

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Present: Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
Councillor Lisa Patton
Mayor Christine Blair
Hank Kolstee, Citizen Representative
Robert Monk, Citizen Representative
Michelle Boudreau, Director of Public Works
Dan Troke, CAO
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture

Absent: Councillor Mike Cooper
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the agenda be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the Minutes from the meeting on October 3, 2023 be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None.

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

Penny Lane, North River:

- Site visit completed
- New house currently under construction
- Issue with drainage on both Penny Lane and Highway 311
- Culvert installed by Canada Post mailboxes on Penny Lane installed too high
- Owner already contacted NSPW to clean out ditches and they refused
- Estimated costs for new culvert and ditching \$5,000
- Similar to a past project; could discuss with NSPW the option of this Committee completing the work and they pay for it
- Michelle to contact NSPW and Canada Post

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That staff contact NSPW regarding ditch work and culvert replacement on Penny Lane/Highway 311 at an estimated cost of \$5,000.” Motion carried.

Mountain Lee Road, North River:

- Site visit completed

- Drainage issue – standing water in ditch in front of three properties; restricted access to cross culvert
- Estimated costs \$2,500

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Robert Monk

“That the FAC proceed with ditching work on Mountain Lee Road to a maximum of \$2,500.” Motion carried.

Review of Projects for 2023/24:

The following updates were made to the project list:

Seascape Lane, Lower Five Islands:

- Site visit completed
- Other property owner submitting application
- Cost estimate \$15,000

Moved by Hank Kolstee and seconded by Councillor Patton

“That the Five Islands projects be completed to a maximum of \$15,000.” Motion carried.

Wharf Road, Great Village:

- Site visit required

Branch Road, Onslow Mountain:

- Flooding from brook washing out rear of property
- Would require approx. 50m of bank stabilization
- Cost estimate \$15,000
- Work would require frost conditions

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That a letter be sent to the Property Owner on Branch Road outlining the scope of work, cost estimate of \$15,000, 25% cost sharing requirement and decision to proceed with work.” Motion carried.

Onslow Mountain Road, Onslow Mountain:

- Additional site visit completed
- Stormwater calculations completed by Rod and cross culverts are adequately sized
- Ditching could be done along blueberry field with a small berm constructed on the corner and gravel removed from other side of the road
- Could have liability issues with directing water from some properties and causing flooding to others
- Blueberry fields would only be flooded during abnormal events
- Cost estimate \$15,000
- Committee has option to cover entire costs as numerous properties are affected
- Permission would have to be granted from Owner of blueberry field to complete ditching before decision can be made to proceed; Rod to contact

Graham Road, Debert:

- K Class, unmaintained NSPW road
- Issue with cross culvert that directs flows from brook and holding pond to this property
- Area was previously rocked but has since eroded
- Work would require approx. 110ft of rock work and ditching
- Cost estimate \$8,500

Moved by Councillor Patton and seconded by Robert Monk

“That the FAC proceed with ditching and rock work at the Graham Road property to a maximum of \$8,500.” Motion carried.

Station Road, Londonderry:

- Cost estimate \$10,000
- Rod to contact Owner to determine if they wish to proceed with berm construction

Elm River Park:

- As per Solicitor advice, committing funds to this project with a contractor not under our tendering process does not meet policy
- Owner could reapply under a new application

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That a letter be sent to Elm River Park outlining the current application that does not meet policy, submission of a new application, scope of work and potential funding opportunities.” Motion carried.

Budget/Project Expenses Update: Two projects have been completed this fiscal year and to date, expenses total \$17,000 with consulting fees. Proposed projects and their cost estimates will be added to the list for the next meeting.

New Business: None.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2023 at 9am in Council Chambers.

Adjournment: Moved by Robert Monk

“That the meeting adjourn at 10:19 am.” Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary