

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Present: Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Councillor Lisa Patton
Councillor Mike Cooper
Mayor Christine Blair
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Kaela MacLellan, Project Engineer in Training
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture

Regrets: 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 Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 2023 were circulated for the Committee's review and approval.

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Robert Monk

"That the Minutes from the meeting on May 16, 2023 be approved as presented." Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

New Applications: None.

Review of Projects for 2023/24: The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Cemetery:

- Site visit completed – site looks better each time
- Committee to consider removing from list
- Rod to contact Alden Knight

Parker:

- Rod to contact owner again

Patterson:

- Property owner confirmed trees have been removed so work can proceed

Sani:

- Rod to arrange a site visit with owner

Carter:

- After the last meeting, Michelle contacted the solicitor re: court order as Committee wanted legal advice before getting involved
- Dennis is reviewing court details and has not been able to locate the court order but will continue to search
- If Dennis confirms no issue or liability with proceeding with the work, Michelle will follow-up by email with the Committee on their wishes to proceed

Fenerty:

- Rod and Tim to arrange a site visit

**Request for Quotes –
Heavy Equipment & Rock
for 2023/24:**

Each year, quotes are obtained from local contractors for heavy equipment to complete flood projects. The last couple of years, the Committee sent the request for quotes to T.R Petroleum, Ian Sinclair Contracting and Turner's Excavating.

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee

"That the Flood Advisory Committee proceed with standard practice of tendering flood projects by obtaining heavy equipment quotes from the same 3 contractors as last year." Motion carried.

New Business:

The beavers have been trapped and the dams removed from the river behind the Conrod property so the project is complete.

Terry McKay provided an update on the maintenance activities being performed by NS Department of Agriculture including checking aboteaux and mowing the dyke systems.

With the lack of new applications, it was suggested that staff include a post on the County Facebook page outlining what this Committee does and how people can get involved.

Robert and Tim provided an update on the salt marsh project which falls under the Joint Flood Advisory Committee (JFAC). They conducted a site visit to the marsh at the oxbow to gather a better understanding of the properties involved. As per the direction of the JFAC, staff previously sent out letters to the property owners within the oxbow exploring the option of acquiring the affected properties. Of the four property owners involved, only one was open to a land swap. Additional letters were also sent to the province requesting a partnership on the project with no response to date. The project has received FRIIP funding, with the monies earmarked for the environmental studies required ahead of any construction work.

It was suggested that a joint site visit to the Oxbow should be arranged to have both FAC and JFAC in attendance. Terry will arrange to have the dykes mowed prior to this visit. Tim also expressed that he would fly a drone over the site. It may be beneficial to wait for the province's response on partnering prior to arranging a site visit. The Committee requested that staff send out the following dates to the JFAC for a site visit – August 14th and 15th. It was noted that the environmental studies are required prior to any construction, so no

construction work can occur this year.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be held immediately following the salt marsh/oxbow site visit in Council Chambers once the date is confirmed.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Councillor Cooper

“That the meeting adjourn at 10:01 am.” Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary