

Town of Woodstock

Regular Council Meeting

August 24, 2020 @ 9pm

ATTENDANCE:

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

Staff: CAO / Director of Economic Development, Ken Anthony, DAS Ann Marie Voutour, Director of Public Works and Development Officer, Andrew Garnett, Tourism and Special Events Co-Ordinator Tobi Pirie, Director of Recreation & Community Services, Kelly Foster-Hallett.

Media: Bugle Observer, River Valley Sun

Public: Several members from the community as well as Karen Parkinson and Matthew Derrah from Oulton Parkinson Walker.

Due to the state of Emergency, this council meeting is being held at the AYR Motor Centre where directives from the Chief Medical Officer are being respected. The meeting is being streamed through YouTube.

REGRETS:

Councillor Bill Hogan

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Slipp

OPENING REMARKS:

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

The date of the next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 15 due to the Provincial Election on Monday, September 14. Two members of Council that will be participating in the Provincial Election and the Mayor wishes them good luck.

All citizens were encouraged to exercise their franchise and turnout to vote either in person or by advanced ballot.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Carried. #189-2020

At the request from Council, it was agreed to deal with the presentation by Youth Impact Jeunesse, at this time.

PRESENTATION BY YOUTH IMPACT JEUNESSE – MEL KENNAH

Mel Kennah made a presentation to provide Council with information about Youth Impact Jeunesse. Mr. Kennah took questions from Council.

DAS Voutour read the recommendation from PAC:

It was recommended to council to rezone 115 Kirkpatrick Street (PID 10120426, PID 10239861) from R1 to R3 with the following conditions. Location to revert back to R1 if Youth Impact Jeunesse ceases operations and to have no more than 4 children (beds) at one time.

Consideration of the 1st and 2nd Reading

Proposed By-law Z-301-45

115 Kirkpatrick Street – PID 10120426

MOTION: First reading by title. By-Law No. Z-301-45, a By-Law to amend By-Law Z-301, A Zoning By-Law for the purpose of rezoning PID 10120426 – 115 Kirkpatrick Street from “RM” Residential Mixed to “R3” Multiple Residential (as per plan attached as Schedule A). Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Blackburn.

Defeated

It was agreed to deal with Agenda item #1, under New Business at this time.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

Matthew Derrah from Oulton Parkinson Walker Derrah presented the Audited Financial Statements to December 31, 2019.

MOTION: To approve the Financial Statements to the end of December 31, 2019, as distributed. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard.

Carried. #190-2020

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Mayor Slipp noted the time was almost 10:00pm and advised the meeting that they could move through some of the rest of agenda quickly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2020, as distributed. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #191-2020

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Amend Water & Sewer rates effective January 1, 2021.

MOTION: To approve the amendment to the Schedule of Fees from By-Law #160, a By-Law to Regulating the Use of the Water & Sewer System of the Town of Woodstock and The Rates to be Charged Therefore as follows effective January 1, 2021:

To add a section:

Mobile Home Parks (Unmetered)

The following rates apply for each six month period:

Water Rate: Minimum Charge every six months for each unit.

Sewer Rate: Minimum Charge every six months for each unit.

Bulk Water purchased at Fire Hall

Minimum Charge per load: \$20.00

Per thousand gallons: \$15.00

To replace "Disconnection of Service" section with:

\$25.00 fee to discontinue the service during regular working hours

\$25.00 fee to restore the service during regular working hours

\$50.00 fee to discontinue the service after regular working hours

\$50.00 fee to restore the service after regular working hours

Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #192-2020

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CAO UPDATE:

CAO / EDO Anthony thanked staff for taking time to go through this exercise and prepare this room considering COVID-19.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

MOTION: To accept the Departmental Reports for July 2020 as presented. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard. Carried. #193-2020

FINANCE:

MOTION: To accept the Financial Reports for July 2020 as presented. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard. Carried. #194-2020

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Ribfest – Request to use Race Track for Drive Thru

A letter was received from Ribfest requesting permission to use the race track for a Ribfest Drive Thru event.

