

REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2002

The regular meeting of the Village of Baddeck was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at the Public Works Building, 29 Hillcrest Drive, Baddeck, NS, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Eddie Keeling, Chairperson
Marilyn Morrison
Jess Kerr
Philip MacRae
Brian Chandler
Ron McIntyre, Maintenance
Lisa MacKinnon, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keeling called the meeting to order.

MAINTENANCE WORK REPORT

Chairman Keeling reported that Mr. McIntyre's contract was finalized and signed. Mr. McIntyre thanked the Commissioners, and he expressed his appreciation of the negotiation process.

Ron McIntyre presented his work report for July 2002.

Commissioner MacRae arrived at this time.

Mr. McIntyre gave an explanation of the *Muffin Monster*, a machine that breaks down items into smaller pieces before they enter the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The engineers have been told what the Village would like in terms of such a machine.

A motion was made and seconded that the Maintenance Work Report for July 2002, be accepted as presented.

Commissioner Kerr informed Mr. McIntyre that Nova Scotia Power (NSP) would be at the STP on Monday, August 19, to remove the power pole.

Sewer By-Laws

Mr. McIntyre brought up some concerns with the draft sewer by-laws, focusing on the issue of responsibility. Since Mr. McIntyre has been working with the Village, the Village has been only responsible for the main line. Neither the Village nor the County were responsible for sewer connections, but monitored the connections. It should be clarified as for what are the Village and property owners responsible. Some clauses seem to be more clear than others.

There was also concern over the use of the term engineer, and it was suggested that it could be changed to a term such as “agent”.

There being no further questions for Mr. McIntyre, he left at this time.

AGENDA

Chairman Keeling asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the evening’s agenda.

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of July 17, 2002, and the minutes of the special meeting held August 6, 2002, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sewer By-Laws

The Commissioners tabled the discussion on the sewer by-laws until they receive some feedback from the solicitor.

Sewage Treatment Plant

The STP could have been started today, but the utility pole has to be removed. It appears that it is usually a three week wait to get NSP to do special assignments, but the Village was able to get them on short notice.

A motion was made and seconded that a letter be sent to ABL expressing concern over the miscommunication between ABL and the contractor, particularly in relation to the Village having to step in and get NSP in to remove the utility pole. Motion carried.

The letter of agreement offered by the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board was signed by Chairman Keeling and Warden Sampson. A copy is to be sent to the solicitor. The Clerk read a letter from Heather MacLean to the school board concerning the school board paying their own legal fees.

The Clerk presented the approval from Department of Environment and Labour to construct the STP.

Village Flags

Flags are now flying at the Public Works Building and the Municipal Court House.

BILLS

Chairman Keeling is to speak to Duncan Beaton about picking up the garbage before 9am and picking up the garbage around the bins.

A motion was made and seconded that the bills presented, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter from Tassland Developments supporting Leo Fownes' proposal for the installation of a sewer line to accommodate development in the Alexander Drive area.

The Commissioners referred to their handout received from Ed Carey and questioned the advantage to the Village. The area in question is not in the Village limits. It was noted that the agreement from 1998, involving a looping of the water line, was not fulfilled.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck will revisit the proposal for a sewer line extension, upon completion of the present deadend water line being looped into the Village water system. Motion carried.

2. A quotation from Flags Unlimited for the hand-held 4"x6" nylon flags. A minimum order of 250 costs \$8.38 per flag. A sample of the car window flag, 10"x15", was sent. A minimum order of 250 costs \$8.39 per flag. The Commissioners will not be ordering flags at this time.

3. A response from the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) requesting additional information concerning the water supply project. The Clerk will respond.

4. A returned card that was sent to Josh MacDonald, Wayne's son, during his hospital stay.

5. A letter from the Municipality advising that Bruce Morrison has been appointed to sit on the STP Construction Committee.

A motion was made and seconded that Brian Chandler sit on the STP Construction Committee along with Eddie Keeling. Motion carried.

6. Information on a winter lights contest by the Winter Lights Celebrations Committee.

7. An information package on the Sustainable Communities Initiative meeting on May 31, 2002, which Chairman Keeling attended.

8. A letter from Ross MacDonald, CED officer, stating that funding from ECBC fell through for the Baddeck International New Media Festival. The Village's financial contribution will be returned.

9. The summer 2002 *Heritage Letter*.

NEW BUSINESS

Lions Club

The Lions Club was approached by Bell Bay requesting permission to hold their staff party on Kidston Island, as was done last year. Commissioner Chandler will contact Bell Bay and ask for someone to go to the Clerk's office to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Chandler mentioned the increase in insurance costs to operate the Island Boat this summer, and requested the same donation that was made last year.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck donate \$1000 to the Lions' Club beach project. Motion carried.

Kidston Island Lighthouse

The lighthouse needs a paint job. Chairman Keeling will call the Canadian Coast Guard again.

Post Office

Chairman Keeling received a complaint from a resident about the service at the Post Office. It is understood that rules have to be followed, but it doesn't bode well in a small community.

A motion was made and seconded that a letter be sent to the Post Mistress, expressing concern over the impersonal manner in which local mail is being handled. Motion carried.

Dog By-law

The Municipality has a dog by-law, but it does not deal with dog droppings. The Clerk e-mailed the Municipal Advisor to get his input, and is waiting for a reply.

Water Bill Interest Rate

The Clerk requested an interest rate be decided upon by the Commissioners, so that she could send in the application to the NSUARB to change the late payment charge of 10% per quarter to an interest rate.

A motion was made and seconded that the Village of Baddeck make application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to eliminate the ten percent (10%) quarterly later payment charge and replace it with a one percent (1%) monthly interest charge. Motion carried.

Chebucto St. and Jones St. Intersection

There has been no word from Department of Transportation and Public Works since they stated they would be monitoring the Chebucto St. and Jones St. intersection.

A motion was made and seconded that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting an update on the monitoring that was to be conducted last summer at the Chebucto St. and Jones St. intersection. Motion carried.

RCMP

Discussion followed concerning parking in the Village.

A motion was made and seconded that a member of the RCMP be invited to meet with the Commissioners to discuss issues in the Village. Motion carried.

STP Cost Overrun

A motion was made and seconded that a detailed breakdown of the cost overrun be provided to the Commissioners. Motion carried.

It was brought to everyone's attention that the fence has been changed from being 6' to 8' with no mention of barbed wire.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, **it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 7:00 p.m, at the Baddeck Public Works Building.

Lisa MacKinnon, Clerk