

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting
February 25th, 2019 @ 7pm

ATTENDANCE:

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

Staff: CAO John Pinsent, DAS Ann Marie Voutour, Mandy Hamilton, Andrew Garnett, Kelly Foster, Tobi Pirie, Harold McLellan

Public: Louise Johnston and Ron Corey

Media: Bugle Observer

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

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

Congratulations extended to the River Valley Sun for their successful launch at the L.P. Fisher Library on February 14th.

Mayor Slipp attended the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick Board of Directors meeting in Fredericton this past weekend.

Recent meetings of the UMNZB Zone 6, the Regional Service Commission, and the AYR Motor Centre Advisory Committee have been cancelled due to weather.

Members of Council are invited to attend the Rotary Interact Meeting at 7pm in the AYR Motor Centre Rotary Room on February 27th.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Approval of agenda. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #047-2019

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes, February 11th, 2019. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #048-2019

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

CAO Pinsent had nothing to report.

CAO REPORT:

Accessible Washrooms: CAO Pinsent updated Council on the current development plans for the Accessible Washroom Project in Connell Park. The plan includes three accessible washrooms with a utility/storage area. There will be an opportunity for collaboration with community members interested in contributing to the project.

Councillor Blackburn requested research into green funds that could be used to reallocate the water from the splash pad flushing system to the accessible washrooms.

Tourism Plan: CAO Pinsent informed Council that the Chamber of Commerce intend to continue maintaining the Visitor Information Centre at the Farmer's Market for 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Debbi Tobin – Request for Purple Day

A letter was received from Debbi Tobin, Executive Director of Epilepsy Nova Scotia, explaining the origin of Purple Day and requesting that the Town proclaim March 26th Purple Day in support of Epilepsy Awareness.

2. Louise Johnston – Animal Control

A letter was received from Louise Johnston regarding recent encounters with large dogs and the need to protect the public from potentially dangerous dogs.

MOTION: To refer to the letter from Louise Johnston regarding Animal Control to the Protective Services Committee. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Leonard. Carried. #049-2019

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3. Peter and Janet Clark – Traffic Flow

A letter was received from Peter and Janet Clark regarding traffic flow in downtown Woodstock.

CAO Pinsent advised the meeting that he and Andrew Garnett had met with Peter Clark where all of his concerns were addressed. It was also noted that the traffic light was not working properly and would be repaired soon.

4. Karon L Scott – Dixie Lee Anniversary

A letter was received from Karon L Scott inviting the Mayor to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Dixie Lee on April 29th 2019. A request was made that Queen Street remain open for the celebration.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Harold McLellan – Fire Chief

- The department is currently prioritizing needs.
- A 5-year long-term plan is being developed.
- A successful sliding party took place this past weekend.

Kelly Foster – Director of Recreation and Community Services

- Thanks to Woodstock Fire Department and Manulife for supporting the recent sliding party.
- March Break activities taking place: Tubing in Grand Falls, “Kids who Care” volunteer program, 4-on-4 Recreation Hockey Tournament, Public Swim, and the Outdoor Rink will be open.
- A recent partnership event with Moonshine Creek called “Moonshine & Moonlight” was very successful.
- A Fondue Night is taking place tonight, February 25th.
- Planning for the summer is underway.
- Canada Federal Grants and SEED applications have been submitted.
- Boxing for Parkinson’s program to be launched soon with the help of local partnerships.
- Junior ‘C’ Atlantic Hockey Championships will be March 27th-31st.
- Playoffs for High School and Junior ‘C’ hockey teams are underway.
- Ice will be out April 7th.

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- Figure Skating Show is on March 24th.
- AYR Motor Centre could be hosting SAFE Grad events for local High Schools.
- A recent compressor upgrade in the arena cost \$17,000.

Tobi Pirie – Director of Tourism and Events Coordinator

- Benches have been ordered for the Chapel Street Park and will be delivered in 5-7 weeks.
- The Chamber of Commerce is looking after Visitor Information Centre for 2019 at the Farmer's Market with a separate extension being planned for the AYR Motor Centre.
- The AYR Motor Centre hosted Potatoes NB Conference for over 300 people. It was very successful and they have booked the facility again for next year.
- The Woodstock Rotary Club "Hearts and Spades" Casino and Gala took place on February 9th.
- Let's Bounce took place this past weekend with over 500 people in attendance.
- Junior 'C' Atlantic Hockey Tournament will take place in March.

Andrew Garnett – Public Works Director

- Qualifying Gas Tax projects have been received which will be presented at next Public Works and Water and Sewer Committee meeting.
- Asset Management information will be available by the next Council meeting.
- Plans to take advantage of TD Tree day program again in 2019.

CAO Pinsent commented on the future priority of child safety during events and maximizing enjoyment for parents who attend the events as well. A long-term financial plan is also being developed for the Town to support a more strategic borrowing strategy. A new format for presenting the financial reports has been implemented.

MOTION: To accept Departmental Reports (including financials) for January 2019 as presented.
Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #050-2019

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Approvals

Applications for a "Touch a Truck" event at Meduxnekeag Consolidated School and an "Extreme Blizz Snowmobile Drag Race" event at the Woodstock Aerodome were reviewed by Council.

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It was agreed to give it administrative authority for approval.

Tender Results – 2019 Trucks

CAO Pinsent reviewed the results of the Tender for a 4WD three quarter tonne truck and a 2WD half tonne truck.

4WD Three Quarter Tonne

Corey Ford	\$43,659.40 including HST
CYV Chevrolet	\$43,933.40 including HST
Connell Chrysler	\$49,214.25 including HST

2WD Half Tonne

Corey Ford	\$31,316.75 including HST
Connell Chrysler	\$33,189.00 including HST
CYV Chevrolet	\$35,364.75 including HST

MOTION: To ratify tender for 2019 Four Wheel Drive Truck for Public Works to Corey Ford in the amount of \$43,659.40 including HST as well as the 2019 Two Wheel Drive Truck for Public Works to Corey Ford in the amount of \$31,316.75 including HST. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #051-2017

Consideration of Third Reading of Proposed By Law 159-15 A By Law to Amend the Water and Sewer By Law 159

MOTION: Third reading by title. By Law 159-15, a By-law to Amend By-Law 159, a By-Law Regulating the Use of the Water and Sewer System of the Town of Woodstock and the Rates to be Charged Therefore. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #052-2019

Proclamation – Purple Day for Epilepsy

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

Whereas Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine year old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone, and

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Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada, and

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

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26th 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, therefore proclaim March 26th, 2019 Purple Day in Woodstock, New Brunswick in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

MOTION: To adopt the proclamation and proclaim March 26th, 2019 Purple Day in Woodstock, New Brunswick. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #053-2019

Report of the Recreation and Community Services Committee Meeting – February 19th, 2019

CAO Pinsent summarized the report of the Recreation and Community Services Committee meeting:

- Recommendation of a rate increase of 2.3% for 2019-2020 to the Advisory Committee.
- 30-Day Prescriptions for gym memberships from local doctors has been proposed and will be researched.
- A promotional video for the AYR Motor Centre is being planned.
- Sponsorships approved for 2019 to be announced.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Recreation and Community Services Committee of February 19th, 2019 with an edit made to show Jeff Bradbury as the Chair of the meeting. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #054-2019

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 11th, 2019 at 7pm - Town Hall.

MOTION: Move to Committee of The Whole, Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #055-2019

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MOTION: Resume Regular Session, Councillor Blackburn, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #056-2019

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Blackburn

Carried. #057-2019

Arthur Slipp, Deputy Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Legal Matters

Personnel Matters

Financial Matters

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services