

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting
November 25th, 2019 @ 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, Tobi Pirie, Mandy Hamilton, Police Chief Gary Forward, Fire Chief Harold MacLellan

Media: Bugle Observer

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

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

Thank you extended to the Public Works Department for the removal of the veteran's banners and prompt installation of the Christmas decorations for the Festival of Lights.

Councillor Leonard was thanked for representing the Town at the Festival of Trees event.

Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce for the successful Festival of Lights ceremony and parade. The fireworks were rescheduled to this upcoming Friday night due to weather.

Mayor Slipp attended the Model Railroading Club exhibit on November 23rd.

AYR Motor Centre is hosting the Western Valley Achievement Games, opening November 26th.

November 28th is the official kick-off for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

Mayor Slipp is attending the New Brunswick Sport Fishing Association year-end award ceremony on November 30th.

Deputy Mayor Anderson and CAO Anthony will be attending the Crime Stoppers Banquet on November 30th.

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A card was read from Richard Blaquiere expressing thanks for the recognition he has received for his contributions to the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Carried. #313-2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes of November 12th, 2019. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #314-2019

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There is no business arising from the minutes.

CAO UPDATE:

Municipal Plan Consultation session took place on Monday. There was a great turnout and discussion. The Housing Assessment open house was held on Tuesday. Dillon Consulting has constructed a webpage to gather feedback and input from community members who were unable to attend the session.

Construction will begin on the well project in late spring or early summer. A meeting was held with involved parties to develop a work schedule.

The Public Works Department has done a great job clearing snow and decorating downtown for the Christmas season.

Budget approval is scheduled for December 16th. Council and department heads will meet on Dec 9th for a review of the draft document.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Tobi Pirie – Director of Tourism

- The Visitor Information Centre for 2020 has been discussed with the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Western Valley Tourism sub-committee has met to discuss events and promotion.
- A McCain Community Theatre meeting was held and the potential for hostess and technician positions are being considered.
- Procedures for certain processes are being documented to ensure continuity of service.
- In the past month, the Recreation department has held a Syncro Swim Meet, a sold-out Dinner Theatre, Let's Bounce, and volleyball tournament. There is a Fitness Membership Sale available with the completion of the Age Friendly Survey. Christmas parties are starting on December 6th and there is a Glow Swim this Saturday.

Harold McLellan – Chief of Fire Department

- Attended the Volunteer Chiefs meeting in Fredericton on the weekend.
- Currently working with the Fire Marshal on a report called 2025 to determine strengths and weaknesses within the department.
- The Fire Prevention Awards for K-5 schools will take place on December 9th.
- The fireworks are tentatively rescheduled for Friday evening, pending weather conditions.

Gary Forward – Chief of Police

- A Media Release for raising awareness about Methamphetamine was presented. The potential for a community advisory committee being facilitated in other communities is being considered.
- The Community Resource Officer role was discussed with principals of all three local schools. Evaluation of the value of the position will continue.
- Cst. Doyle and Chief Forward went to the Woodstock High School to speak with the principal and teachers about illicit drugs.
- Public service announcements will be released from the police department in the future regarding topics like phone scams and safe driving in inclement weather.

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FINANCE:

Councillor Sutherland reviewed the Financial Reports for October 2019.

MOTION: To accept Departmental and Financial Reports for October 2019 as presented.

Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried #315-2019

NEW BUSINESS:

Results of the Public Presentation
for Proposed Rezoning of
107 Saint John Street – PID 10284784

DAS Voutour advised that there have been no submissions received for or against the proposed rezoning.

MOTION: To set the Public Hearing date for the rezoning of 107 Saint John Street, PID 10284784, for January 13th, 2020. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #316-2019

Consideration of the First and Second Reading
Proposed BIA Levy By-law L-1.20

BY-LAW # L-1.20

A BY-LAW TO IMPOSE A LEVY ON NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE WOODSTOCK
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

The council of the Town of Woodstock under authority vested in it by Section 3 of the Business Improvement Areas Act, enacts as follows:

1. This By-Law may be cited as a By-Law imposing a levy on non- residential property with in that area of the Town of Woodstock referred to as the "Business Improvement Area".
2. A levy of .20 (twenty cents) for each \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) of assessed value is established for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

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MOTION: First reading in its entirety, By-Law # L-1.20, a By-Law to impose a levy on non-residential property within the Woodstock Business Improvement area. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #317-2019

MOTION: Second reading by title, By-Law # L-1.20, a By-Law to impose a levy on non-residential property within the Woodstock Business Improvement area. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried #318-2019

Report of the Public Works and Water and Sewer Committee – November 20th, 2019

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Public Works and Water and Sewer Committee meeting of November 20th, 2019.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Public Work and Water and Sewer Committee of November 20th, 2019, as presented. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Sutherland. Carried. #319-2019

Report of the Recreation and Tourism Committee – November 20th, 2019

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Recreation and Community Services Committee and Tourism Committee of November 20th, 2019.

MOTION: To accept the report of the Recreation and Community Services and Tourism Committee of November 20th, 2019, as presented. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #320-2019

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 16th, 2019 at 7pm - Town Hall.

MOTION: Move to Committee of The Whole, Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #321-2019

MOTION: Resume Regular Session. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #322-2019

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MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #323-2019

Arthur Slipp, Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Economic Development

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services