

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting

May 25, 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, Director of Public Works, Andrew Garnett, Tourism & Events Co-ordinator, Tobi Pirie, Police Chief, Gary Forward & Fire Chief, Harold McLellan.

Media: Bugle Observer, Rivervalley Sun

Public:

Because of the state of Emergency, this council meeting is being held at Council Chambers with Mayor, Council and Staff present. The media has connected through teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Slipp welcomed those in attendance and commented on the following:

Mayor Slipp acknowledged the work of Council, Economic Development Committee and staff with BIA and Chamber of Commerce to develop a plan to assist businesses in reopening amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To add "Urban Plan for Deakin Drive Area" under New Business to the Agenda.
Councillor Hogan, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #116-2020

(1 nay vote Anderson)

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

Carried. #117-2020

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2020, as distributed. Councillor Sutherland ,
Councillor Bradbury . Carried. #118-2020

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There is no business arising from the minutes.

CAO UPDATE:

Municipal Plan – CAO Anthony wanted to thank Deputy Mayor Anderson, DAS Ann Marie Voutour, Development Officer, Andrew Garnett and Tourism and Events Coordinator, Tobi Pirie for their work in preparing the Public Hearing for the New Municipal Plan, it went well.

The Chief Medical Officer and the Premier gave their approval to open the restrictions a bit more. CAO Anthony had a teleconference with other CAO's from other municipalities and met with Kelly today to discuss the opening of recreation facilities including parks and the gym.

Valley yacht club is beginning to put the docks out.

We are here as a community to provide services in a safe manner to work with the community in doing this. Safety is paramount!

Hoping to have information for the public about opening the park. That needs some work since monitoring that is tricky. There hasn't been any guidance from the Province, each municipality has been expected to come up with their own plan. We want to open as quickly as we can while adhering to the protocols set by the Chief Medical Officer and the Premier.

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Departmental Reports:

- Andrew
- Asphalt plants will be open by mid May.
 - Will be patching
 - Spring clean up was in May. Still cleaning up around Town. May look at changing the dates. Wants to encourage paper bags.
 - Hydrant flushing started this morning.
 - Line painting should start this week. Looking at using a different type of paint that will last a lot longer.
 - The possibility of displaying banners of different groups
 - A lot of DIY construction is going on as well as 2 homes and a daycare.
 - Working on the Subdivision By-law, Zoning By-law and Building By-Law
- Tobi
- Worked on the Public Hearing for the New Municipal Plan setup.
 - Worked with Mayor Slipp on a video about shopping local.
 - Worked with the Business Recovery Committee.
 - Calling every business in the yellow and white pages to find out their email address and their hours. Set up a new Facebook group about local business.
 - Working with WPD to be able to communicate to the public quickly.
 - Newsletter – looking at producing a newsletter with info from each department.
 - Working on rescheduling events for 2021
- Gary
- Crimes against persons are down 50%
 - Crimes against property is down 50%
 - Has implemented nightly checks with persons that are on curfew with good results.
 - Motor vehicle is down as well.
 - Calls for service have been 142 – these are a level 1 or 2.
 - Level 3 and 4 calls will resume June 1
 - Online criminal background checks are now available.
- Harold
- Fire Department has been busy.

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- Kelly (Ken)
- Both of the Skiddle Clubs (daycare) opened May 19 at maximum capacity.
 - All Maintenance / Custodial staff are working outside.
 - Public Works and Recreation have been working together to support each other with success.
 - The pool has been drained and maintenance completed.
 - Preparing the operation plan for the AMC in the Yellow Phase.

FINANCE:

Councillor Sutherland reviewed the Financial Reports for April 2020.

MOTION: To accept the Financial and Departmental Reports for April 2020 as presented.

Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #119-2020

CORRESPONDENCE:

Request for Donation – Children’s Wish Foundation

A letter was received from the Children’s Wish Foundation requesting a donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of 1st and 2nd reading of the New Municipal Plan By-Law Z-500

Resolved that the by-law entitled, “Town of Woodstock Municipal Plan By-Law No Z-500”, updated to reflect changes since the last Municipal Plan By-Law adopted in July, 2008; and repealing and replacing the Municipal Plan By-Law enacted on the 28th day of July, 2008 and all amendments thereto, be read a first time. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #120-2020

Read a first time by title, the By-Law entitled, “Town of Woodstock Municipal Plan By-Law No Z-500”.

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Carried. #121-2020

Councillor Sutherland reminded everyone that other by-laws related to development can still be updated, this new Municipal Plan is the umbrella.

Read a second time by title, the By-Law entitled, “Town of Woodstock Municipal Plan By-Law No Z-500”.

Report of the Planning Advisory Committee – May 19, 2020

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of May 19, 2020.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Planning Advisory Committee of May 19, 2020. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Blackburn.

Carried. #122-2020

Report of the Public Works Committee – May 20, 2020

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of May 19, 2020.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Public Works Committee of May 19, 2020. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #123-2020

Urban Planner – Deakin Drive Area

Councillor Hogan asked about Council’s plan to engage an urban planner to review the Deakin Drive area.

MOTION: To engage the services of an urban planner to look at the Deakin Drive area. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Leonard.

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MOTION: To table the motion until the June 8 meeting. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #124-2020

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 8, 2020 at 7pm - Town Hall.

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #125-2020

Arthur Slipp, Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer

Director of Administrative Services