

**Town of Florenceville-Bristol**  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm

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

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor David Trafford

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** To approve the February 8, 2022 Town Council Agenda. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #010-2022

**PRESENTATIONS:**

a. Fire Chief Update

The department attended 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 alarm calls, 1 mutual aid fire, and 1 structure fire since the last Council Meeting. The department has not been doing their bi-weekly training and equipment checks as the Fire Marshal's Office is not recommending non-essential duties currently due to Covid concerns. The second phase of the Training Centre was completed Saturday.

b. Rotary, Western Valley Faces of Business

Rotarians Carol Brennan and Tony Trafford explained a new project to Council that the Rotary Clubs of Florenceville, Woodstock and Perth-Andover will be collaborating on. They will be publishing the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Western Valley Faces of Businesses featuring businesses from Plaster Rock to Woodstock for distribution in the fall 2022. The purpose of the publication is to promote the businesses in the Western Valley area and showcase their employees. Funds raised through this project will support many Rotary projects in the region. This book will be distributed through the River Valley Sun.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** To ratify approval of the January 18, 2022 Town Council Minutes as distributed. Moved by Councillor Andy Saunders, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley.

CARRIED. #011-2022

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Nothing to add to the minutes.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

**MOTION:** To accept the Utility Operating Fund Financial Reports for February 2022 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$3,904.74 and approve unpaid bills in the amount of \$1,551.74 for a total of \$5,456.48. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest.

CARRIED. #012-2022

**MOTION:** To accept the General Operating Fund Financial Reports for February 2022 as presented and ratify paid bills in the amount of \$270,226.84 and approve payment of unpaid bills in the amount of \$180,331.75 for a total of \$450,558.59. Moved by Councillor Andy Saunders and seconded by Councillor Ryan Dickinson.

CARRIED. #013-2022

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

a. Dog Report

There were no calls for Animal Control in January.

b. Jeff Kelly request for Bike Lanes

An email from resident Jeff Kelly was read where he expressed his concerns of the dangers of cycling on Main Street without a bike lane.

Mayor Curtis noted that we are working on applying for funding for a Multi-Use Path that would go from one end of Town to the other, in conjunction with the NB Trail. Some details of this plan are going to be released in a few weeks in our March newsletter, so the public will be more aware of it. If we are successful with our funding application, this would be a solution for cyclists instead of narrowing the existing paved roadway portion of Main Street.

c. Municipal Reform Letters

Three letters were received from Acting Deputy Minister Ryan Donaghy from the Department of Local Government and Local Governance Reform:

- 1) The province has assigned Don Fitzgerald as the Transition Facilitator for Entity 76. He will be working existing Mayors, municipal administrators, and LSD representatives to determine boundaries, develop best practices for new councils, determine the new legal name and type of local government.
- 2) The Transition Facilitator for Regional Service Commission (RSC) 12 will be Maurice Robichaud. He will be working with RSC12 to expand the role and mandate of the commission such as economic and community development, regional tourism promotion, regional transportation and cost-sharing on recreational facilities.
- 3) Upcoming milestones were outlined. The outer boundaries of the new entities will be identified and finalized by February 4. It will be determined whether the new entities would be comprised of wards, at-large councillors or a hybrid model by February 11. The number of wards will be determined by February 11.

d. Day of Black Loyalist Exodus Proclamation Request

A request was received from Auburn Drive High School in Dartmouth, NS to proclaim January 15, 2022 Day of Black Loyalist Exodus. Since the request was received after the requested proclamation date, Council did not make the proclamation, but appreciated the historical information provided by the school.

e. BigRock Mountain Chairlift Capital Campaign

BigRock Mountain are asking for financial support for Big Rock Mountain's new Chairlift in Mars Hill, ME.

**MOTION:** To sponsor \$1,000 USD to BigRock Mountain's Chairlift Capital Campaign. Moved by Councillor Ryan Dickinson, seconded by Councillor Dan Guest. Councillor Andy Saunders voted nay.

CARRIED. #014-2022

f. Carleton North's Hockey Development Course

Tim McCarthy is a Florenceville-Bristol resident, teacher and VP of the Carleton Minor Hockey Association. He has received approval from the province for a Hockey Development course at Carleton North High School. He is asking Council to consider a fair rate for use of the ice three days a week to be able to offer this class to students.

**MOTION:** To offer a reduced ice rental fee of \$1,000 for Carleton North High School's Hockey Development Course from 8-9am for approximately 40 hours between September 2022 and January 2023. Moved by Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley, seconded by Councillor Andy Saunders.

CARRIED. #015-2022

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley:

Attended the Andrew & Laura McCain Gallery Board Meeting as well as two HR Committee meetings. Took part in two virtual meetings on our Quest Smart Energy Accelerator Community (QSEC) Energy Plan Implementation. Part 1 included two exercises focused on Governance and Implementation Strategies and Part 2 focused on Communications and Stakeholder Engagement, and tracking Data/Key Performance Indicators.

Councillor Nancy Giggie:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Andy Saunders:

The Recreation Department worked with the Carleton North Stars (CNS) to determine a way to honour their Coach Matthew Tweedie, who they recently lost in a tragic accident. The ceremony is being held at the CNS game at the NCCC on February 9, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Councillor David Trafford:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Dan Guest:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Ryan Dickinson:

Attended two HR Committee meetings as well as the two virtual meetings on our Quest Smart Energy Accelerator Community (QSEC) Energy Plan Implementation. Attended a virtual meeting hosted by the WVRSC on the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP). This meeting was attended by region MLA's, Mayors, LSD reps, Fire Departments, Public Safety, and other Provincial Departments. The CMNCP outlined the importance of creating a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan and the importance of having various levels of government and departments along with organizations involved in developing it and completing the work.

**Mayor Karl Curtis:**

Attended three Municipal Reform meetings as well as two HR Committee meetings. Attended a virtual meeting hosted by the WVRSC on the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Curling Club Snow Plowing Costs**

The Town agreed to pay for snow removal costs for the Florenceville Curling Club starting in 2017 for the duration of that Council's term, which ended in May 2021. The cost is around \$920 per year.

**MOTION:** To pay for the cost of snow removal for the Florenceville Curling Club in 2022. Moved by Councillor Andy Saunders, seconded by Councillor Ryan Dickinson.

**CARRIED. #016-2022**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Canteen Rent Relief**

Council determined at the January meeting that rent would continue to be waived for the month of February, and revisit again to determine if there should be any adjustment for March.

**MOTION:** To waive the March rent for The Bread Rack Canteen at the NCCC. Moved by Councillor Andy Saunders, seconded by Councillor Nancy Giggie.

**CARRIED. #017-2022**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned to a closed session at 7:53pm. Moved by Councillor Dan Guest, seconded by Councillor Nancy Giggie.

**CARRIED. #018-2022**

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 8, 2022

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**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.

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.

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