

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Present: 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
Terry McKay, Land Protection, NS Agriculture (*Replacing Carl Esau*)

Regrets: Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change

Introductions: Mayor Blair provided introductions of the Committee for Terry McKay and called the meeting to order. With Councillor Johnson's absence, Vice Chair, Hank Kolstee will chair the meeting.

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

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Robert Monk

"That the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on January 18, 2023 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Mayor Blair

"That the Minutes from the meeting on January 18, 2023 be approved as presented." Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: No response to date regarding the Conrod property. Work may have already been completed by the applicant.

(Councillor Cooper arrived at 9:05am).

New Applications: The following three new applications were received and added to the project list:

Sani:

- Water pooling in back yard and causing flooding in basement
- This area has been an issue for several years due to poor drainage. A very long ditch cuts through private property and eventually goes to the Salmon River.
- NSE and EMO did some ditching in this area 20+ years ago
- Water flows down the mountain, across the fields, and through a culvert into this property but continues to affect properties all along Highway 311
- In the past, NSE recommended installing culverts and

- directing this water into the nearby ponds
- Used to be an ongoing issue with flooding on the vacant corner lot prior to infilling so water is now redirected into the rear of the applicant's property
- Could do some ditching on this property to alleviate the water pooling in the back yard
- Rod to do a site visit

Carter:

- Rod had a discussion with the property owner a few weeks ago
- Dispute between two neighbours where trees fell in the brook from Fiona on Carter property causing water to back up and flood the property on Tyler Ave
- A court order has been issued for Carter to clean out the brook
- Michelle to get legal advice on any liability implications should the Committee choose to get involved. Should the solicitor feel there is no issue with County involvement, Michelle with update the Committee via email.
- Site visit will be done pending legal advice and Councillor Patton will accompany Rod should any site visit take place

Fenerty:

- Property located next to Farnham Brook near Bible Hill Estates
- Existing berm on neighbouring private property
- Rod to do a site visit

Review of Projects for 2023/24:

The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Cemetery:

- Rod to do a site visit in the next couple weeks

Patterson:

- Rod to check on status of tree removal by Owner

Budget for 2023/24:

Council approved the Committee's \$100K budget request for 2023/24.

Consulting Services, 2023/24:

Each year Rod McLennan submits a proposal for consulting services for the fiscal year. There has been no change in fees since Rod started working with the Committee. There is a small increase to the monthly stipend, from \$400 to \$500, with the 10% of project costs for construction supervision and \$75/hour for site inspections remaining the same.

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Councillor Cooper

"That the Proposal for Engineering Consulting Services as submitted by Rod MacLennan be approved as presented for 2023/24." Motion carried.

New Business:

None.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9am.

Adjournment: Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the meeting adjourn at 9:34am.” Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary