

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 7:00pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol

Council: Mayor Andrew Harvey, Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, Councillor Michael Stewart, Councillor Scott Oakes, Councillor Ray Haines, Councillor Angel Connor

Staff: Michelle Derrah, Director of Administration/Clerk

REGRETS: Councillor Chala Watson, Sarah Pacey, CAO/Assistant Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Andrew Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To add Beautification Grant and HR Committee to the April 25, 2023 Town Council Agenda under New Business and approve the balance as presented. Moved by Councillor Scott Oakes, seconded by Councillor Michael Stewart.

CARRIED. #064-2023

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Illegal Use of Dirt Bikes, David Hunter

Florenceville-Bristol Resident, David Hunter, voiced his concerns to Council regarding illegal use of dirt bikes on town streets, sidewalks and the NB Trail. He feels the annoying, dangerous and illegal use of dirt bikes needs to be addressed by the Town. He explained the NB Trail is non-motorized from Woodstock to Perth-Andover, but the lack of police presence doesn't deter ATVs and dirt bikes from using it. He has called RCMP about his concerns, but with no results. Mr. Hunter said the police/enforcement officers need to live in our community. Councillor Oakes advised Council is working on policing solution. Mayor Harvey said unfortunately, there is no overnight solution.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the April 11, 2023 Town Council Minutes. Moved by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #065-2023

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Sports Wall of Recognition Committee

The Sports Wall of Fame Ad Hoc Committee was formed at the April 11 Council meeting, but would like to amend the name to Sports Wall of Recognition Committee and adjust some committee members.

MOTION: To replace the Sports Wall of Fame Committee with the Sports Wall of Recognition Committee, to include the following members: Mayor Andrew Harvey as Chair, along with Ron

Arbeau, Cheryl Crain, Andrew Cogle, David Harvey, Rebecca Canam, Tom Tompkins, Grant Robinson, Vernon Thomas, and Gerald Sullivan as Committee members. Moved by Councillor Scott Oakes, seconded by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #066-2023

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Greg Tompkins Request to Remove Bump-Out

Mayor Harvey read a request from resident Greg Tompkins, asking to remove the bump-out on Main Street in Florenceville-Bristol in front of where the JT's Flower Shop used to be. Tomkins is a bus driver and felt it impacted the traffic flow and caused a dangerous situation. The Mayor explained that we have to finish the repairs to the boardwalk through the province's Disaster Financial Assistance program, then we can look at determining the cost to remove the bump-out at the same time. Councillor Oakes agreed it is difficult in larger vehicles. Mayor Harvey said the request would be taken under advisement once they are ready to work on that section of boardwalk.

b. Longest Day of Smiles

Mayor Harvey read a letter received from Operation Smile Canada, asking to proclaim June 18, 2023 as the Longest Day of Smiles in the municipality. The Longest Day of SMILES® encourages community ambassadors to raise awareness and funds to help a child born with a cleft condition smile and change their life with free, safe, cleft surgery and comprehensive care.

WHEREAS: Operation Smile Canada is a global medical charity providing free, life-changing surgeries and medical care to children born with cleft conditions around the world; and

WHEREAS: Every 3 minutes, a child is born with a cleft condition, and lack of access to safe, effective surgery means that easily treatable conditions like cleft lip and cleft palate can become fatal; and

WHEREAS: Operation Smile Canada believes every child born with a cleft condition deserves exceptional surgical care; and

WHEREAS: The Longest Day of SMILES® will unite Canadians from coast to coast to coast as they raise awareness and funds; and

WHEREAS: On June 18th, 2023, the citizens of the District of Carleton North are encouraged to learn more about how to support this worthy cause by visiting www.longestdayofsmiles.ca; and

WHEREAS: Our community can help celebrate the Longest Day of SMILES® by posting #longestdayofsmiles on social media; and

THEREFORE: The District of Carleton North Town Council hereby proclaims June 18th, 2023 as "Longest Day of SMILES®" in the District of Carleton North and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Moved by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #067-2023

c. CNHS Request

The High School is looking to make some upgrades, which include paving, re-fencing the newly paved surface, adding basketball poles, pickle ball and ball hockey lines within the new Tennis Court area. The surface would provide multi-sport use for the community and youth from the school. The estimated cost of the project is \$125,000. The Regional Development Corporation (RDC) will match

funds dollar for dollar that the school can raise. They are asking for a \$10,000 contribution from the District of Carleton North. Councillor Oakes advised they have some great community partnerships. Deputy Mayor Hargrove felt it should go to the Finance Committee to see if any funds are available. The item was tabled until the Finance Committee can review what funds are available and to tour the site.

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. NB Trail Use

Councillor Bradstreet opened a dialogue with Council members to discuss the NB Trail use. He's heard from both sides. A lot of people would like to see ATVs use the trail and he'd like to see them opened for ATV use. Councillor Oakes would like to see the NB Trail used for both ATVs and walkers. Mayor Harvey explained the Snowmobile Federation lease the NB Trail from December 15 to April 15. Most ATV users are responsible, and he feels they have to look at all uses. There are major economic opportunities. Enforcement is a big part of it. The only option for the ATV users is the NB Trail and he feels Council needs to look at it. Councillor Haines thought ATV users would help maintain it. Deputy Mayor Hargrove would like more information on what other communities are doing, like the pilot program in Perth-Andover and the one in Woodstock.

b. Annual Operating Grant Applicants

Twenty-two applications were reviewed by the Administration Committee for consideration to the former Florenceville-Bristol Community Grant and to the new Community Investment Annual Operating Grant. Councillor Angel Connor praised the many community volunteer committees for providing an important service to the communities and provided a recommendation list from the Committee. The District of Carleton North is pleased to provide assistance to many important organizations. It was noted that there is also funding streams available from the provincial and federal governments for some of the capital projects proposed.

The first group is for community centres, to help with operating costs. It was noted that although the Lakeview Church Hall is affiliated with a church, it is the only community centre in the area, and is used outside of church functions. It had always qualified previously for the community centre funding provide by the province before municipal reform.

MOTION: To award Annual Operating Grants to the following community centres: Lakeville Community Centre \$3,500, Mount Pleasant Community Centre \$3,500, Glassville Community Centre \$3,500, Upper Kent Rec Centre \$3,500, Juniper Community Centre \$3,500, Juniper Rec Centre \$3,500, Stickney Recreation Centre \$3,500, Lakeview Church Hall \$2,000, Bath Knights of Columbus \$3,500, and Florenceville Kin Club \$3,500 Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove.

CARRIED. #068-2023

Two local Legion groups were recommended. Mayor Harvey advised this grant would typically be for operational support, and acknowledged the importance of supporting our local Legions.

MOTION: To award an Annual Operating Grant of \$2,000 to the Florenceville Royal Canadian Legion to help update their Cenotaph, and \$2,000 to Centreville Legion for their Victoria Park banner project in Centreville. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #069-2023

Two educational organizations were recommended for their contributions to children's learning. It was noted that Council will encourage the Bristol Elementary School to apply for provincial funding for the balance of their project.

MOTION: To pledge an Annual Operating Grant of \$500 to the Bristol Elementary School's sand pit roof project, subject to them raising the balance of the funds. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Councillor Michael Stewart.

CARRIED. #070-2023

MOTION: To award an Annual Operating Grant of \$2,000 to the Imagination Library. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove.

CARRIED. #071-2023

Seven organizations in the Tourism, Recreation & Cultural sector were recommended to help with their operating and programming costs.

MOTION: To award Annual Operating Grants to the following organizations: Florenceville Curling Club \$5,000, Carleton Minor Hockey Association an ice credit \$2,500, Aberdeen Snowmobile Club \$2,000, Valley Outdoor Centre \$1,500, Carleton County Toy Run \$2,000, Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery \$10,000, Potato World \$10,000. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Councillor Scott Oakes.

CARRIED. #072-2023

c. Rezoning Request, Shogomoc Property PID 10101640

The Town has applied for a rezoning for PID 10101640 for the Shogomoc Railway Museum and Welcome Centre property near Riverside Park in Florenceville-Bristol from Institutional INST Zone to Mixed-Use Core MU-2 Zone to allow an operator to lease any of the spaces for a tourism-related use.

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) A public presentation for Municipal Plan By-law 12A-6 be scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at the Western Valley Multiplex, located at 698 Central St., Centreville commencing at 6:30 pm;
- 2) A public hearing to consider objections to the proposed Municipal Plan and Zoning by-laws (12A-6 and 13B-6) be scheduled for Thursday, June 8th, 2023 by video and tele-conference, commencing at 6:30 pm; and
- 3) Municipal Plan By-law 12A-6 and Zoning By-law 13B-6 be referred to the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee for its written views.

Moved by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Scott Oakes.

CARRIED. #073-2023

d. Appoint Signing Officers for Brunswick Credit Union Accounts

The Brunswick Credit Union are requiring a motion of Council to give the District of Carleton North's Treasurer, CAO, and Mayor access to the Village of Centreville's bank accounts.

MOTION: To appoint Treasurer Jennifer Crabbe, CAO Sarah Pacey and Mayor Andrew Harvey as District of Carleton North signing Officers for the former Village of Centreville's Brunswick Credit Union bank accounts, loans, and investments, with two signatures required to complete any transaction. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #074-2023

e. Village of Bath's 2022 Audited Financials

The Auditor has completed the Village of Bath's 2022 Audited Financials. As a housekeeping item, the DCN Council need to adopt them.

MOTION: To adopt the 2022 Village of Bath Audited Financial Statements as presented. Moved by Councillor Scott Oakes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove.

CARRIED. #075-2023

f. Bath Community School

The Provincial Services Committee met last week to discuss the future of the Bath Community School. MLA Minister Margaret Johnson has asked Council if they have an appetite to complete the Bath Community School project. Mayor Harvey said it is a safe location for the school on a dead-end street, is close to child care and recreation facilities, and supports asking the province to support it. Councillor Oakes spoke about the importance of completing the construction already started. Deputy Mayor Hargrove did not feel supporting the Bath Community School project would affect funding for other District of Carleton North School projects, and noted there is no full-size gym or classrooms in Bath.

MOTION: To fully support the completion of the Bath Community School as a full-service K to 8 school and hereby request that the Provincial Government complete the construction at this school. Moved by Councillor Scott Oakes, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #076-2023

MOTION: To request a meeting with the Minister of Education and the Premier to ensure that the Major Mid-Life Upgrade and Expansion at the Bath Community School be completed. Moved by Councillor Scott Oakes, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #077-2023

g. Beautification

Councillor Connor felt some community groups could use some funding to beautify communities and she would like the Finance Committee to see if there are any funds available, so the Administration Committee could look at a policy for this type of grant. Mayor Harvey felt the Committees could see if funds would be available for Veteran banner projects too.

h. Human Resources Committee

Deputy Mayor Hargrove felt with the growth of DCN through municipal reform, that it is important for Council to have oversight on Human Resources policies.

MOTION: To add Human Resources to the Administration Committee's mandate. Moved by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #078-2023

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Recreation & Tourism Committee: Councillor Chala Watson, Chair

Was unable to attend tonight's Council meeting, and sent her regrets.

b. Public Safety Committee: Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, Chair

Met last night, and have another meeting planned for next week. Councillor Oakes added that they had an informal discussion with representatives from Hartland last night regarding the potential for a regional police force.

c. Policing Model Committee (Ad Hoc): Councillor Scott Oakes, Chair

Nothing to report.

d. Provincial Service Committee: Councillor Scott Oakes, Chair

Met April 18 to discuss the Bath Community School and River View Manor.

e. Operations Committee: Councillor Michael Stewart, Chair

Will be having their first meeting on Thursday evening, now that the new Director of Operations is settled in.

f. Administration Committee: Councillor Angel Connor, Chair

Met April 13 to review the Annual Operating Grant application, and will be meeting again next week to discuss some new items.

g. Economic Development Committee: Councillor Ray Haines, Chair

Will be meeting May 10. The Town is hosting a Job Fair on April 27 from noon to 6pm at the Amsterdam Inn.

h. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, Chair

Met April 11 to determine what funds were available for the various Community Investment Policy grants.

11. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES:

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Attended a Library board meeting last week. Noted the Gallery looks great and encouraged everyone to stop in. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, which is a fundraiser for the Gallery, is happening May 6, with a few tickets still available.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove:

Attended an Administration Committee meeting, and a Provincial Services Committee meeting.

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Helped with the 100 Women that Care event, which raised \$48,000 that went to the River Valley Cancer Support Group. He's continuing to get things ready in Centreville for the summer maintenance season.

Councillor Chala Watson:

Was unable to attend tonight's Council meeting, and sent her regrets.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Attended a Lumberjack Competition committee meeting. Met with a local developer in Bath. Enjoyed supper at the Upper Kent Rec Centre. Attended 2 Balloon Fest Committee meeting, and a Provincial Services meeting. Had fun at Bingo at the Upper Kent Rec Hall and a Card Party at the Bath K of C. Stopped by the Fiddlehead Fibre Festival. Met with Hartland regarding Policing and next steps.

Councillor Ray Haines:

Attended the test launch of the Eclipse Balloon at the Amsterdam Inn on Saturday. He continues to receive calls about the bridges and road conditions.

Councillor Angel Connor:

Attended the 100 Women Who Care event, which was very moving. She and the Mayor spoke to the Bristol Elementary grade 3 class regarding municipal government. Attended a River Bend Balloon Festival meeting. Chaired an Administration Committee meeting. Helped at an Elementary Student Appreciation event for the kids. Stopped by the Fiddlehead Fibre Festival. Gave a shout-out to volunteers cleaning up the community for Earth Day.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Attended the Carleton County Spring Show & Sale, Lumberjack Committee meeting, and Administration Committee meeting. Met with CNHS principal regarding their upgrade project. Met with Bath developers regarding the old hospital and train station. Went to the Upper Kent Rec Centre for supper. Attended the Stickney Rec Center for a Gospel music event. Although it wasn't in DCN, he noted that he attended a boxing event in Woodstock that was well organized and professionally put together. Attended a Bath Lions presentation regarding the Bath Fair grounds. Attended a Provincial Services Committee meeting. Met with Councillor Stewart regarding some public works and maintenance issues. Had fun calling Bingo at the Upper Kent Rec Centre. Met with our MLA Minister Margaret Johnson regarding many issues including roads, Designated Highway program, bridge projects, policing, CNHS project, and our Community Investment Policy. Spoke along with Councillor Connor at the Bristol Elementary School regarding local and provincial government. Met with the new Director of Operations regarding the boardwalk repair project. Attended a WVRSC board meeting. Attended the River Bend Balloon Fest meeting. Took the Director of Operations and our new Tourism Manager for a tour to Juniper. Stopped by the Fiddlehead Fibre Festival. Gave a shout-out to the clean-up event the Recreation department organized with Rotary and 4-H on Earth Day. Attended the Eclipse balloon launch. Attended a benefit supper at the Florenceville Kin Centre. Had some discussions with Hartland on the policing issue. Gave a shout-out to the Town's Administration Staff for Administration Professional Day and thanked Michelle Derrah for all that she does.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting adjourned to a Closed session at 8:45pm. Moved by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove.

CARRIED. #079-2023

Regular Council Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The first meeting of the month will be on the road at 6:30pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Western Valley Multiplex in Centreville.

MAYOR

CLERK

CLOSED MEETING:

Section 68 (1) (c) of the Local Governance Act: Information that could cause financial loss or gain to a person or the local government or could jeopardize negotiations leading to an agreement or contract.

Section 68 (1) (d) of the Local Governance Act: The proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land.

MAYOR

CLERK