained in the mobile burn unit in Hartland along with the Bath Fire Department. Two cadets took and passed their Level 1 certification. The Department is working on recruitment and had a display at the Town's Job Fair last week.

b. River Valley Toastmasters

VP Education, Marion Taylor, gave Council a brief overview of the club. She thanked Council for the use of the Community Hall for the club's meetings every other Tuesday. Toastmasters helps develop skills to enhance career opportunities, personal relationships and networking skills. She offered Council and Town Staff two 6-month memberships to Toastmasters as a Thank you for allowing them to use the Community Hall at no charge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CARRIED. #072-2022

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a. Municipal Reform

Over half of respondents voted for Carleton North for the community name, and District was chosen by the Advisory Committee for the descriptor. Therefore, the District of Carleton North was submitted to the province, and has been approved. Florenceville-Bristol, Bath and Centreville Administrators met with the province's Transition Facilitator to discuss the budget process.

b. Regional Service Commission (RSC) Reform

A reply to the Town's request to delay the RSC Reform by one year was received from Minister Daniel Allain. He declined our request. The Working Group met to discuss regional tourism promotion and local opportunities for the delivery of this new mandated service. The Western Valley RSC Board directed the Senior Staff and the Transition Facilitator to engage with Ignite to develop a mutually acceptable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on regional economic development services as well as to direct the Senior Staff and the Transition Facilitator to engage with the Working Group and Advisory Committee to develop a local delivery model for the provision of regional tourism promotion.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

MOTION: To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for June 2022 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$11,320.61 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$1,087.06 for a total of \$12,407.67. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #073-2022

MOTION: To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for June 2022 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$240,531.27 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$251,333.27 for a total of \$491,864.54. Moved by Councillor David Trafford, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #074-2022

CORRESPONDENCE:**a. Dog Report**

There were no calls in May.

b. Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)

Formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, Minister Daniel Allain confirmed the Town of Florenceville-Bristol's Canada Community Building Fund allocation for 2022 is \$115,556. This fund was previously known as the Gas Tax Fund.

c. Refuge for Ukrainian Families

A letter was read from Joy Lockhart asking Council if our community could provide a refuge for Ukrainian families. She outlined a number of ways to help, such as bringing in more than one family so they do not feel isolated, find housing or families who could provide accommodations until something long-term is available, seek advice from other communities who are doing it, see if churches could play a role, see what businesses have employment needs, and determine how their financial needs could be met. Council asked staff to reach out to neighbouring municipalities in the River Valley to see what they are doing.

d. Flowering Crab Trees

A letter was read from resident Jennifer Stead asking Council to extend the Beautification Grant to encourage residents to plant flowering crab trees, so our community becomes the Washington of the Upper Saint John River Valley. Some Councillors raised concerns about the mess they create, but agreed they are beautiful for a brief time in the Spring. Since it would already be something covered by the Beautification Grant, they thought it would be a great idea for Jennifer Stead to promote to those who may be interested in adding them to their own property as long as it does not create additional clean-up for Town Maintenance staff.

e. Provincial Reply to Request to Delay RSC Reform

A letter was read from Minister Daniel Allain advising although timelines are short, they are confident they will be met. 2023 will be an adjustment period for RSCs, giving them the opportunity to refine some of the details surrounding their new mandates with engagement of their members and representatives, particularly during the development of their respective regional strategies.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

Attended an AGM and Board meeting at the Library. A new board member was added to the Library and remaining board members were renewed.

MOTION: To appoint Theresa Adams to the Andrew and Laura McCain Library Board. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #075-2022

Deputy Mayor Whyte-McCauley helped with the Library's book sale, and thanked Council for the use of the Community Hall to host it as well as Town staff's assistance in transporting the books. She attended an eclipse meeting for the 2024 Total Eclipse, as well as a Gallery meeting, retirement recognition dinner for Firefighters Gordon and Karen Phippen, and a joint ALMAG and Library meeting to discuss building needs. The Gallery is hosting an exhibit called Printers Inc. until July 9.

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. River Bend Balloon Fest

The Village of Bath asked Council for a donation to their 2022 River Bend Balloon Fest.

MOTION: To donate \$2,500 to the Village of Bath for their 2022 River Bend Balloon Fest. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #076-2022

b. McKencroft Productions Sponsorship Grant Application

A Sponsorship Community Grant application was received from McKencroft Productions so they could apply to the Carleton North Community Foundation (CNCF) for funding to assist with their musical Rough Notes, which will be presented at Second Wind Music Centre. To date, the project

has received \$20,000 of funding from the Canadian Council for Arts, and they would like to apply to CNCF for the remaining \$8,000. Council would not be directly contributing financially to McKencroft, but we would be applying directly to CNCF on McKencroft's behalf and transferring any approved funds to them accordingly.

MOTION: To sponsor McKencroft Productions' application to the Carleton North Community Foundation for \$8,000. Moved by Councillor Andy Saunders, seconded by Councillor Ryan Dickinson.

CARRIED. #077-2022

c. Maple Street Sign Request

A Street Sign Request Form was received from Mary and Larry Nelson, asking the Town to add a sign at the beginning of Maple Street indicating No Thru Traffic, due to a number of vehicles coming into their yard to turn around.

MOTION: To add a No Thru Traffic street sign to the chain link fence at the beginning of the residential entrance of Maple Street. Moved by Councillor Andy Saunders. seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #078-2022

d. 2021 Annual Report

Council reviewed the draft 2021 Annual Report, which will be posted on the Town's website as required by provincial regulation.

MOTION: To approve the 2021 Annual Report as presented. Moved by Councillor Andy Saunders, seconded by Councillor David Trafford.

CARRIED. #079-2022

e. Northern Carleton Civic Centre Seating

Council reviewed a quote from Creative Sports Solutions to replace 30 bleacher seats at a cost of \$15,500 plus HST. They are the only supplier for seating like what is in the NCCC.

MOTION: To replace 30 bleacher seats at the NCCC at a cost of \$15,500 plus HST from Creative Sports Solutions. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #080-2022

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Nightingale Developments

Council reviewed the agreement for Nightingale Developments, which required 6 buildings to be completed by June 2021 in exchange for the sewer main installation and street paving. The principal of Nightingale Developments advised that due to the steep increase in price of lumber and other building materials, building the last duplex is cost-prohibitive in 2021, and they are facing the same issue in 2022 in addition to a shortage of trades people.

MOTION: To charge the \$4,500 penalty to Nightingale Developments for 2022 unless the construction of the final building has begun and is closed in by October 1, 2022. Moved by Councillor Ryan Dickinson, seconded by Councillor Andy Saunders.

CARRIED. #081-2022

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 8:06pm. Moved by Councillor Ryan Dickinson, seconded by Councillor Andy Saunders.

CARRIED. #082-2022

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 12, 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.

MAYOR

CLERK