

# **Town of Woodstock**

Regular Council Meeting

March 9, 2020 @ 7pm

## **ATTENDANCE:**

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

Staff: CAO Ken Anthony, DAS Ann Marie Voutour

Media: Bugle Observer, River Valley Sun

Public: Julie Calhoun Williams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Slipp

## **OPENING REMARKS:**

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

The meeting is beginning a little late since the Collective Agreement for CUPE 719 was being signed.

Environment and Local Government meeting for the Municipal Orientation Workshop will be held on March 11.

The Black and White Dinner and Auction Fundraiser for the Sanctuary House will be on March 14.

Zinc and Company will be performing at the McCain High School Theatre on March 20.

Candlelight ceremony for the Battle at Vimy Ridge will be on April 9 at Cenotaph in front of the Courthouse.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

Carried. #058-2020

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2020, as distributed. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard . Carried. #059-2020

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

The allotment of money that we put for the Tourism Committee.

Met with David Henley about the request for sidewalk modifications for accessibility. It was agreed with Mr Henley that he is going to pay for what he needs and we are going to pay for what we need.

## **CAO UPDATE:**

Coronavirus Update – during the EMO meeting on Thursday, Dr Lampkey talked about the Coronavirus and precautions that should be followed. If you are sick, stay home or work from home if possible, cough and sneeze into your elbow or into a tissue and wash your hands often.

Met with McCain for the River Valley Strategy last Thursday concerning housing requirements. Will be meeting with Dwight Fraser as well. Will also be meeting with developers.

The next EMO meeting is scheduled for April 12. A concern was expressed that volunteers may not be able to attend during the day. It is also challenging for Provincial staff to attend in the evening or on the weekend. Perhaps there is a need to have 2 meetings.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **Baptist Church – Agreement for Sale of Land**

A letter was received from Woodstock Baptist Church regarding the request from Town Council to reconsider the terms of the agreement of purchase and sale of 694 Main Street. The Woodstock Baptist Church Council decided not to open the agreement for renegotiation.

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### **Greater Woodstock Chamber of Commerce – Service New Brunswick Location**

A letter was read from the Greater Woodstock Chamber of Commerce addressed to Stuart Fairgrieve addressing concerns that the Service New Brunswick office may relocate from the downtown.

### **Order of New Brunswick – Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick**

A letter was received from the Honourable Brenda L Murphy, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, requesting Mayor Slipp to encourage community members to submit nominations for people who they believe are qualified for the Order of New Brunswick.

### **Scavenger Hunt – Madison Keilty**

A letter was received from Madison Keilty requesting permission from the Town of Woodstock to conduct a scavenger hunt in the Town of Woodstock on May 9 in order to complete a project for her cooperative education placement.

Council directed CAO Anthony to make contact with Ms Keilty and determine what she might require from the Town to conduct her scavenger hunt safely.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Proclamation – Purple Day**

**Whereas** Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

**Whereas** epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and 42 people in Canada are diagnosed every day, and

**Whereas** one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime, and

**Whereas** the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

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**Whereas** Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

**Now therefore**, I Arthur Slipp, Mayor of the Town of Woodstock, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2020, “Purple Day”, in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada.

**MOTION:** To adopt the proclamation and proclaim March 26, 2020 Lyme Awareness Month in Woodstock, New Brunswick. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #060-2020

## **Economic Development Committee – March 2, 2020**

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of March 2, 2020.

**MOTION:** To accept the report of the Economic Development Committee of March 2, 2020, as presented. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #061-2020

## **Protective Services Committee – March 4, 2020**

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of March 4, 2020.

**MOTION:** To accept the report of the Protective Services Committee of March 4, 2020, as presented. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #062-2020

The DocuPet Agreement will be distributed to Council for consideration at the March 23 Council Meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 23, 2020 at 7pm - Town Hall.

**MOTION:** Move to Committee of The Whole, Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #063-2020

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**MOTION:** Resume Regular Session. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #064-2020

**MOTION:** Adjournment. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #065-2020

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Arthur Slipp, Mayor

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## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- Legal Matters
- Personnel Matters

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