

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 @ 7:00pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol

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

Staff: Sarah Pacey, CAO/Assistant Clerk, Michelle Derrah, Director of Administration/Clerk

REGRETS: Councillor Laurel Bradstreet

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Andrew Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove asked for two additions to the agenda under New Business.

MOTION: To approve the March 14, 2023 Town Council Agenda with the addition of Town Council Outreach Meetings and Explore Florenceville-Bristol Website under New Business. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Councillor Michael Stewart.

CARRIED. #035-2023

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. WVRSC Community Development and Transportation Initiatives, Wendy Marr

Community Development Coordinator Wendy Marr gave Council an update on the WVRSC's Transportation and Community Development initiatives. Their Urban/Rural Rides program has been recruiting volunteer drivers to provide transportation to seniors for medical appointments. They plan to expand rides beyond seniors and medical appointments eventually. They did the first ride on February 15. They have 14 drivers fully vetted and able to give rides, with 2 more in the process of being vetted. They have 23 clients at the moment with 11 drives scheduled for March. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed for mileage, and can work as much or as little as they choose. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact 506-503-3004 or www.urbanruralrides.ca. The Community Development initiatives she is working on include social enterprise, addictions, recreation, leisure and sport, and school food. She is working on a listing of funding resources to help organizations know what is available to them.

b. MP Richard Bragdon

Tobique-Mactaquac MP Richard Bragdon welcomed the District of Carleton North Council, thanked them for their service, and looked forward to working with them on federal initiatives. MP Bragdon wants what is good for the region and to help District of Carleton North priorities move forward wherever possible. His office can assist people with access to any federal programs such as EI, CRA, OAS, CPP, passports, border related issues, Veteran Affairs, farm programs, CFIA, immigration and foreign temporary workers issues. MP Bragdon has 2 offices in the region: one in Grand Falls and one in Woodstock. The Canada Summer Jobs Program has been cut by 30% this

year. It was raised during Covid and this 2023 reduction will bring it back to their normal range. Another program for seniors is the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), where organizations can receive up to \$25,000 for assistance with programming, accessibility, and other seniors-related projects.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the February 28, 2023 Town Council Minutes. Moved by Councillor Chala Watson, seconded by Councillor Scott Oakes.

CARRIED. #036-2023

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Thank You Card, McCauley

Former Florenceville-Bristol Deputy Mayor Nancy Whyte-McCauley offered her thanks to Council for the memorial donation to the NB Heart Centre that was made for her husband, Mark.

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS

a. Proposed Community Investment Policy No. A-03

To find an equitable way to support the contributions of non-profit organizations in the District of Carleton North, the Administration Committee recommended a Community Investment Policy for Council to consider. It included an Annual Operating Grant, Sponsorships and In-Kind support. The Annual Operating Grant would be advertised by March 17 with an application deadline of April 6, which would allow the Committee time to review and make recommendations to Council for their April 25 Council meeting. Organizations who applied to the Florenceville-Bristol Community Grant will not need to reapply.

MOTION: To adopt the District of Carleton North Community Investment Policy A-03 as presented. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove.

CARRIED. #037-2023

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Fire Department Bunker Gear

The six fire departments were consulted to determine the gear in need of replacement to meet safety standards and equipment expiry dates.

MOTION: To ratify the purchase of 10 Flame Fighter Bunker Suits at a total cost of \$33,900 plus HST from Safety Source Fire. Moved by Councillor Ray Haines, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #038-2023

MOTION: To approve the purchase of 10 Morning Pride Turnout Gear Suits, 4 Morning Pride Helmets, and 4 pairs of Honeywell Rubber Boots at a total cost of \$36,710 plus HST from Nova Fire Equipment. Moved by Councillor Chala Watson, seconded by Councillor Scott Oakes.

CARRIED. #039-2023

b. Town Council Outreach Meetings

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove spoke about starting to meet at some community centres for their Regular Council meetings with an opportunity for conversation afterward.

MOTION: To have the Administration Committee recommend a schedule of outreach Regular Council Meetings for Council to approve. Moved by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #040-2023

c. Explore Florenceville-Bristol Website

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove would like Council to have discussions publicly so they can discuss the pros, cons and options for the tourism website, so it reflects all of the District of Carleton North. She knows that the Tourism & Recreation Committee has had discussion around the website and feels it should be something all of Council discusses at a future meeting.

MOTION: To have the Explore Florenceville-Bristol website and branding on an agenda for a future Council Meeting once the Tourism & Recreation Committee have a recommendation to Council. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Scott Oakes.

CARRIED. #041-2023

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Recreation & Tourism Committee: Councillor Chala Watson, Chair
Haven't met since the last Council meeting.

b. Public Safety Committee: Councillor Laurel Bradstreet, Chair
Not in attendance at Council meeting.

c. Policing Model Committee (Ad Hoc): Councillor Scott Oakes, Chair
Policing Meeting scheduled on March 16 via Zoom.

d. Provincial Service Committee: Councillor Scott Oakes, Chair
No meeting as he was out of town.

e. Operations Committee: Councillor Michael Stewart, Chair
The Committee has not met yet, but District of Carleton North staff and DTI have been cold patching as much as they can. It is only a temporary fix and nothing long-term can be done until May when the weather is warmer and pavement plants open. He has been reviewing sidewalk and curb issues.

f. Administration Committee: Councillor Angel Connor, Chair
The Committee had a long meeting and completed the draft Community Investment Policy.

g. Economic Development Committee: Councillor Ray Haines, Chair
This committee has not met yet, but expects to meet in April/May.

h. Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, Chair
Met on March 2 and discussed the 2023 budget and how the tax rates didn't show fairness between wards. The Director of Finance is working on year-end, so once that is done, the committee will start taking a deeper dive into the budget and look at big-ticket items. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 30.

11. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES:

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Not in attendance at Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove:

Attended Library Board Orientation on March 8, and Board Meeting March 9. One item discussed was the success of the spring book sale held at the Community Hall and they spoke highly of assistance from town staff and thanked the Town for the use of the Community Hall.

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Attended the Glassville Community Centre's Men in Dresses event, and really enjoyed himself. He encouraged people to take part in the recreation activities throughout the district.

Councillor Chala Watson:

Nothing to report as she has been under the weather.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Meeting with Fire Chief Armour and Deputy Chief Downey to discuss their fire department initiatives moving forward. During the meeting, they mentioned that they were very pleased with the Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Councillor Ray Haines:

Received a couple of complaints that he will pass along to staff regarding Buttermilk Creek Road conditions, and an unsightly premises.

Councillor Angel Connor:

Attended the Aberdeen Snowmobile Club's Wing Night at the Glassville Community Centre. Had lots of fun at the Glassville Winter Carnival with her family. Attended an Administration Committee meeting.

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Attended a Scotiabank \$100,000 cheque presentation for the NCRC project. Worked on the Community Investment Policy. Met with potential vendor at Riverside Park. Attended an Administration Committee meeting and a Finance Committee meeting. Met with Chief Armour, Deputy Chief Downey and Councillor Oakes regarding the Bath Fire Department. Enjoyed supper and cards twice in the past two weeks at the Upper Kent Rec Centre. Visited with constituents. Attended a Zoom meeting with Minister Johnson on potential Centreville projects. Met with BWS officials on a potential project. Had an informal meeting with RCMP at his office. Attended a Zoom meeting with WVRSC's Solid Waste Committee. Met with Pure Therapy owners, Luke & Magen Brennan. Met with Jenna MacMillan on economic growth and recreational opportunities. Met with WVRSC Director of Operations Andrea Callahan on some RSC projects. Will be attending a WVRSC meeting regarding RCMP service later this week. The Recreation Department are looking to develop a new logo that will be discussed soon at a Council meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business the meeting adjourned to a Closed session at 8:16pm. Moved by Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Angel Connor.

CARRIED. #042-2023

Regular Council Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

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) (j) of the Local Governance Act: Labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.

MAYOR

CLERK