

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

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

Absent: Councillor Mike Cooper
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee
“That the agenda be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Hank Kolstee
“That the Minutes from the meeting on August 22, 2023 be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: A discussion was held on the Oxbow project at the last Joint Flood Advisory Committee meeting. The Town will send letters to property owners regarding land acquisition options.

The stormwater issue on Granville Drive was discussed at the last Council meeting. Council directed staff to review the issue and report back at the next meeting.

New Applications: The following new applications were received and will be added to the project list until further review is completed.

Wharf Road, Great Village:

- Site visit required

Branch Road, Onslow Mountain:

- Site visit required

Onslow Mountain Road, Belmont (2):

- Site visits completed
- Stormwater issue – not the river
- Large rain event in short amount of time contributed to blueberry fields flooding
- Fields slope to an area in front of these properties so heavy flows cause it to backup
- Two cross culverts on Onslow Mountain Road that NSPW replaced recently – Rod and Tim to review culverts again
- Rod to complete stormwater calculations to determine if culvert size is sufficient

- Work within the ROW (culvert replacement) does not meet policy but stormwater calculations can be sent to NSPW

Graham Road, Debert:

- Site visit required
- Review road condition/ditches as this portion may be a provincially owned but unmaintained road

Elm River Park, Lower Debert:

- Site visit completed
- Contractor currently hired to construct 1100ft berm from an existing berm towards Highway 4
- Will need to seek legal advice as this project has already been started and outside of procurement requirements

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That staff contact the municipal solicitor for legal advice on this application for compliance with existing policies before the Committee decides on any funding assistance.” Motion carried.

Station Road, Londonderry:

- Site visit completed
- Application submitted before but was removed as insurance provided homeowners with assistance
- No issue with NSPW bridge on main road
- Private bridge in driveway should be replaced but doesn't fall under the policy
- Construction of a berm would rectify the flooding around the barn area – approximately 200ft
- Rod to discuss with property owners to see if they are interested in the berm, and to advise that we will not be involved with a new bridge

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the Committee approves the construction of a berm on the Station Road property up to a maximum cost of \$10,000.” Motion carried.

Review of Projects for 2023/24:

The following updates were made to the project list:

Portapique Cemetery:

- Site visit before winter

Soley Cove Road, Economy:

- Work completed

Adam McCallum Road, Onslow Mountain:

- Work completed

Highway 311, North River:

- Site visit completed
- Neighbouring property has been infilled and causing water to

- divert to rear of this property
- As installing a culvert on the private/infilled property is not an option, creating a ditch between the two properties would help redirect the flows
- Ditching – approximately 70m
- Cost estimate - \$2,000

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the Committee approves ditching on the Highway 311 property up to a maximum cost of \$2,000.” Motion carried.

Rankine Drive, Onslow Mountain:

- Site visit completed
- Existing floodplain area for the brook
- No blockages in brook, no major improvements required at this time – can continue to monitor
- Owner requested letter re: site visit findings

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Mayor Blair

“That the Committee send a letter to the Rankine Drive property owner outlining the site visit results.” Motion carried.

Farnham Road, Bible Hill:

- Frost conditions may be required for berm construction

MacLand Drive, Lower Onslow:

- Entire area has no grade – very flat
- Cross culvert restricts water flow
- No existing stormwater ditch to move water through the rear of the properties on MacLand
- Work requires 800ft ditching and replacement of driveway culvert with repaving to be confirmed
- Requires permission from two additional property owners, in addition to the applicant

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the Committee approves ditching and culvert replacement on the MacLand Drive properties up to a maximum of \$10,000 subject to permissions granted from other private properties owners.” Motion carried.

Seascape Lane, Lower Five Islands:

- Site visit completed
- Existing ditches on property unmaintained – original drainage way needs to be cleaned out to redirect flows
- Water from the properties across the road are being directed through the cross culvert and into this property
- Original drainage way also goes across neighbouring property
- Would involve permission and cost sharing from both properties

- Rod advised owner to contact neighbour for permission to complete ditching on his property as well

Moved by Hank Kolstee and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the Committee send a letter to both property owners on Seascape Lane outlining the scope of work and cost sharing requirements.” Motion carried.

Meadowvale Road, Upper Stewiacke:

- Site visit completed
- No issue with NSPW existing box culvert
- Issue with owner’s bridge and driveway – bridge needs to be replaced and driveway height increased
- Does not fall under policy
- Rod advised owner what they need to do to fix the issue

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the Committee send a letter to the Meadowvale Road property owner outlining the site visit results.” Motion carried.

New Business:

Rod and Tim to complete remaining site visits in the next couple of weeks. Staff to draft letters to property owners before the next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023 at 9am in Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

Moved by Hank Kolstee

“That the meeting adjourn at 2:42 pm.” Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary