

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held at the Municipality of Colchester Council Chambers on December 4, 2018 at 11:00 am.

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

Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative

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

Carl Esau, Manager, Land Protection, Department of Agriculture

Regrets: Greg Chisholm, Area Manager, NSTIR
Don Mattinson, Cobequid Salmon Association
Kriss Sarson, Regional Engineer, NS Environment
Laurie Sandeson, Citizen Representative

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

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 October 30, 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 October 30, 2018 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

Floodplain Property – Salmon River Road: Two properties on Salmon River Road have previously been reviewed by the Dangerous and Unightly Committee and Councillor Gibbs has requested this Committee look at one of the properties as previous flood work was done on it. Property has been an ongoing concern and currently has derelict vehicles and other materials on it.

Rod and Ron to complete a site visit to see if any damage was done to the old dyke system. Councillor Gibbs to speak with property owners

regarding options to get rid of old vehicles including the County's derelict vehicles program. Property can also be discussed at the next Dangerous and Unsightly Committee meeting.

New Applications:

None.

Review of Projects for 2018/19:

Carter:

- Sent letter to have owner confirm whether or not to proceed

Baxter:

- Delay site visit until January with new TIR staff

Law:

- Will submit NSE Application in the spring

Jaworski:

- Sent letter to have owner confirm whether or not to proceed with work by December 20th

Portapique Cemetery:

- Rod met on site with Alden and Ian Sinclair
- Water cutting through and eroding gravel bank – tidal waters go up river to bridge
- No approvals required
- Possibly increase cost estimate to \$75K if proceeding
- Requires dry or frost conditions
- Not a critical site – leave as pending on list and do another site visit in June 2019
- Mayor to coordinate a meeting with Deputy Premier and MP Casey re: 1/3 cost sharing each
- Committee to look at sending letter to Cemetery Association regarding their cost sharing commitment for the Assn to try for funding from the Province

Weatherbee:

- Rod to check with Contractor to see if pit is closed in the area
- Owner to sign new cost sharing agreement

Taylor:

- Work to be completed by end of year

Status of Budget:

No updates since last meeting.

Status of Payments from Property Owners:

One payment was received from G. Johnson since the last update.

Review of Policy:

Current policy requires no deposit and owners have one year starting March 1st of the fiscal year the work was completed to pay the total project costs. It has been discussed in the past about changing the policy to require a deposit to reduce the total amounts outstanding by property owners. The Committee discussed different options including requiring a deposit of a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of total costs.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier

“That the Flood Advisory Committee recommends to Council to amend the current Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy to include a 50% deposit from property owners prior to work being done with the remaining 50% payable under the existing one-year term; and

That the new deposit requirements only to be applied to new applications received after the approval date of the new policy.”

Motion carried.

New Business:

Carl Esau provided updates on Department of Agriculture’s projects. Construction on the west dyke under the Salt Marsh project has begun and despite delays due to weather conditions, is expected to be completed in approximately one month. Agriculture is currently working with CN Rail and NS Power on the possible relocation of a power line on the eastern side of the dyke system.

Construction has taken place on both aboiteaux on McClures Brook and the coffer dams are being removed. Both aboiteaux are fully operational with additional work to be done without restricting capacity.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary