

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held virtually via Zoom Webinars on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 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
- Charlotte Sullivan, Environmental Inspector, NS Environment
Tiffany Edwards, Manager, Public Affairs/Eastern Canada, CN Rail
- Absent:**
- 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: Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by: Laurie Sandeson
- "That the agenda be approved as presented."
- Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes:**
- Minutes from the meeting held on June 30, 2020 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.
- Moved by: Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by: Councillor Cavanaugh
- "That the Minutes from the meeting on June 30, 2020 be approved as presented."
- Motion carried.
- Business Arising from the Minutes:**
- None.
- Gaspar Cross Road Update:**
- At the last meeting, the Committee decided to proceed with the work on Ken Upham's property and fund 100% of costs to a maximum of \$25,000. Rod met with Mr. Upham and his tenant to discuss scope of work and have the release form signed. Rod to conduct another site visit and develop a profile with work to start in September. Councillor Gibbs advised one of the residents that the project was approved and work would be proceeding.

Outstanding Stormwater Requests - Updates:

Springwater's Place:

- Drainage issues coming from First Court
- Meets criteria under the revised policy
- Letter sent to owner; owner does not wish to proceed due to financial constraints
- Issue with downstream culverts on Springwaters Place causing water to back up
- Councillor MacKenzie inquired whether the Committee would fix the issue with the culverts
- Committee does not typically do work within TIR's right of way and agreed not to proceed with fixing provincial TIR culverts
- Committee to send letter to TIR re: drainage issues on Springwaters Place causing flooding issues to area residents

College Road:

- Rod completed site visit
- Various issues contributing to the problem - unable to determine cause or how many properties are affected; requires another site visit
- Neighbouring property has a pond and berm constructed; may also have a blocked outlet pipe from pond to drainageway
- Well defined waterway that runs through the rear of these properties where drainage improvements are needed but no defined drainage way on the properties themselves
- Difficult to access properties; some are treed and others fully landscaped
- Does not fall under the definition in the policy but more details on scope of work and pictures could be brought to the next meeting before a decision is made
- Michelle to put together a map with contours from LIDAR with property lines and Rod to add drainageway for next meeting

New Applications (Hillcrest Avenue, Village of Bible Hill):

This stormwater drainageway has been an ongoing issue for many years. One of the residents was previously contacted and unwilling to cost share. The Village has since applied and will cost share on the project. Rod to complete a site visit and cost estimates.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Mayor Blair

“That the Flood Advisory Committee prepare a cost estimate for Hillcrest Avenue and submit to Village of Bible Hill for approval prior to start of work.”

Motion carried.

Review of Projects:

The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Cemetery:

- Pending; Rod advised applicant there was no change

Franklin:

- Missed deadline to apply for funding
- Keep on list and apply for FRIP next April unless the Committee wants to fund entire amount of approximately \$75K
- It was suggested to contact the Province to see if extensions would be granted on applications but would be too late to do any work even if funds were approved so should wait and apply next year

Johnson:

- Would require an extension of existing approval from NSE
- Owner may not be interested in pursuing at this time; send letter to property owner to confirm

Langille:

- Release and cost sharing forms signed
- Rod to submit notification to NSE for approval

Status of Budget:

No expenses to date this fiscal.

Status of Payments from Property Owners:

Mr. Johnson making small payments and reminder letter sent to Mr. McGrath on his outstanding amounts. Michelle to review over next few months to determine if they need to go to collections.

New Business:

Holding Pond, Exhibition Grounds:

- request came from Village of Bible Hill
- concerns with ditch/brook/waterway leading from holding pond across Farnham Road and down Main Street
- garbage, tires and debris scattered throughout
- Rod to do a site visit and see what needs to be done to improve drainage from pond
- Discuss at next meeting and determine if it falls within policy

Chantilly Drainage:

- Issue with drainage in the area; roadside ditches very flat
- Was reviewed by staff 4-5 years ago with estimated costs of \$80K to improve ditching/drainage but no work was done
- Discussed at Council again recently and staff to provide updated cost estimates
- Rod to do a site visit
- Depending on wishes of Council, could be added to this Committee's project list

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment: Moved by: Councillor Gibbs
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That the meeting adjourn at 11:52 am.”

Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary