

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Present: Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Mayor Christine Blair
Councillor Eric Boutilier

Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative

Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment

Absent: Councillor Mike Cooper

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

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on June 24, 2021 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Robert Monk

"That the Minutes from the meeting on June 24, 2021 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

Collection of Outstanding Amounts: A letter was sent to Mr. Graham Johnston providing copies of all contractor invoices, payment history, previous correspondence, signed agreements and forms. At the last meeting the Committee approved an extension to the end of August, in which the full amount including interest will be sent to Collections if not rectified.

Outstanding Stormwater/Other Requests:

Holding Pond, Exhibition Grounds:

- Manual cleanup of outlet downstream, removal and replacement of culverts
- Rod met with the contractor and reviewed the site again

- Revised cost estimate to \$15K; \$13K for manual cleanup and \$2K for culvert replacements
- Michelle to send revised cost sharing request and scope of work to Village of Bible Hill
- Request also to be sent to NSPEA based on 1/3 cost sharing of \$13K
- Contractor can do the work the second week of August
- Timeline might not be realistic to get cost sharing approvals from NSPEA and VBH
- Committee to re-evaluate if cost sharing is denied

Review of Projects:

No new applications were received since the last meeting. The following updates were made to the project list:

Perry:

- Rod completed site visit
- Numerous contributing factors including failing old dyke system, tidal waters, culvert locations, and area drainage.
- Could replace the dyke around the culvert with a flap gate for \$15K but the issues are mainly caused by tidal waters which does not meet policy.
- Applications must be submitted by property owners

Moved by: Mayor Blair
 Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That a letter be sent to Greg Belliveau and Amanda Perry that their property is impacted by tidal waters and therefore does not meet the criteria of the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects Policy and that Mr. Nickerson, property owner, be copied on the letter.”

Motion carried.

Patterson:

- Rod completed another site visit
- Scope of work increased by 50 feet; new cost estimate \$15K
- TIR re-built the road to improve drainage but now all stormwater generated from the right of way is flowing onto this property
- Project meets policy
- Property owner to sign release and cost sharing forms

Moved by: Mayor Blair
 Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That the Committee authorizes the Patterson project to be completed under the 2021/22 budget.”

Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the cost sharing structure in the Policy where residential property owners have a capped maximum amount of \$2,500.

Moved by: Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by: Mayor Blair

“That the Committee review the fee structure as outlined in the Policy at the September meeting.”

Motion carried.

Franklin:

- Application submitted under FRIP – no response yet

Johnson:

- Commercial property – 50% cost sharing
- Rod to discuss with Ian Sinclair on providing materials
- Rod to renew approval
- Committee commits \$7,500 to project

MacNutt:

- Rod to arrange a site visit and determine scope of work

New Business:

Mayor Blair advised the Committee of an ongoing drainage issue on the corner of Athena Drive and Sinclair Court. The resident has spoken to her numerous times, as well as other County Staff. The drainage issue is the result of a provincially owned road and falls under NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal’s jurisdiction. Drainage has been an issue in this subdivision since it was constructed and subsequently, does not meet the criteria of the flood policy.

Councillor Johnson suggested changing the meeting times from 10am to 9am. Committee members agreed.

As discussed at the last meeting, Carl Esau with Department of Agriculture is continuing to monitor the aboiteau in Lower Truro.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 9am.

Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor Boutilier

“That the meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.”

Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary