

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Present: Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Mayor Christine Blair
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative

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

Regrets: Councillor Mike Cooper
Councillor Eric Boutilier
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment

Approval of Agenda: An agenda was prepared and circulated for the Committee's review and approval. The following was added under New Business:

- 8.a) Attendance

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

"That the agenda be approved as amended."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on October 12, 2021 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Robert Monk

"That the Minutes from the meeting on October 12, 2021 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

New Applications: No new applications were received.

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

Portapique Cemetery:

- Rod to complete a site visit this month

Ed Franklin:

- Rod to revise scope of large project with a budget of \$60K

- Requires regulatory approval for channel improvement work – Rod to discuss extension of old approval with NSE
- Province approved small project expenses to be claimed under FRIIP
- Michelle to submit request to have FRIIP extended to March 2023

Discussion was held on timing of FRIIP funding announcements, impossibility of being able to use funds within the deadline, and issuance of blanket regulatory permits until project completion. This has been an ongoing issue since the development of the funding program. It was suggested to reach out to NSFM or AMA to contact other municipalities to see if this is a province wide issue and if so, possibly send a letter to the Minister of Environment.

Moved by: Mayor Blair
 Seconded by: Robert Monk

“That NSFM and AMA be approached to gather feedback from other municipalities regarding environmental projects and permitting as well as timeframes of funding programs.”

Motion carried.

Johnson:

- Unknown if Contractor will still be using this quarry
- Rod to meet with Contractor to confirm

Parker:

- Site visit complete
- Brook runs between house and garage
- Requires 60ft bank stabilization along a 10ft bank
- Rod to apply for approval
- Cost estimate \$6K

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
 Seconded by: Robert Monk

“That the Parker project be approved at a cost estimate of \$6,000.”

Motion carried.

Status of Budget:

Original correspondence in July with both the Village of Bible Hill and NS Farm Loan Board (NSFLB), as property owners of the Exhibition Grounds, was a request for cost sharing of \$13K. The NSFLB further agreed to 1/3 cost sharing of a maximum \$15K in project costs. As the scope of work was revised and additional costs approved, it was suggested that the Committee approve the additional cost overruns to be covered under their budget.

Moved by: Mayor Blair
 Seconded by: Robert Monk

“That the Village of Bible Hill and Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board both contribute cost sharing of 1/3 each of the \$15,000 cap as identified in the signed agreement for the Exhibition Grounds project and that the Flood Advisory Committee cover the remaining \$10,239 under the 2021/22 budget.”

Motion carried.

With the inclusion of the Committee’s share of the Exhibition Grounds project, total expenses to date are \$25,500 with \$74,500 remaining in the 2021/22 budget. Current project list has only a small amount of rock work remaining on the Patterson property.

Review of Fee Structure: After the last meeting, Michelle sent the suggested policy change to the Solicitor for review who provided the following recommendation:

“7.b.(iii) In all cases, and regardless of the total cost of the project, if the property type threatened is “a primary residence,” the property owners will not be required to pay more than \$2,500 for the project.”

The policy revision still reflects the Committee’s desire to have the \$2,500 cap apply to primary residences only. Any policy changes will need to be approved by Council.

Moved by: Hank Kolstee

Seconded by: Robert Monk

“That the Flood Advisory Committee recommends to Council to approve the revisions to the Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects policy as presented.”

Motion carried.

New Business: Attendance has been an issue this year with some Committee members. The Mayor will discuss with both to determine if they would like to remove themselves from the Committee and be replaced with new members.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9am.

Adjournment: Moved by: Mayor Blair

“That the meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.”

Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary