

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held at the Municipality of Colchester Council Chambers on November 20, 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

Regrets: Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor / Consultant
Charlotte Sullivan, Environmental Inspector, NS Environment
Robyn Homans, Area Manager, NSTIR
Carl Esau, Manager, Land Protection, Department of Agriculture

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

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on October 16, 2019 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier

"That the Minutes from the meeting on October 16, 2019 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

Terms of Reference & Policy Updates: Council Committee has reviewed the Flood Advisory Committee's recommended revisions to the Terms of Reference and Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy last week. Council will have final approval at their meeting at the end of the month.

Gaspar Cross Road Update: Michelle contacted property owner, Ken Upham, to discuss the application process and cost sharing requirements. Mr. Upham has expressed that he is not willing to cost share on the project and that

allowing the work to be done on his property should be considered his contribution to the work. Therefore, he will not be submitting an application.

The Committee expressed concern with Mr. Upham's unwillingness to cost share and the impact it has on the other area residents if the work doesn't get done. The adjacent property owner, Mr. Johnson, previously indicated he is not interested in having an open drainage course on his property, leaving no other alternatives but Mr. Upham's property.

The Committee discussed the option of upsizing the culverts and cleaning the ditches along Gasper Cross Road, however the ditch is considered a watercourse and NSTIR has already indicated that they do not wish to take on this complex project. There was also a discussion regarding the historical re-routing of the watercourse, and staff re-iterated that DFO and NSE have already noted that they cannot legally require the owner to move the watercourse to its original location. Too much time has passed, and the watercourse has now been re-established in a new location.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Upham from the Committee outlining the benefits of the flood program, and the value which would be added to his property by proceeding with the work on a cost shared basis. Michelle to draft a letter in the next 2 weeks. Pending Mr. Upham's response, the Committee will consider having correspondence sent by legal.

Moved by: Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

"That the Flood Advisory Committee authorizes staff to draft a letter to Mr. Upham outlining the parameters of the flood program, historical summary of brook relocation and flooding, and the advantages/benefits of partaking in the program."

Motion carried.

New Applications: None.

Review of Projects: The following updates were made to the project list:

MacAskill:

- Complete

Dal AC:

- Complete
- Cost sharing to be 50/50

Status of Budget: Approximately \$57,000 has been spent this fiscal.

Status of Payments from Property Owners:

The outstanding amount for Comeau/Upham has been sent to their mortgage company for payment. Meyer has involved legal regarding his outstanding amount and will need to follow the FOIPOP process before any documents can be released under the previous owner.

Johnson has not made a payment since December 2018 so Finance will also proceed with the collections process for the outstanding amounts.

New Business:

Any stormwater related applications received prior to the recent changes to the Policy will be discussed at the next meeting after the Policy is approved.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary