

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Monday, January 8, 2024 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
Dan Troke, CAO
Rod MacLennan, Project Supervisor/Consultant
Terry McKay, Manager of Land Protection, NS Agriculture

Absent: 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 Hank Kolstee and seconded by Robert Monk
“That the Minutes from the meeting on November 27, 2023 be approved as presented.” Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: At the last meeting, the decision was made to contact the owner of Elm River Park to advise that the project would remain on the list for consideration in the 2024/25 budget year. However, since this meeting, the berm construction may have been completed and the property is listed for sale. The Committee was informed of the potential issues of increased property values that may arise from investing tax revenues in properties listed for sale.

Moved by Mayor Blair and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the Owner of Elm River Park be contacted for confirmation on project status to determine if the berm work has been completed.” Motion carried.

(Councillor Cooper arrived at 9:10 am).

Projected Budget/Project Expenses Review: The current projections/project expenses are slightly over the \$100K budget but some projects shown on the list are expected to be removed.

New Applications: The only application received was from a resident on a private road looking for assistance with culvert repair which does not meet policy. Resident to be advised of this. In the past, any applications for assistance with infrastructure on private roads have been denied.

**Review of Projects for
2023/24:**

The following updates were made to the project list:

Highway 311, North River:

- Discussion held with neighbouring property owner and permission granted; project to proceed
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MacLand Drive, Lower Onslow:

- Resident cost updated to be 25% as \$2,500 cap does not apply to this project
- Two neighbouring properties indicated willingness to proceed' Rod to schedule site visits with them
- Driveway repair for Smith property to be added to budget list next fiscal

Mountain Lee Road, North River:

- Discussion held with 4 of the 5 property owners
- Lisa to reach out to Johnston

Penny Lane, North River:

- Request sent to NSPW to review/cost share project
- Policy doesn't support work within the right-of-way
- Michelle to email Canada Post re: culvert at mailbox
- Send letter to Owner to advise this is a NSPW issue

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Patton

"That a letter be sent to Owner at 10 Penny Lane advising that the stormwater/ditching issue is a provincial Nova Scotia Public Works responsibility and that the application will be removed from our list." Motion carried.

Onslow Mountain Road, Onslow Mountain:

- Spoke to all owners except applicant – Rod and Tim to contact them

Station Road, Londonderry:

- Sent letter on November 30th to determine if they want the berm constructed
- No response – Rod to contact them

New Business:

None.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

Adjournment:

Moved by Hank Kolstee

"That the meeting adjourn at 9:42 am." Motion carried.

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary