

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held at the Municipality of Colchester Council Chambers on August 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Christine Blair
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs

Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Laurie Sandeson, Citizen Representative

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

Don Mattinson, Cobequid Salmon Association

Regrets: Councillor Eric Boutilier
Greg Chisholm, Area Manager, NSTIR
Leroy Smith, Project Supervisor

Approval of Agenda: An agenda was prepared and circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Laurie Sandeson
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbs

"That the agenda be approved with the following addition:

- Salt Marsh Tour."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on May 23, 2018 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

"That the Minutes from the meeting on May 23, 2018 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

New Applications: Sproule Lumber:

- Application submitted to Environment for bank stabilization
- Owner paying contractors directly – Michelle to coordinate payment/cost sharing arrangements

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

“That the Flood Advisory Committee will provide 50% cost sharing on the Sproule Lumber project.”

Motion carried.

McDorman:

- Site visit complete
- Construction of berm approx. 100 ft to direct flows back to river
- Cost estimate \$3,500
- Also affects Robert Taylor’s property but a separate application will need to be submitted before adding to project list

Review of Projects:

Updates were provided on the following projects:

CN Properties:

- Michelle to contact Tiffany regarding status of cost sharing
- If cost sharing still not an option, both projects to be removed from list

Carter:

- Approval received

Farnham Brook:

- Approval received
- 50/50 cost sharing – confirm with Village before starting

Hilden Fire Hall:

- Approval received
- Scope of work reduced to 20 ft
- Committee to pay 100%

Law:

- Need to meet with owner and discuss scope of work
- Submit application to NSE/DFO
- Cost estimated \$12,500 to \$20,000

Jaworski:

- Needs approval – Rod to submit application next week
- Cost estimate \$5,000
- Discuss cost sharing with owners

Portapique Cemetery:

- Mayor discussed with MP Bill Casey regarding funding opportunities – Staff to draft letter for clarification on available funding
- Rod to conduct a site visit and provide estimates on river vs. tidal damage before Committee makes any decisions

Weatherbee:

- No approval required
- Cost estimate \$3,000
- Rod to confirm cost sharing with property owners before proceeding

Creelman:

- Site visit complete
- Bank alongside garage eroding
- Owner completed some work in the past which is failing
- Difficult site to rock – easier to install culverts
- Owner willing to cost share
- Cost estimate \$7,000
- No approvals required

Moved by: Hank Kolstee

Seconded by: Mayor Blair

“That the Flood Advisory Committee approves the following projects for completion in 2018/19 pending regulatory approvals and cost sharing agreements with property owners: Carter, Farnham Brook, Hilden Fire Hall, Jaworski, Weatherbee, Creelman, Sproule Lumber and McDorman.”

Motion carried.

Approval from DFO was received for the Franklin property which was originally a Joint Flood Advisory Committee project. As approvals were not granted in time, the FRIIP funding was returned to the Province. Applications under FRIIP can be submitted in April 2019 if the Committee wishes to proceed. The DFO approval would have to be renewed as well. Updated cost estimate is now \$75,000 and will be added to the project list until the Committee makes a decision on how to proceed.

Federal Funding:

The Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund program was recently announced by the federal government. One of the eligibility criteria is the \$20 M minimum project cost for submissions. Mayor Mills was following up with the Town of Yarmouth regarding the possibility of submitting a collaborative application with municipalities across the Province to reach the minimum threshold amount. The Province has already submitted an Expressions of Interest for various provincial projects which could have positive impacts on the local area.

**Tree Maintenance –
Murray Siding:**

Paul Tufts completed some maintenance on some of the trees along the Murray Siding Brook. The Committee may need to decide if future maintenance is required as some trees have been removed.

Committee Budget:

Based on the projects the Committee has decided to proceed with this fiscal year, total value is estimated at \$50,000.

Salt Marsh Tour:

A tentative date of August 24th has been set for a tour of the Salt Marsh Project and will be confirmed with Agriculture.

New Business:

As part of the approval requirements for the Murray Siding Brook project, a biologist had to submit an annual report on fish habitat as a result of the work. As such, DFO has since released the Letter of Credit and no further studies are required.

Don Mattinson provided a brief update on the work the Cobequid Salmon Association has been doing in Otterbrook and on the Little River.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Crystal Deuville,
Recording Secretary