



REGULAR MEETING

Town of Richibucto

July 21st, 2020

The regular meeting held on July 21st, 2020, was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Roger Doiron, Deputy Mayor Dennis Mazerolle, Gerard Richard, Stella Richard and Dwayne Thompson councillors. Mélanie Savoie Clerk, Sonia Mazerolle, secretary.

Bylaw officer Jordan Nowlan, accompanied by bylaw officer Nick Hudson, presented his report to the council, they have 15 files for the Richibucto area. Their goal is to educate and inform the municipalities about bylaws. They have seven municipalities and are working with each of them to align the bylaws.

20-75

It was moved by councilor Thompson that the agenda be adopted with following additions:

Article 9 (iv) – Public works

This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

20-76

It was moved by councilor Thompson that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16th be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The letter to ask for funding for banners was sent to recreational council. Denis advised it was not received, and to send the letter to him directly.

The acting GM informed council that she found a bylaw for businesses with large garbage bins. She will follow up.

CORRESPONDANCES

Letter for information from MACS-NB stating that the board of directors has decided not to ask for payment of membership fees for this year, in line with Covid-19 and the exceptional situation we are going through.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fireworks

It was suggested to double money for fireworks for the 2021 festival as there were no fireworks in 2020. Melanie advised that if we go over \$9,999.00, insurance will be very expensive and would have to go to tenders. We are very satisfied with the current company we use for fireworks.

Appraisal

Babineau appraisal appraised the Town Hall building at \$498,000.00. In the fall there will be a meeting to look at ideas and find out how much it would cost to upgrade the interpretation centre for offices.

Retirement Plan

It was approved to terminate the retirement plan, but the date that the plan ends has not been decided yet. Melanie advised that she will re-examine so they can come to a conclusion on the termination date.

NEW BUSINESS

Water system project, reading residential

20-77

It was moved by councilor Thompson with the condition that we have enough money for the project that we install water meters at residential properties. At this time, there are only meters at commercial properties. The costs would be included in the water treatment plant upgrade project. This would help public works employees do their job, it would be easier to find water breaks and leaks. This would be a solution to help make citizens aware of how much water they are using, especially if they are using more than the average. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

NB SPCA Contract

20-78

It was moved by councilor Thompson that we take a contract with NB SPCA at \$200 per month, \$2400 per year. They will come for any kind of domestic animal and are equipped to pick them up, unlike the bylaw officers that we have been calling a few times a week for this matter. They will also come for complaints. We have had a contract before with a dog catcher. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried.

Letter of Support Omera Shell

No discussion took place about this topic.

Public Works

20-79

It was moved by councilor G. Richard that Melanie prepares a job description for a public works coordinator and operator. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

20-80

The Kent Planning Commission report was presented for information;

The Kent Solid Waste Commission report was presented for information;

The Fire Report was presented for information

Jardine Municipal Park Report – no report

The Water & Sewerage report was presented for information;

The Recreation, Culture and Tourism report was presented for information. There will be no hockey school this year. We will have Ice at the Centre in the winter. It was suggested to place bigger buoys at Jardine Park as the small ones are hard to see and cause a security issue.

The Financial Report was presented.

20-81

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the financial report dated June 30th be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General manager –

Melanie checked to hire a security company for Jardine Park, but it is very expensive. She suggested that we pass a bylaw regarding a park warden for security.

20-82

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that because of the problems with security guards in the last few summers, we pass a bylaw regarding park warden security for Jardine Park. They would still be employees of the town, we would pay them, but the bylaw officers would hire and train them. This was seconded by councilor G. Richard. Motion carried.

Melanie advises that as soon as the water treatment plant upgrade project contract is signed, they will be able to start construction.

She advised that starting next month we will no longer have public meetings on Zoom. We will ask citizens to register in advance to attend the meeting so social distancing can be practised.

Melanie will check with bylaw officers for a bylaw and talk to the province about a no-parking zone in front of the wharf as this causes a security issue.

She advised the council that the NB trail fence was fixed.

20-83

It was moved by councilor Mazerolle that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

UMNB, Animation and Promotion –

No report available

Recreation Council, Port authority and Infrastructure –

Councilor Mazerolle said the recreation council wanted to know if they could have the Christmas parade this year with Covid-19. They want to make improvements, but will wait for an answer before they begin. Melanie will check with the province.

Port authority would like a member of the council to be on a committee they will be creating.

20-84

It was moved by councilor Thompson that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce, CBDC and Economic Development Committee –
Councilor Thompson informs that the members of the Chamber of Commerce participated in a meeting last night, they will make a donation to the banners, check is in the mail.

20-85

It was moved by councilor Thompson that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor S. Richard. Motion carried.

Scallop Festival, Environment and Wellness –
Councilor S. Richard informed council that more plants were stolen in town.

20-86

It was moved by councilor S. Richard that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

Forum des maires, AFMNNB, ZAA et Comité Mission et Vision –
Mayor Doiron advises the council that there is no Forum des maire or AFMNB. They had two ZAA meetings. AGA of ZAA will be in autumn.
-Nine panels out of the 12 panels are ready to be installed. Hanson Sign could put up the nine panels and 3 extra supports for when the other panels are ready.
-They had a meeting with Gordon of Northland design for the Park in the curb on rue Main in front of Léonide Richard. When they have a plan for the project, he will present it to the council.
-The evaluation of allocation committee has three members, Conrad Landry, Jeannita Stewart and Clermont Richard. They will have their first meeting and will make a report by September. They have a few documents to analyze, including what the town is paying council and mayor as well as other municipalities.

20-87

Mayor Doiron proposed his report. This was seconded by councilor Mazerolle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

20-88

Councillor S. Richard proposed adjournment at 8:23 p.m.

Mélanie Savoie
Greffière

Roger Doiron
Maire