

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held via Zoom Webinars on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 9:00 am.

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

Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative

Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant

Absent: Councillor Mike Cooper
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment

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

Moved by: Councillor Boutilier
Seconded by: Mayor Blair

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on July 15, 2021 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier

"That the Minutes from the meeting on July 15, 2021 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

New Applications: No new applications were received since the last meeting.

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

Exhibition Pond Outlet – Carstar Property:

- Most of the work already complete
- Sewer went over the culvert at the house property so had to put two new culverts in

- Issue arose on site with two culverts under Farnham Road turning into one on the Carstar property with an additional extension on the culvert
- Steel culvert is damaged, and owner wants it removed
- Flows will improve by removing this culvert
- Cost estimate to remove culvert - \$2K
- Need Committee approval for this additional work
- Removal of this culvert is the last piece of work left on the Exhibition Pond Outlet project.

Moved by: Councillor Boutilier
 Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That the Committee proceed with the removal of the culvert on the Carstar property at an estimated cost of \$2,000.”

Motion carried.

Exhibition Pond Outlet - Manual Cleanup:

- Debris removed and currently being hauled from site

Patterson:

- Started today and will be complete this week

Franklin:

- Funding request for larger Franklin Project still under review by the Province. No answer expected this calendar year.
- Rod is proposing an alternate project, 125ft of stabilization upstream from bridge; extension of pre-existing rock work
- This would address a small piece of the larger project
- Does not require regulatory approvals
- Concerns with heavy equipment on the bridge – rock could be dropped at site and owner to move rock across bridge with own equipment
- Cost estimate - \$20K
- Owner cost sharing - \$2,500
- Larger project is all in-stream work and will be difficult to obtain approvals and no guarantee on funding
- Discussion held on completing this small project and keeping the larger project on the list for now

Moved by: Mayor Blair
 Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That the Ed Franklin project be approved as outlined up to a cost of \$20,000.”

Motion carried.

Johnson:

- Rod waiting for Johnson/Sinclair to contact him
- Send letter to Johnson asking if he wants to proceed with the project or not - deadline for response October 31st

MacNutt:

- Site visit complete
- Requires some stabilization around one corner by the driveway bridge abutment
- Cost estimate - \$2K
- Owner cost sharing would be 25%

Moved by: Hank Kolstee

Seconded by: Councillor Boutilier

“That the Committee proceed with the work on Mr. MacNutt’s property at a cost estimate of \$2,000.”

Motion carried.

(Mayor Blair excused herself at 9:27am due to a prior commitment)

The Committee was advised that there is no longer a quorum so no motions can be made.

Status of Payments from Property Owners:

There are no outstanding accounts as Mr. Johnston has paid his account in full.

Review of Fee Structure:

As no decisions can be made, discussion was held on the current policy including:

Fee Structure:

- Removal of the maximum capped amount of \$2,500 for residential properties
- Replace the \$2,500 fee with a new amount
- Use only the percentages already identified in the policy without a cap
- Assign certain criteria/situations where the \$2,500 would apply at Committee’s discretion (Staff advised against this)

Project Cost Reduction:

- No previous complaints received based on the policy breakdown for property owner contributions
- Could split the residential category into two sections:
 - houses affected by flooding, pay a maximum of \$2,500
 - all other residential properties pay 75% of total costs

First Lien:

- Liens automatically placed on flood properties until fully paid
- Records kept with the tax office
- If lien remains on property, it could go to tax sale
- When properties are sold, liens are typically paid in full

The Policy will be brought forward to next meeting with suggested changes for further discussion.

New Business: None.

Future Meeting Dates: Two potential meeting dates were proposed, October 12th or 14th at 9am. Committee members will be advised of the selected date.

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

“That the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.”

Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary