

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Present: Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Mayor Christine Blair
Councillor Lisa Patton
Councillor Mike Cooper
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant

Regrets: Carl Esau, NS Agriculture
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change

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

Moved by: Councillor Cooper
Seconded by: Hank Kolstee

"That the agenda be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on December 14, 2022 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by: Councillor Cooper
Seconded by: Mayor Blair

"That the Minutes from the meeting on December 14, 2022 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: An email was sent to Chris Conrod after the last meeting to advise him that the owner would need to authorize any work to be done on the property and sign related forms. No response has been received.

New Applications: None.

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

Parker:

- Work could have been completed last week but Rod has not been able to contact the owners
- Will need to wait for dry conditions

Patterson:

- Rod completed another site visit – no change in previous damage

- Numerous trees down – owner to remove before work can be done
- Project pushed to Summer 2023

Retson:

- New stormwater pipe inlet installed
- Public Works Staff will complete patching of the asphalt
- Area residents wanted additional work done including removing the driveway culvert on the vacant lot
- Staff to review this culvert over the winter and remove if causing any issues
- Work that was completed still won't alleviate the residents' problems with their footing drains being installed at the bottom of the ditch. This will continue to back up when their drains are frozen and/or there is standing water in the ditch.
- No reports from area residents re: flooding from the recent rain event

Chafe:

- Complete
- No reports of flooding since the work was completed
- Flows following the redefined ditch
- Total project costs approximately \$660
- Province has committed \$500 towards the project
- Committee to cover remainder of project costs

Moved by: Mayor Blair
 Seconded by: Councillor Cooper

“That the Flood Advisory Committee fund the remaining costs of the Chafe project.”

Motion carried.

Conrod:

- Rod spoke with the applicant who confirmed receipt of the email correspondence
- DNR is trying to trap remaining beavers before anything can be done
- Applicant may have local contractor complete the work

Status of Budget:

An update was provided on the status of the budget which included project costs for the Retson Drive Drainage work. Total project costs are approximately \$96K with \$62K funded by this Committee leaving \$38K for any additional work this fiscal. The Parker project may be completed this fiscal year which carries a budget of \$6K.

New Business:

Approximately 75mm of rain fell this past weekend which resulted in minimal flooding in the area. Park Street closed for a short period of time while Tidal Bore Road was closed by County staff as a precautionary measure. Sewer systems and treatment plants were overloaded but flows have since receded. The North River managed to not breach any banks while the Salmon River was at max capacity and only breached in a few areas resulting in minimal issues.

Previous areas where flood work was done including Gaspar Cross did not have any flooding related issues.

A discussion was held on the new climate change regulations being implemented by the province which are to be enforced by the municipalities. These regulations will not affect this committee as the regulations apply to coastal areas, which do not fall under the committee's mandate/policy.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9am.

Adjournment: "That the meeting adjourn at 9:50am."

Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary