

District of Carleton North
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
19 Station Road, Florenceville-Bristol, NB

Council: Mayor Andrew Harvey, Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove, Councillor Chala Watson, Councillor Michael Stewart, Councillor Angel Connor, Councillor Scott Oakes, Councillor Ryan Dickinson, Councillor Laurel Bradstreet,

Staff: Amy McIntosh, Clerk

REGRETS: Rayma Rediker, Assistant Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Hargrove asked that we add a request for letter of support from the District of Carleton North for the Aberdeen Snowmobile club.

MOTION: To approve the amended July 9th Town Council Agenda as presented.
Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Oakes.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To ratify approval of the June 25, 2024, Town Council Minutes.
Moved by Councillor Connor, seconded by Councillor Bradstreet.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Mayor Harvey advised that the demolition of the Bath Middle School is set to begin on Monday, July 15th. He advised that we need to see the construction plan to understand the process for demolition as the pool and Step Ahead are located in close proximity to where the demolition will be happening.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Ene-Ly Nari – Industrial Wind Farm Sharing Information

Ene-Ly presented to Council the following letter regarding the proposed Brighton Mountain wind farm project. Council discussed after the presentation and agreed that they would send a letter to the proponent offering to host a public meeting (in which the proponent would attend) to discuss the project and answer any questions the public may have.

Mayor Harvey and Councillors

My name is Ene-Ly Nairismagi.

I represent a group of citizens of Carlton County who are concerned about the massive, industrial wind farm that's proposed on Brighton Mountain near Juniper.

I would like to note that our group is not against renewable energy projects. However, the placement of projects is of critical importance to your constituents.

I am here to remind you of council members' duty to constituents. And this is a Notice of Liability.

The proposed industrial wind farm project includes 58 turbines spanning between Deersdale and Cloverdale. There are many significant considerations requiring adequate public consultation.

I understand that your council has also not been adequately consulted yet by the Project Proponent (JD Irving), despite an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) already being submitted for review on April 18, 2024.

As our calls for adequate public consultation have not been met by the Project Proponent (JD Irving), we are asking you to host a large, open, transparent, accessible, and public forum to ensure your constituents have opportunities to learn about how a project of this scale will impact them.

Our key concerns are as follows:

The proposed industrial wind farm site is comprised on Acadian Forest, of which, there is only 1% left in all of North America. This highly endangered forest type is at risk of disappearing in New Brunswick entirely. The proposed project would require clearing of an additional 22,000 acres of Acadian Forest.

The EIA is unacceptable as it uses a baseline of actively forested land, despite there being adjacent Protected Natural Areas that ought to have been used as the baseline. Therefore, we do not accept the EIA as a true reflection of the impacts. It is also not a comprehensible document to most constituents.

On the contrary, the JOI website provided to stakeholders with questions provides only very limited information and not the full picture.

All stakeholders need to be informed of possible detrimental impacts on tourism, recreational trails, snowmobiles, ATVs, Hunting, Fishing, Recreational properties, Local businesses, and maple sugar

bushes.

The effect on wildlife, habitat, endangered species, water quality, air quality, sound quality, property values, quality of life for citizens, and birds, bees, and bats are also top concerns for stakeholders.

In addition, the impacts on the headwaters of 3 rivers (Miramichi, **Nashwaak**, and Becaguimac) should be on Council's radar. How much does Council value the impact on fresh water in our region?

I would also like to note that industrial freehold land in New Brunswick is currently unceded. The site of the proposed wind farm is on land that is currently expressly named in a title case in the NB courts. Meaning that the future of the land is uncertain.

These are just a few of the many concerns and considerations requiring stakeholders understanding.

Most constituents are unaware of this proposed project and/or do not have an adequate understanding of all stages of a project of this scale.

We do not accept JDI's limited and insufficient consultations as adequate at this time.

This is a notice of liability and the outcome is on your watch. You will be liable.

I make a motion to council to hold accessible, well-advertised, public consultations to educate and consult your constituents on the proposed industrial wind farm on Brighton Mountain so that stakeholders can understand both the positive and negative impacts before the project is approved.

I ask for a motion.

I ask for a second motion.

I ask that this gets tabled for the next meeting.

What are you going to do in the interest of your constituents? What is your plan?

We also would like the record to reflect that we are aware of the possibility that council and other stakeholders may receive financial or other incentives by the Project Proponent to push it forward.

This concludes my comments.

Thank you Mayor Harvey

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 4th Annual Ride for Suicide Awareness

The District of Carleton North received the below letter from Maria Pozsagi regarding the 4th Annual Ride for Suicide Awareness.

Dear Amy,

I am writing this letter to ask for your support for our 4th annual memorial fundraiser, **Ride 4 Suicide Awareness**, taking place on Saturday September 7th, 2024.

Ride 4 Suicide Awareness aims to raise money, awareness and ignite conversations in our community to support mental health.

Every year, approximately 4,500 people in Canada die by suicide, which is equivalent to 12 people dying by suicide every day.

Tragically on February 4th, 2020 I lost my nephew, Jon, to suicide. Jon loved to ride motorbikes and to remember him we started **Ride 4 Suicide Awareness**.

For every person lost to suicide, many more experience thoughts of suicide or suicide attempts.

Last year we raised \$5,220.00 for mental health which was donated to Atlantic Canine Therapy for First Responders.

We are pleased to announce this year funds will be donated to **Maddy Murphy Memorial Foundation**.

Ride 4 Suicide Awareness will take place on Saturday September 7th, 2024 and will start and loop back to J&T PowerSports in Woodstock.

We are looking forward to again welcoming 150 or more people to this year's ride and hope you will consider supporting this event.

We would greatly appreciate sponsorship, which can look like a financial donation or donation of items to use as door prizes or auction items.

Thank you in advance for your support and attention.
Please see the attached poster.

Ride 4 Suicide Awareness Committee (non-profit)

Council passed a motion to sponsor this initiative again this year with a \$250.00 donation along with a donation of items to use as door prizes.

MOTION to approve a donation of \$250, along with a donation of items for door prizes, to support the 4th Annual Ride for Suicide Awareness. Moved by Councillor Bradstreet, seconded by Councillor Watson.

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2. Letter from Neil Keenan

Neil submitted the following letter regarding the possible addition of a crossing sign with flashing amber lights on McCain street in front of the entrance to the arena. Also in the Centennial Crescent to McCain Street location. Council agreed to look into the cost of purchasing the flashing amber lights to indicate a crosswalk is there.

District of Carleton North
Attn: Mayor Andrew Harvey & Council Members
19 Station Road
Florenceville-Bristol, NB E7L 3J8

Dear Mayor Harvey & Council Members,

I would like to bring an issue of safety to your attention. Recently, while attending events at the Northern Carleton Arena, I have noticed a young woman with a group of small children crossing McCain Street from the tennis court area to the gym or day care centre without protection from the traffic. There is no crossing guard to assist her in either direction and there is heavy commercial traffic on the street. I am proposing to the Town Council/Municipal Government that we install a crossing sign with flashing amber lights similar to the one at the intersection of Main Street and Maple Street at the Post Office in Florenceville. There is currently one installed near the daycare in Bristol, Route 105, and is used for pedestrian safety including daycare children and employees.

Also, as a second issue of safety concern, I have noticed a senior gentleman using a walker and crossing from Centennial Crescent to McCain Street. He walks to the end of McCain Street and crosses Main Street to the sidewalk to get uptown. He walks slowly and needs protection. I am proposing that a second safety light be installed at the intersection of McCain and Main Street for the protection of all pedestrians. Thank you, Your Worship and Councillors, for hearing my concerns. I look forward to hearing positive and constructive results.

Sincerely,

Neil H. Keenan

8. POLICIES & BY-LAWS:

1. 2nd and 3rd Reading of the updated Peddlers By Law

Council reviewed the updated Peddlers By-Law for the District of Carleton North. Any necessary updates were made that were required and the second and third reading needed to be completed.

Proceeded with second and third reading of the amended By-Law in its entirety.

MOTION: To adopt the District of Carleton North By-Law No. A-6, “A By-Law Respecting Peddlers”. Moved by Councillor Angel Connor, seconded by Councillor Laurel Bradstreet.

CARRIED. #061-2024

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to move council meetings in August to Monday

WHEREAS the current schedule for council meetings is set for Tuesdays,

And WHEREAS it is deemed beneficial to adjust this schedule for the month of August,

BE IT RESOLVED that the council hereby approves the change of council meeting day from Tuesdays to Mondays for the month of August. Moved by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Connor.

CARRIED. #062-2024

2. Letter for the Aberdeen Snowmobile Club

Deputy Mayor Hargrove received a request from the Aberdeen Snowmobile Club for a letter of recommendation from council as they will be applying for ACOA funding.

MOTION: To approved letter of recommendation for the Aberdeen Snowmobile Club. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hargrove, seconded by Councillor Watson.

CARRIED. #063-2024

10. COUNCIL STATEMENTS / INQUIRIES

Councillor Michael Stewart:

Councillor Stewart attended the Tractor Pull, attended music at the Gazebo in Centreville, noted it was nice to the RCMP in the town today talking to kids at the school.

Councillor Scott Oakes:

Councillor Oakes noted that there needs to be some cleanup at the Bristol Splash Pad and Park, attended the Canada Day events in Bath (shoutout to Sharon and Kim on their work to organize this event).

Councillor Angel Connor:

Councillor Connor attended the Canada Day events in Bath, attended McCain Family Day, did two Chase the Ace draws, did receive a complaint about speeding in Juniper and a request to have a Children Playing sign in Juniper and bus stop sign in Juniper. There is a Flea Market on Saturday in Glassville at the ball diamond.

Councillor Laurel Bradstreet:

Councillor Bradstreet attended the Tractor Pull in Centreville, attended the Canada Day events in Bath, received one complaint about the growth along the river.

Councillor Chala Watson

Councillor Watson spent Friday and Saturday at the Tractor Pull in Centreville which was well attended by those participating in the event as well as the spectators, hosted a grad party for her son Colby.

Deputy Mayor Karen Hargrove

Deputy Mayor Hargrove attended the Canada Day festivities in Bath, swim team started in Bath, Saturday, July 13th is French Fry Day at Potato World.

Councillor Ryan Dickinson

Councillor Dickinson received a complaint about the 130 between the Allison Road and Burnham Road. Also received a complaint about some advertising stating "Florenceville" instead of "Florenceville-Bristol".

Mayor Andrew Harvey:

Mayor Harvey attended some Fire Department budget meetings, attended a River Bend Balloon Fest Committee meeting, vegetation management has started in the District, attended the Centreville Tractor Pull, attended the Upper Kent Family Day in Upper Kent, attended Canada Day events in Lakeville and Bath, attended a meeting with Charlie and Peggy MacDonald about the Canteen at the arena, attended a meeting about cooling centers in our District, attended a grad party for Colby Watson, attended a meeting with Dr. Lockhart on physician recruitment, Saturday is French Fry Day at Potato World.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM. Moved by Councillor Dickinson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hargrove.

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MAYOR

CLERK