MOTION: To approve the Drive Thru for Ribfest at the Connell Park Racetrack subject to the submission of an acceptable operational plan. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Leonard.

Carried. #195-2020

Councillor Bradbury returned to the meeting.

2. Letter from Environment and Climate Change Canada – Decommissioning Weatheradio

A letter was received from Ken MacDonald, Executive Director, National Programs and Business Development, Environment and Climate Change Canada advising of the consideration to decommission the Weatheradio in our area. It was requested that people in our community are consulted about this proposed change.

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CAO / EDO Anthony advised the meeting that he is waiting confirmation but he believes this system is different than what is at the Grafton Airport.

Letter from Mairi Munn – Councillor Blackburn’s Comments Regarding Proposed Rezoning

A letter was received from Mairi Munn criticizing Councillor Blackburn for her comments in a video she posted on Facebook about her neighbours opposing the proposed rezoning at 115 Kirkpatrick Street to allow for a Youth Care Facility.

Councillor Sutherland recommends that the Code of Conduct be reviewed to add a section on social media in order to protect the public and council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of 3rd reading of Subdivision By-Law R-504

Director of Public Works, Andrew Garnett, read comments by Jenn Brown, Dillon Consulting, regarding the amendments to the Subdivision By-Law R-504.

MOTION: To give the third reading of Subdivision By-Law R-504. Councillor Sutherland, Deputy Mayor Anderson. Carried. #196-2020

Consideration of the 3rd Reading

Proposed By-law Z-301-41

Jones Street – PID 10074821

MOTION: Third reading by title. By-Law No. Z-301-41, a By-Law to amend By-Law Z-301, A Zoning By-Law for the purpose of rezoning PID 10074821 – Jones Street from “RM” Residential Mixed to “R3” Multiple Residential (as per plan attached as Schedule A). Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #197-2020

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Compliance Officer / By-Law Enforcement Officer

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved, Mandy Hamilton, is appointed by Council as a By-Law Enforcement / Compliance Officer to exercise such powers and perform such duties required to administer and enforce by-laws as deemed necessary and as are designated pursuant to the following:

Section 10(1)(a) of the Community Planning Act for the purpose of enforcement under sections 133 and 134.

Section 72 of the Local Governance Act for the purpose of enforcement under section 80 and;

Section 14(3) of the Police Act.

Councillor Leonard, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #198-2020

Transient Trader Licenses

It was explained that Transient Trader Licenses were suspended by Council until July 2020 due to the State of Emergency in New Brunswick.

MOTION: To reinstate the Transient Trader Licenses in the Town of Woodstock effective immediately. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Blackburn.

Carried. #199-2020

Recreation and Community Services

MOTION: To have face masks mandatory in all areas of the AYR Motor Centre, as recommended by the Recreation and Community Services Committee, effective August 31, 2020. Councillor Blackburn, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #200-2020

MOTION: To approve the recommendation that 2019 – 2020 LSD Residential ID's are extended to January 31, 2021. Deputy Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #201-2020

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Finance Committee

MOTION: To approve the low tender for the lease of 2 vehicles to Valley Honda in the amount of \$484.36 plus HST per month per vehicle. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #202-2020

MOTION: To use \$2,000,000 overdraft on the operating bank account 1022-660 at the Bank of Montreal for interim financing for the AYR Motor Centre Retrofit Project as per Ministerial Order 19-0028. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #203-2020

MOTION: To request Service New Brunswick to apply the inside tax rate (\$1.45 per \$100 of assessment in 2020) to all properties along Houlton Street. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury.

Carried. #204-2020

Mayor Slipp advised the meeting that all Committee reports and their recommendations will be on the agenda for the September 15 Council Meeting.

Mayor Slipp asked Council to review the draft Off Road Vehicle Strategic Review report and the Draft Body Worn Cameras Policy for the next Council Meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7pm – Town Hall.

MOTION: Adjournment. Councillor Sutherland, Councillor Bradbury. Carried. #205-2020

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