

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held at the Municipality of Colchester Council Chambers on September 18, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Present:

Mayor Christine Blair
Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair
Councillor Lloyd Gibbs

Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative

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

Kriss Sarson, Regional Engineer, NS Environment

Regrets:

Councillor Eric Boutilier
Laurie Sandeson, Citizen Representative
Greg Chisholm, Area Manager, NSTIR
Don Mattinson, Cobequid Salmon Association

Approval of Agenda:

An agenda was prepared and circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbs

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting held on August 2, 2018 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

"That the Minutes from the meeting on August 2, 2018 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None.

New Applications:

Kevin MacAskill:

- Brook flows across Coldstream Drive and floods rear of property
- County owns adjacent lands
- Rod to contact owner and schedule a site visit

Robert Taylor:

- Site visit completed
- Stabilize rear of property; approximately 150 ft
- No NSE approvals required

- Cost estimate \$5,000
- Owner aware of cost sharing component

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
 Seconded by: Councillor Gibbs

“That the Flood Advisory Committee proceed with completing the Robert Taylor project in the 2018/19 fiscal year subject to a maximum cost of \$5,000.”

Motion carried.

Osprey – Future Trail:

- No official application received but future potential to create a trail connecting Osprey to Guest Drive
- Property at end of cul-de-sac having issues with run-off and erosion alongside property; Village of Bible Hill owns the adjacent property
- Land and trees are being compromised along the drainage gully through the Village’s property
- Potential scope of work to include rock lining the banks
- Cost estimate \$30,000
- Not considered a watercourse
- Michelle to talk to the Village to see if they are interested in proceeding with this as a 50/50 cost shared project and bring back to next meeting
- Committee agreed to add to project list pending the Village’s decision

Review of Projects:

CN Properties:

- At last meeting, Committee decided to contact CN one final time and if no agreement on cost sharing, both projects to be removed from list
- CN will not remove any garbage in watercourse due to illegal dumping or trespassing
- CN field staff to conduct site visits
- Issue still exists with flooding on Gaspar Lane regardless if brook is cleaned out and reinstating the brook to its original course will be difficult to obtain approvals

Carter:

- Ron waiting to hear from Mr. Carter’s daughter on decision to proceed or not
- Project on hold

Baxter:

- Rod to prepare a cost estimate
- Difficult site as it is a protected area and includes a TIR bridge

Farnham Brook:

- Village wants to proceed with work
- To be completed by end of September

Hilden Fire Hall:

- Ron spoke to Councillor Stewart – should still proceed with project as building will still continue to be used
- Must be complete by end of September
- Rod to meet with Fire Chief

Law:

- Site visit completed two weeks ago
- Reviewed with owner what he wanted done – reduced scope of work to 100 ft
- Rod to prepare new cost estimate
- Move forward to 2019/2020

Jaworski:

- Site visit complete – DFO wanted additional information
- NS Environment approval received
- Owner may not want to proceed with any work
- Rod to prepare new cost estimate and provide to owner before making a decision to remove from list

Weatherbee:

- Owner still interested in proceeding
- Site visit required
- No approvals necessary

Creelman:

- Work completed

Sproule:

- Waiting for Contractor – not done yet
- Must be complete by end of September

McDorman:

- Work completed

Franklin:

- Remain as pending
- Rod to renew approval
- Possibly submit application under FRIIP next year

Status of Budget:

Updates to be provided at next meeting.

Salt Marsh Tour Update:

Hank provided an update on the Salt Marsh Tour on August 24th. No significant changes since the last site visit. Plans still need to be finalized regarding the CN culvert and removal of sections of the old dyke system. Look at arranging another site visit in the Spring.

New Business:

Tiffany sent an email updating on the site visit conducted today by field staff on the two CN properties. Field staff did not find anything in the CN right of ways and won't be proceeding with any form of clean-up. As such, both CN projects will be removed from the project list.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Crystal Deuville,
Recording Secretary