

## FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held at the Municipality of Colchester Council Chambers on May 18, 2017 at 11:00 am.

**Present:** Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair  
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs  
Councillor Eric Boutilier

Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative  
Laurie Sandeson, Citizen Representative

Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works  
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor / Consultant  
Leroy Smith, Project Supervisor / Consultant

**Regrets:** Mayor Christine Blair  
Carl MacPhee, Acting Area Manager, NSTIR  
Nancy McKay, Director of Stakeholder and Community Relations, CN Rail

**Approval of Agenda:** An agenda was prepared and circulated for the Committee's review and approval. Two items were added to new business, consultant proposal and tendering process for contractors this year.

Moved by: Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting held on March 23, 2017 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

"That the Minutes from the meeting on March 23, 2017 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** A meeting with Hilden Fire Hall needs to be arranged to discuss reduced proposal.

McNutt property – Rod and Leroy calculated his costs. Councillor Cavanaugh and Rod visited him to discuss. He seems very interested but needs to discuss with co- owner.

**New Applications:**

One new application was received.

**Bruce Blacklock:**

Refer to staff for investigation as to whether or not it is something the committee can do.

Moved by: Councillor Gibbs

Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“Motion to Refer.”

Motion carried.

**Review of Small Projects:**

The following updates have been made to the small projects list:

**Kennedy:**

- Letter to be sent advising resident of cost of proposed work. Resident to respond by June 20<sup>th</sup> if work is to proceed, otherwise to be removed from list.

**Sutherland:**

- Application is from 2014. Letter to be sent advising resident of cost of proposed work. Resident to respond by June 20<sup>th</sup> if work is to proceed, otherwise to be removed from list.

**Carter:**

- Project will be resubmitted to DFO in two weeks time.

**Baxter:**

- Survey is complete. Project will be submitted without a site visit with the CSA. Rod will talk to CSA member about the project.

**Graham:**

- Revise scope and resubmit for DFO approval

**Hilden Fire Hall:**

- Resubmit on a smaller section for DFO approval.

**Dickie:**

- Councillor Cavanaugh and Councillor Gibbs will conduct a site visit to assess what needs to be done.

**Norrie:**

- Councillor Cavanaugh met with Mr. Norrie to explain the process. Mr. Norrie was agreeable to everything and would like the work done as quickly as possible.
- Site visit required. Councillor Boutilier would like to attend.

**Review of Large Projects:**

Great Village River:

- Michelle and Rod have developed new plans that need to be submitted.
- Waiting for response to extension funding request.

Farnham Brook:

- Ready to be resubmitted for DFO approval.
- Waiting for response to extension funding request.

**Salt Marsh Project**

Rod has attended a couple of meetings. Upcoming meetings are May 23, 2017 and June 6, 2017. A meeting with landowners has been organized to ask residents to sign off on the project. The aim of the project is to relocate dykes. Department of Agriculture is in favour, they do not wish the old dykes to stay because of the type of weeds that grow there. There would also be land created for Onslow farmers. Councillor Cavanaugh suggested that mapping and alignment of the new dykes should be presented to council.

**Status of Budget:**

Council has approved a budget of \$100,000 for 2017-2018.

**Project Video:**

Recommended changes to video still in progress.

**CN Update:**

There has been no change. They remain unresponsive.

**FRIP Funding:**

Extensions have been requested but have not yet received approval.

**Letter, Bill Casey**

A letter is to be drafted to MP Casey inviting him to a meeting to discuss the difficulty in obtaining regulatory approvals.

**New Business:**

Rod MacLennan submitted a proposal for consulting services for the 2017/18 fiscal year which remains the same as last year. The stipend of \$1,200 will once again be split; \$400 to FAC and \$800 to JFAC pending their approval.

Moved by: Councillor Gibbs  
Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier

“That the FAC approves Rod MacLennan’s proposal for consulting services for 2016/17 which includes a stipend of \$1,200 per month; with \$400 being funded by the FAC; 10% of project costs; and \$75/hour for inspections.”

Motion carried.

Leroy Smith will also continue as a consultant, at a rate of \$50 per hour.

Moved by: Laurie Sandeson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbs

“Approved as presented.”  
Motion carried.

Tender for contracting to proceed in the same manner as past years.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee  
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

“Approved as presented.”

Motion carried.

#### Gasper Cross Road

- Residents have complained of flooding. This is a problem that has been occurring for years but has gotten worse. Ditch cannot handle the rain, culverts are undersized and the overflow causes flooding every time it rains.
- Rod feels that the brook should go back to its original course.
- Michelle suggested looking at the watershed and slowing down flow but this would be a big project. It is a Provincial problem that could be helped with diverting water to the right of way and they should contact their MLA.
- Staff will look at mapping to see where the ditch is and on who is property owner.
- It was the committee's suggestion that they should take photos of all the flooding in the ditch and property during the next rainfall.

**Future Meeting Dates:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:00 am.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Erin Parsons,  
Recording Secretary