

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held virtually via Zoom Webinars on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 11:00 am.

- Present:**
- Councillor Lloyd Gibbs, Alternate Chair
Councillor Eric Boutilier
Mayor Christine Blair
- 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
- Absent:**
- Councillor Ron Cavanaugh, Chair
Carl Esau, Manager, Land Protection, Department of Agriculture
Tiffany Edwards, Manager, Public Affairs/Eastern Canada, CN Rail
- Approval of Agenda:**
- An agenda was prepared and circulated for the Committee's review and approval.
- Moved by: Laurie Sandeson
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee
- "That the agenda be approved as presented."
- Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes:**
- Minutes from the meeting held on August 19, 2020 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.
- Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier
- "That the Minutes from the meeting on August 19, 2020 be approved as presented."
- Motion carried.
- Business Arising from the Minutes:**
- A surveyor was hired to identify the property lines on Gasper Cross to ensure all construction would be on Mr. Upham's property. Work is scheduled to start the first week of October.
- Outstanding Stormwater/Other Requests:**
- Springwater's Place:
- Discussed previously and Owner unable to fund work.
 - Does not fall under Policy so was not added to project list
 - A letter was sent to TIR requesting additional improvements to the culverts and ditches in the area to improve flows.

College Road:

- In order to help determine where the stormwater was coming from, contours and LIDAR mapping was provided.
- Mapping confirmed that the backyards of all the properties are at a lower elevation and properties are affected on both sides of the drainage way.
- The stormwater is not coming from College Road (public right of way) and is not a watercourse issue; therefore, it does not fall within the scope of work defined in the policy.
- Committee agreed to remove this from the project list.

Holding Pond, Exhibition Grounds:

- Initial site visit determined approximately 8 properties are affected.
- Significant amount of garbage, tires and debris that would need to be removed.
- Would need to review site again to determine if garbage is the only issue or if trees also need to be removed.
- County sewer line under Farnham Road could also be causing some water backup issues as the sewer line may be at the same elevation as the bottom of the drain for the pond.
- Have NSE determine if this is a defined watercourse before proceeding.
- Approach Village of Bible Hill and Exhibition Commission on cost sharing.
- Rod to complete cost estimates.
- If project were to proceed, the Village could submit the application, but release forms will still be required from all affected property owners.

Chantilly Drainage:

- Drainage improvements being completed outside of this Committee by Council and funded through the capital budget.

New Applications:

A new application is expected to be submitted from a resident in the Portapique area for bank stabilization. Rod to do a site visit before the next meeting.

Review of Projects:

The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Cemetery:

- Rod to do another site visit this fall for damage assessment
- No work to proceed until Association secures funding
- Remains as pending

Franklin:

- Province confirmed no FRIIP funds left for current year
- Leave project on list and apply for FRIIP next year

Johnson:

- Send letter to Owner to confirm willingness to cost share and proceed with work

Langille:

- Work to proceed early next week

Hillcrest Avenue:

- Cost estimate \$9,000
- Both property owners willing to sign releases; will be complete before work starts
- 50% cost sharing with the Village

Moved by: Councillor Boutilier

Seconded by: Mayor Blair

“That the Flood Advisory Committee proceed with the work on Hillcrest Avenue with 50% cost sharing with the Village of Bible Hill.”

Motion carried.

Construction Tender 2020/21:

Tenders for Heavy Equipment were sent out to three contractors. Only one bid was received with T.R. Petroleum being the successful contractor.

Status of Budget:

With no projects completed yet this fiscal, only \$1,200 has been expensed for Rod’s monthly consultant stipend.

Status of Payments from Property Owners:

Johnston and MacGrath both remain as outstanding on the completed list. G. Johnston has made small payments, but nothing has been received to date from J. MacGrath. Reminder letters have been sent to both and they may need to be sent to Collections as other projects have in the past.

New Business:

None.

Future Meeting Dates:

This is the last meeting with the current membership due to the upcoming election. The next meeting will not be scheduled until after the new membership is appointed.

Adjournment:

Moved by: Hank Kolstee

“That the meeting adjourn at 11:53 am.”

Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary