

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting

March 23, 2020 @ 7pm

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Mayor Arthur Slipp, Deputy Mayor Amy Anderson, Councillor George Leonard, Councillor Bill Hogan, Councillor Theresa Blackburn, Councillor Jeff Bradbury, Councillor Catherine Sutherland

Staff: CAO Ken Anthony, DAS Ann Marie Voutour

Media: Bugle Observer, Rivervalley Sun

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Slipp welcomed those in attendance and commented on community events.

Mayor acknowledge the challenging times we are facing and thanked the public and community for their cooperation with the Province under the direction of the Chief Medical Officer. Thanks to Municipal Staff for ensuring all essential functions are being looked after.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of agenda. Councillor Leonard , Councillor Bradbury .

Carried. #066-2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2020, as distributed. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury .

Carried. #067-2020

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

CAO hasn't spoken with Madison Keilty but will do so this week.

DocuPet will be on the agenda for April 14.

CAO UPDATE:

Employees have been doing their part. Dialogue will continue with management and staff. Anything that the mayor and council may have about each department, please discuss with CAO.

CAO has been communicating with the Fire Chief, Harold McLellan. The Woodstock Fire Department has had 2 calls and everything is good.

CAO has been speaking with the Police Chief, Gary Forward as well. Chief Forward will advise the CAO if anything important comes up.

DAS Voutour has been asked to keep a separate file for anything that may cost us for the COVID19 pandemic.

The Premier continues to update the citizens of New Brunswick but his main directive has been to stay home unless it's necessary to go out.

Councillor Bradbury is very concerned about the businesses in town. Is there anything that we can do to help. CAO Anthony will reach out to other municipalities to see what they are doing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence received.

FINANCE:

Councillor Sutherland reviewed the Financial Reports for February 2020.

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MOTION: To accept the Financial Reports for February 2020 as presented. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #068-2020

Council has asked the administrative staff to find out how much money do we have in reserves and how much is available on our line of credit?

The Police report will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

MOTION: To table the Police Report until the next meeting on April 13 Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #069-2020

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for Annexation of PID's 10076610 and 10210094 ARC Motel (Canada's Best Value Inn)

MOTION: To refer the request from ARC Motel (Canada's Best Value Inn) to annex PID#10076610 and PID#10210094 to the Department of Environment and Local Government. Councillor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #070-2020

Tender Results for Ice Plant Upgrade for AYR Motor Centre

CAO Anthony reviewed the tender results for the Ice Plant Upgrade for AYR Motor Centre and reviewed the Project. There will be another tender for the installation.

MOTION: To award the Ice Plant Upgrade tender to CIMCO Refrigeration in the amount of \$652,857 plus HST. Councillor Blackburn, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #071-2020

Feedback from New Municipal Plan

CAO Anthony reported that Dillon has collected the feedback from the Public Presentation of the New Municipal Plan. Planning Advisory Committee needs to review this feedback and set the date for the Public Hearing.

To receive the report from Dillon with the Feedback from the Public Presentation of the New Municipal Plan. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

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MOTION: To refer the feedback from the Public Presentation for the New Municipal Plan to the Planning Advisory Committee, as presented. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #072-2020

Consideration to Defer Water Bill Payments

Council requested that CAO Anthony put together a package and a plan to address some situations where some Utility users are not able to pay their utility bills and present the recommendations to Council. It was suggested this information be communicated to utility users by mail.

Finance Committee – March 10, 2020

DAS Voutour presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of March 10, 2020.

CAO was speaking with David Lenehan and the Lease payments were discussed. Mr Lenehan said that he was ok as long as the Town pays the \$100,000 in total that was agreed.

It was confirmed that the boardroom has been available to use.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Finance Committee of March 10, 2020, as presented with the amendment that the Legion is not the Local Legion. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #073-2020

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7pm - Town Hall.

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #074-2020

Arthur Slipp, Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
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