

1. Call to Order

Mayor Lloy called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Attendance

PRESENT:

Mayor George Lloy

Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman

Councillors: Mary Commo
Susan Creelman
Suzanne Lutz

Rebecca Rogers-Laing
Chad Ramsey

Staff: Dale Bogle, CAO
Lisa Feist – Recording Secretary
Randi Buchi
Josh Hilton

REGRETS / ABSENT: Grant Cooke
Jeff Sibley
Erin Richard

3. Approval of / Changes to Agenda

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Deputy Mayor Chapman.

Moved that the agenda for June 10th, 2021 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Disclosure of Interest on Agenda Items

Nil.

5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Creelman.

Moved that the minutes for April 8th, 2021 Committee of the Whole be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

On the motion of Councillor Commo and Councillor Ramsey.

Moved that the minutes for May 13th, 2021 Committee of the Whole be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Announcements / Proclamations

Nil.

7. Presentations

Nil.

8. Written Petitions and Correspondence

- Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee – for information purposes

9. Business

a) Staff Reports

- Administration – CAO Bogle highlights the following:
 - Rental & Dangerous & Unsightly policies have been completed
 - Still awaiting ICAP funding criteria for looking at Riverside, Lewis and Pleasant Hill
 - Will be speaking about Phase 3 budget on well water study
 - Egress Road St Andrews St to George St – in progress with transportation plan
 - Solar for community buildings has been signed; installation in August or September
 - Accessibility Plan meeting – have community representative that will take part
 - Department of Municipal Affairs – strategic planning sessions will continue when Covid re-opening plan is at Stage 3
 - Business & Tourism is doing really good work
 - Boardwalk along the river requests for proposal on a master plan has been circulated
 - Splash Pad will be addressed later in meeting
 - Amalgamation – Municipal Affairs prefers to speak to this post-Covid, in person
 - Age Friendly Study will be addressed later in the meeting; it is the spring board for our Strategic Planning
 - Public Works building – requests Councillor Rogers-Laing contact (sister) info to test buildings air quality
 - Town owned properties – 8 Main St sale is complete
 - BIPPC remains involved with Covid activities – no other reported cases in Town
 - Dangerous and Unsightly Premises – four investigations in progress – two are unsightly; two are rodent control
 - Development Officer – very busy month – 28 specific units this past week alone; expecting another 6 houses next week
 - Seasonal staff are in place and working on projects around town

- Deputy Mayor Chapman asked about the glass manufacturing factory; CAO Bogle updated that the building permit has been signed off; grubbing of the lot has started
- Councillor Commo asked if there will be another meeting for residents regarding amalgamation; CAO Bogle advised that there will be another meeting with Municipal Affairs with residents post-Covid
- Public Works – CAO Bogle presented report in Mr. Sibley’s absence
 - Councillor Creelman questioned the trail at Mastodon Ridge; CAO Bogle confirmed that yes, it is funded by Mastodon Ridge; it looks very good
 - Councillor Creelman questioned the water issues at Grand Lake; CAO Bogle confirmed it is not connected to the Towns water; with the discoloration today, Town staff are taking tests at hydrant and residents and will continue to follow up until resolved. Isolated incident from the Grand Lake issues.
- Recreation – Mayor Lloy comments Heather Hamilton reached out from United Way, thanks to Erin for a speedy response on behalf of the Town; no additional comments or questions.
 - Councillor Creelman asked about the \$35,000 grant for the splash pad is an addition to the \$80,000 donation; Mr. Hilton confirmed it is.
 - Councillor Creelman asked if the Beautification / Streetscaping program can it be promoted to residents; Mr. Hilton confirmed yes, however we could apply for approval on behalf of a resident.
 - Deputy Mayor Chapman asked if the program was open to apply any time; Mr. Hilton indicated that no it is open until end of June.
 - Councillor Commo asked if there will be another application – how much was the one that is done? Mr. Hilton will have to look it up and confirm, estimated less than \$10,000
- Planning – CAO Bogle presents the report on behalf of Mr. Cooke; no questions or comments.
- Finance – CAO Bogle presents the report on behalf of Mrs. Buchi (she had technical difficulties on Zoom); no questions or comments.
 - Councillor Creelman asks do how much is the Canada Community Building (formerly the Gast Tax fund) fund? CAO Bogle believes \$75,000 - \$100,000.

On the motion of Councillor Creelman and Deputy Mayor Chapman.

Moved that the staff reports for June 10th, 2021 Committee of the Whole be received as presented.

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- b) Splash Pad – CAO Bogle gives presentation on splash pad goals, budget, timeline and current status. Reviewed system options with council to determine best fit for the Town. Summary
- Councillor Lutz – if we did option 6 what be the wait – CAO Bogle said 2 – 3 years possibly longer.
 - Deputy Mayor Chapman asked to confirm that the recirculatory system fits into our budget; CAO Bogle confirmed.
 - Councillor Commo – what is the total cost; CAO Bogle estimates \$175,000.
 - Councillor Commo asked how often do we change the water; CAO Bogle confirmed it is much like a swimming pool, water is maintained with the chemicals.
 - CAO Bogle requests if there is consensus to move ahead with the splash pad as presented. Consensus confirmed.
- c) 215 Tribute, Sacred Fire – Deputy Mayor Chapman updates that the sacred fire being lit on June 12th, extinguished on June 21 at 9:04 pm, due to fire restrictions we are unable to have an open fire at Dennis Park. After consultation with elder Joe Michael, the alternative plan is to light 215 lights at the Dennis Park gazebo. The sacred fire will be lit on June 17th at Elder Michael’s teepee in Indian Brook; the fire will burn continuously until National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21st. Councillor Lutz asked if there will be any other cultural presentations; confirmed that Elder Michael will be arranging the drummers, singers and dancers. Councillor Creelman asked if the Mi’kmaq flag will be flying; CAO Bogle explained that discussions with Elder Michael revealed that there is no official Mi’kmaq flag as well the flag we often see is linked with the Grand Council which is linked with the church as such that particular flag will not fly at this event at this time. However, we are seeking out a flag for the National Indigenous People flag and will fly that if we can get one.
- d) Well Water – Phase 3 – CAO Bogle updates that phase 1 (desktop exercise) and 2 (pumping analysis) are complete, as presented previously. The 6” pipe in phase 2 will be upgraded to 10” pipe and pump for 10 consecutive days for analysis; expected to be done in August/September when it is the driest time of year.
- Councillor Creelman requests that staff give a written report including the numbers related to Phase 3 prior to next council meeting.

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Chapman and Councillor Ramsey.

Moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend to council to approve the staff recommendation to continue to explore water wells up to the amount of \$300,000.

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- e) Age Friendly Survey / Strategic Plan – CAO Bogle updates that the results are available and will be distributed to council, highlighting four areas that were consistently commented as priorities: 1) infrastructure (pipes, roads, sidewalks, well water, asset management), 2) climate change and solar initiatives, 3) tourism (promoting river, the town, the trails, commercial fishery) and 4) affordable housing. These results are timely as the information is a great springboard for the strategic planning process.

10. By-laws and Policies

Nil.

11. Citizens Comments

Nil.

12. Mayor's report

Mayor Lloy reports attending the following:

- May 31 – flags were lowered out of respect of the 215 children's bodies found in Kamloops, BC.
- May 28 & June 7 – met with WSP & CAO Bogle re: water well study
- May 31 – met with CAO Bogle and Deputy Mayor Chapman
- May 31 & June 1 – FCM virtual conference/workshops
- June 2 - Strategic Planning phase 2 training session
- June 3 – Mayors & Chief breakfast with Truro Chamber of Commerce
- June 7 – Meeting with Mayor Blair, CAO Simonds and CAO Bogle in Chambers
- June 9 – Meeting with Mayor Blair and attended an online session on Affordable Housing in the evening

13. Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Chapman – reached out to NS Housing Authority regarding follow up (awaiting response), attended two Strategic Planning meetings with Municipal Affairs, attended Provincial Library Accessibility framework, attended FCM via Zoom, meetings with Elder Joe Michael, CAO Bogle and Mayor Lloy regarding 215 sacred fire.

Councillor Creelman – commended Mayor Lloy for his speech at the mayor's breakfast, well done; attended the Municipal Affairs Strategic Planning session, and notifying all that the VIC will be re-opening mid-June with improvements and an outdoor counter to interact with visitors.

Councillor Commo – added to Councillor Creelman's comments, very good speech; give a nod to CAO Bogle regarding the 215 fire & event at the gazebo, a very good event, thank you.

Councillor Lutz – comments happy that Stewiacke is honoring the 215 children.

14. In Camera Session

15. Notice of Motions and Reconsideration

16. Adjournment

Mayor Lloyd adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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Mayor CAO

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