

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held at the Municipality of Colchester Council Chambers on January 31, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Present:

Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair
Mayor Christine Blair
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

Carl Esau, Manager, Land Protection, Department of Agriculture
Robyn Homans, Area Manager, NSTIR

Regrets:

Don Mattinson, Cobequid Salmon Association
Kriss Sarson, Regional Engineer, NS Environment

Approval of Agenda:

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

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting held on December 4, 2018 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval. Under Floodplain Property – Salmon River Road, "Rod and Rod" to be changed to "Rod and Ron."

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

"That the Minutes from the meeting on December 4, 2018 be approved as amended."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

None.

Floodplain Property – Salmon River Road:

Rod, Lloyd and Ron completed a site visit and confirmed vehicles are parked on the floodplain. The existing berm that was constructed in the 1980's does not appear to be damaged.

Councillor Gibbs recommended that staff send a letter to NS Environment requesting an inspector to look at the vehicles in the floodplain.

New Applications:

Swan:

- Located on Saxby Lane; involves two properties
- Possibly a culvert issue – water flows from top of the hill and through two smaller pipes in the ditch; heavy flows cause flooding across road and shoulder erosion
- Rod, Ron, Eric and Robyn to schedule a site visit

Johnson:

- Located on Pictou Road in East Mountain
- Private road going into a quarry
- Issues with three sections along the brook
- Site visit required

Review of Projects for 2018/19:

Carter:

- Daughter confirmed not willing to proceed with work
- Remove from project list
- Do not renew permit

Baxter:

- Site visit to be scheduled with Cumberland TIR rep and Robyn before next meeting
- Robyn to determine if bridge replacement/repair is part of five-year capital plan

Hilden Fire Hall:

- Site visit to be scheduled before next meeting

Law:

- Cost estimates updated to \$6,000

Portapique Cemetery:

- Staff to send letter to Association re: scope of work options, cost estimates, and request funding from federal/provincial governments
- Mayor to discuss funding options with MLA Karen Casey and MP Bill Casey

Weatherbee:

- Work may not be complete until 2019/20
- Rod to discuss new cost estimates with owner; new cost sharing forms to be prepared and signed

Franklin:

- FRIIP program accepting applications in March/April 2019 – could put this project forth pending Committee's decision

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Councillor Gibbs

“That the Flood Advisory Committee authorizes Staff to proceed with a funding application under the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP) for the Franklin property.”

Motion carried.

MacAskill:

- Still requires a site visit

Taylor:

- Work completed and owner's share paid in full

Logan:

- Site visit complete
- Rod to determine scope of work

Osprey Court – Future Trail:

- Work complete; under budget

Status of Budget:

Approximately \$40,000 has been spent this fiscal year on seven sites, with \$60,000 remaining. Of the projects on the current list, the Logan site may be the only one that could be done before year end but will depend on weather. Projected total expenses by March 31st may be \$50,000.

Status of Payments from Property Owners:

No payments have been received from Comeau, Meyer and Mattatall and liens will remain on these properties. The four projects completed to date for this year; McDorman, Creelman, Taylor and Village of Bible Hill (Vimy Road Park), have already been paid in full.

Budget Recommendation for 2019/20:

Staff are currently preparing operating budgets for 2019/20 and will need to include the Committee's request for next year's budget. Even though only 50% of the 2018/19 budget has been used, the Committee discussed requesting the same amount for the following year to accommodate increased costs, larger scale projects and possible heavy rain events.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier

"That the Flood Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Committee budget remain at \$100,000 for the 2019/20 budget year."

Motion carried.

Changes to Policy:

Council Committee supported the new revisions to the Small Flood Reductions Projects Policy to include the 50% deposit requirement. Council will have the opportunity to approve at tonight's meeting.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the last video created outlining some of the Committee's work. In a previous meeting, the Committee decided not to update the video and post it as is on the County website and have project details and photos printed in the County newsletter.

It was suggested to include testimonials from property owners in the Murray Siding area and send to DFO to show how the local improvements have impacted the residents.

As the video is out of date, the Committee agreed to remove from the website and continue with publishing updates in the newsletter.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Crystal Deuville,
Recording Secretary