

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Present: Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Mayor Christine Blair
Councillor Mike Cooper
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative (*arrived at 9:31 am*)

Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change

Regrets: Councillor Lisa Patton
Carl Esau, NS Agriculture

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

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Councillor Cooper

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on November 15, 2022 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

"That the Minutes from the meeting on November 15, 2022 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: The Contractor still has not started the Retson Drive Drainage Project as previously scheduled and does not have a current timeline of completion. Staff are currently exploring the option of having another contractor complete the work.

Appointment of Vice Chair: As the two-year term of the Vice Chair position has expired, a new appointment is required. Councillor Cooper nominated Hank Kolstee for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Hank Kolstee accepted the position of Vice Chair.

New Applications (Conrod): One new application was received, and a site visit conducted prior to this meeting. A beaver dam is in the brook at the rear of the property which is causing the brook to divert flows over the horse pastures. The applicant has contacted DNR who have removed the beavers and have permitted the removal of the dam. The applicant however is not the owner of the property so the owner would have to be contacted

and sign the cost sharing and release forms if willing to proceed with the work. Estimated project costs are \$2,000. As the flooding is impacting agricultural lands, the Committee will fund 25%. Staff to contact the applicant and advise of project costs and the need for the owner to sign off on required forms.

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That the work be completed pending owner approval to a maximum cost of \$2,000.”

Motion carried.

Review of Projects:

The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Cemetery:

- Rod completed a site visit on Monday
- No additional damage – gravel bank has now been replaced with vegetation, conditions appear to be improving.

Franklin:

- Schedule a site visit in the spring to monitor work that was done

Parker:

- No update – to be completed this fiscal

(Robert Monk arrived at this point in the meeting).

Patterson:

- No update – to be completed this fiscal

Retson:

- Work consists of manhole installation and replacement of stormwater pipe
- Contract awarded to Webster's
- Contractor keeps changing schedule; no work completed to date with no estimated timeline
- Staff to review contract and look at having another contractor complete the work

Chafe:

- Rod completed another site visit
- Existing drainage ditch no longer defined and flat in places diverting water onto this property and the vacant lot
- Work would require approx. 200 ft ditching within the NSPW ROW at an estimated cost of \$1,000
- Stormwater runoff falls under the Policy, but this is another example of provincial downloading and the County completing their work
- Similar to the Hillcrest Avenue stormwater project completed by this Committee
- Staff to contact NSPW again to see if they will do the work

Moved by: Hank Kolstee
Seconded by: Robert Monk

“That staff contact Nova Scotia Public Works and request that they complete the drainage work before frost sets in or allow this Committee to complete the work and they assist with funding the costs.”

Motion carried.

Martell:

- Damage to the bridge crossing over the brook in the driveway
- Since applying, owners contacted their insurance company who covered the costs of repairs to the driveway/bridge
- At this time, no work is required, and the application can be removed from the list

**Proposed Budget for
Fiscal 2023/24:**

With budget time approaching, this Committee will need to submit a recommendation to Council for a budget amount for the 2023/24 fiscal year. The Committee discussed the need to maintain the \$100K budget to be able to accommodate any future larger projects.

Moved by: Mayor Blair
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

“That the Flood Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Committee budget remain at \$100,000 for the 2023/24 budget year.”

Motion carried.

New Business:

Staff have been contacted by two residents regarding trees in the watercourses along their properties. Applications were sent to both individuals, but nothing has been received yet. DNR is finalizing their work with Hurricane Fiona cleanup so any new requests will come to this Committee.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 9am.

Adjournment:

“That the meeting adjourn at 10:12am.”

Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary