

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting

June 8, 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, Andrew Garnett, Director of Public Works and Development.

Media: Bugle Observer, RiverValley Sun

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 and the meeting is being streamed through YouTube

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Slipp welcomed those in attendance and provided an update on the status of the community during the State of Emergency.

The program of events for Canada Day are being finalized. There won't be any fireworks this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All events will be posted on the Town website. It is hoped to have the final program ready for the next meeting of Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Carried. #126-2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2020, as distributed. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury .

Carried. #127-2020

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Transportation / Traffic Study / Strategy – Dillon Consulting

CAO Anthony met with Dillon Consulting on June 4 where they discussed transportation related issues, active transportation along Deakin Drive and urban planning update. This will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

This was budgeted for 2020 in the amount of \$25,000.

Councillor Sutherland reminded the meeting that a traffic study was completed at the Connell Street intersection with Main Street.

It was clarified that the Traffic study and Urban Plan will be combined if possible.

Deputy Mayor Anderson noted that the traffic study for downtown, from NBCC to the post office, was included in the Economic Development Plan and included in the budget.

CAO UPDATE:

The Town Hall Building opened today. We are asking the public to make an appointment for whatever business they have at Town Hall. We have made great strides in keeping the people in this building safe, both staff and the public. Two more facilities opened on Friday, the Tim Horton's Fitness Centre and the McCain Walking Track. We are working on opening the small playgrounds first, then Connell Park and the Splash Pad. The parks will only be disinfected twice a day, so users will have to use at own risk and bring your own sanitizer.

Public Works is working on painting crosswalks and we plan on using new paint downtown.

Councillor Hogan noticed a new cross walk on Connell Park Road and noted that there needs to be a sign marking it.

It was noted that when Connell Park opens, the washrooms will be ready to use.

Mayor Slipp recommended that, once our recreation facilities are all open, the public should bring their own sanitizer and cleaners so they are comfortable the equipment is safe to use.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Request for Support – Review of Provincial Librarian Appointment – Sylvie Nadeau

A letter was received from Sylvie Nadeau requesting Municipalities write a letter to Premier Blaine Higgs requesting a review of the appointment of the new Provincial Librarian.

MOTION: To instruct the Mayor Slipp to write a letter to Premier Blaine Higgs to request a review of the appointment of the new Provincial Librarian. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Sutherland.

Carried. #128-2020

(1 nay vote, Hogan)

2. Proposal for Grand March 2020 – Class of 2020 Parents

A letter was received from the 2020 parents of graduates of WHS requesting permission to use the AYR Motor Centre for a Grand March, an operational plan for this event was also submitted.

Councillor Hogan noted that the graduation ceremonies have been planned at WHS, then declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

Councillor Blackburn declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

It was noted:

The WHS has always used the AYR Motor Centre for graduation events according to a reciprocal agreement.

This is not an official part of the graduation. It's a parents group that wants to use the AYR Motor Centre facility for a non-sanctioned graduation event.

It would be difficult to keep the public safe. There will need to be strict guidelines.

There were several concerns about the operational plan not meeting the directives set by the Chief Medical Officer and the Premier.

MOVED: To direct CAO Anthony to obtain additional information to ensure that the guidelines of the State of the Emergency will be met, by the end of the week and a telephone vote by Council members will be authorized. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

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Councillor Hogan and Councillor Blackburn returned to the meeting.

3. Peaceful Protest Request – Solidarity Against Police Brutality – Paul Murray

An email was received from Paul Murray requesting By-Law information relating to a peaceful protest planned for June 19 to facilitate awareness involving Canada's issues regarding inequality regarding POC.

It was noted:

A similar event was already held on Sunday.

The Chief Medical Officer stated that if this type of gathering must happen, then they must practice social distancing, no loud shouting / singing and wear a mask.

The Woodstock Police Force is aware of this event and will provide support.

Mayor Slipp must decline the request to speak due to the large crowd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of third reading of New Municipal Plan.

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, that was presented in summary on May 25, 2020 at a Public Hearing and posted on the Town of Woodstock website, be read for a third time and enacted with the following amendments to the New Municipal Plan and subsequent changes to the Future Land Use Map "Schedule A":

Section 2.4 Community Vision

Add "and education" to the paragraph on the service centre of the Carleton Region.

"As the service and education centre for the Carleton Region,"

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Section 3 Land Use Designations

Add “and equitable” to Objective to encourage the inclusive provision of community facilities, services and amenities.

“Encourage the inclusive and equitable provision of community facilities, services, and amenities to residents, business owners, property owners, and visitors to the community.”

General Policies

Section 4 Downtown

Delete “undertake a Parking Capacity Study and” from Objective DT-5.

“DT-5 Council shall explore tools like wayfinding and signage to assist in the effective use of the existing supply of parking.”

Add section to support to Downtown.

“DT-13 Council shall advocate for and support existing businesses in the Downtown through enhanced focus and prioritization of the area.”

Add section to support new entrepreneurs.

“DT-14 Council shall explore the provisions of business incubation strategies in partnership with local property owners and the Downtown Woodstock BIA.”

Section 5. Housing

Add basement apartments or affordable room rentals for students to Objectives.

“Encourage increasingly dense housing types including secondary apartments in appropriate areas;”

10 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Add “and abilities” to the provision of recreation serves and facilities.

“Provide recreation services and facilities for all ages and abilities.”

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11 Arts, Culture, and Heritage

Add the WHS McCain Community Theatre to the Objective.

“Support the WHS McCain Community Theatre as a cultural amenity.”

Add the development of an arts and culture policy in consultation with stakeholders.

“ACH-4 Council shall, partnership with stakeholders, undertake the creation of an Arts and Culture Policy.”

Councillor Hogan, Councillor Bradbury

Carried. #130-2020

Consideration of first and second reading - Special Care Home

Eastwood Drive - PID 10073260

BY-LAW # Z-301-44

A By-Law To Amend By-Law # Z-301, A Zoning By-Law

The Council of the Town of Woodstock, under authority vested in it by the Community Planning Act, SNB 2017, c19, enacts as follows:

Preamble

The purpose of this By-Law is to amend By-Law # Z-301, a Zoning By-Law.

Title

This By-Law may be cited as a By-Law to amend By-Law # Z-301, a Zoning By-Law.

1. Under the Community Planning Act, By-Law # Z-301, a Zoning By-Law, enacted on the 28th day of July 2008, together with all amendments, is hereby amended to rezone property PID # 10073260 – Eastwood Drive from HC – Highway Commercial to R3, Multiple Residential for the purpose of allowing a Special Care Home. As per plan attached as Schedule “A”.

MOTION: First reading by title. By-Law No. Z-301-44, a By-Law to amend By-Law Z-301, A Zoning By-Law for the purpose of rezoning PID 10073260 – Eastwood Drive from HC – Highway Commercial to R3, Multiple Residential for the purpose of allowing a 36 unit Special Care Home. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

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MOTION: Second reading by title. By-Law No. Z-301-44, a By-Law to amend By-Law Z-301, A Zoning By-Law for the purpose of rezoning PID 10073260 – Eastwood Drive from HC – Highway Commercial to R3, Multiple Residential for the purpose of allowing a 36 unit Special Care Home. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #132-2020

Tender Results for Photovoltaic Power at AYR Motor Centre

Natural Forces Solar	\$420,288.66
FCC Construction	\$289,000.00
Cahill	\$406,000.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$250,000.00

MOTION: To award the Photovoltaic Power tender to FCC Construction in the amount of \$289,000.00 plus HST. Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #133-2020

Approve the contract with FCM for the grant and loan.

MOTION: To authorize the Town of Woodstock enter into a contract with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Green Municipal Fund for a Combined Loan and Grant for the AYR Motor Centre Refit. Councillor Sutherland, Deputy Mayor Anderson. Carried. #134-2020

Economic Development Committee – June 1, 2020

CAO Anthony presented the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of June 1, 2020.

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Add Housing to the Mandate of the Economic Development Committee

WHEREAS the Town of Woodstock, NB engaged the services of a Professional Company to prepare a Housing Assessment Report; and

WHEREAS the report provided the current inventory of housing in the Town of Woodstock, NB; and

WHEREAS the report recommended other types of housing, in addition to the current inventory of housing in the Town of Woodstock, NB; and

WHEREAS Housing Development, all development is imperative in generating revenue for the Long Term Financial Viability of the Town of Woodstock, NB.

BE IT RESOLVED that Housing Development be added to the Mandate of the Department of Economic Development.

Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Sutherland.

Carried. #135-2020

Appointment of Youth / Student, Senior, and Immigrant Representatives, on the Planning Advisory and Economic Development Committee and Housing Committees

WHEREAS the Town of Woodstock, NB engaged the services of a Professional Company to prepare a Housing Assessment Report; and

WHEREAS the report provided the demographics and nationalities of the residents of the Town of Woodstock, NB; and

WHEREAS the demographics and nationalities needs must be considered when housing types and affordability of same are being planned for the Town of Woodstock, NB; and

WHEREAS stakeholder representation and feedback is needed when planning for development in the Town of Woodstock, NB.

BE IT RESOLVED that a representative from Youth / Student, Senior, and Immigrant population be invited to sit on the Economic Development Committee when housing is being discussed and planned.

MOTION: To table the invitation of Youth / Student, Senior, and Immigrant population to sit on the Economic Development Committee when housing is being discussed and planned. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Blackburn.

Carried. #136-2020

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MOTION: To accept the report of the Economic Development Committee of June 1, 2020, as presented. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #137-2020

Councillor Bradbury has requested to have MP, Richard Bragdon attend a future meeting to discuss the manufacturing of Personal Protective Equipment in Woodstock.

The next meeting will be held at the Gallery at the AYR Motor Centre.

Date of Next Meeting – June 22, 2020

MOTION: Move to Committee of The Whole, Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #138-2020

MOTION: Resume Regular Session. Councillor Hogan, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #139-2020

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #140-2020

Arthur Slipp, Mayor

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
Director of Administrative Services

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- Legal Matter
- Economic Development

Ann Marie Voutour, Clerk / Treasurer
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