

FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Advisory Committee was held in Council Chambers on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 9:00 am.

- Present:** Councillor Tim Johnson, Chair
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
- Regrets:** Mayor Christine Blair
Councillor Lisa Patton
Charlotte Sullivan, NS Environment & Climate Change
- Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Cooper 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 January 8, 2024 be approved as presented.” Motion carried.
- Business Arising from the Minutes:** No response from the Owner of Elm River Park regarding a status update on the completion of the berm and potential sale of property.
- Projected Budget/Project Expenses Review:** Approved projects for this fiscal will remain within the \$100K budget.
- Status of Payments from Property Owners:** Invoices were sent to owners of completed projects for their cost sharing portions. Owners have the option to pay in one lump sum by March 1st or in 12 installments over the course of one year with interest added monthly. One property owner has paid in full.
- New Applications:** The following new applications have been received:
- Lower Harmony Road, Harmony:
- This location has been an issue for a number of years
 - Downed trees and beaver dam upstream also cause issues
 - Site visit completed
 - Requires approx. 150ft bank stabilization and approval from NSE
 - Work would have to be done in Summer during dry conditions
 - Cost estimate \$12K; Owner share max. \$2,500
- Spruce Drive, Salmon River:
- Significant drainage route that has not been maintained
 - Outfall at rear of three properties needs to be cleaned out
 - Site visit complete
 - Cost estimate \$3,500

Moved by Hank Kolstee and seconded by Robert Monk

“That the Applicant on Spruce Drive is responsible for organizing cost sharing with the other two property owners before work proceeds and permission to access lands will be required from all three property owners.” Motion carried.

Salmon River Road, Salmon River:

- Site visit completed
- Issue with private property owner raising the elevation of the driveway without installing culverts allowing all flood waters to remain on this property
- Only option to protect residence would be the installation of a berm around the house
- Survey to be completed
- Cost estimate \$15K

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

The following updates were made to the project list:

Highway 311, North River:

- Forms signed by both
- Moved to Spring 2024

Farnham Road, Bible Hill:

- Berm complete
- Top soil and seeding to be completed Spring 2024

MacLand Drive, Lower Onslow:

- Site visit with Hamilton complete; potential scope of work extended to achieve grade
- May require additional culverts and ditching for extension
- Potential for Hamilton to explore alternate funding options for farm land
- Rod and Terry to complete another site visit in the Spring

Wharf Road, Great Village:

- Site visit outstanding

Branch Road, Onslow Mountain:

- Rod to schedule another site visit in the Spring and evaluate project status at this time

Onslow Mountain Road, Belmont:

- Site visit with remaining property owner completed
- Moved to Spring 2024
- Rod to advise all properties of project status

Station Road, Londonderry:

- Owner does not approve scope of work
- Remove from list

Mountain Lee Road, North River:

- Waiting on one property owner to sign release form – required in order to proceed with work

Elm River Park:

- With no response from Owner, berm looks completed, and property is for sale, remove project from list

Moved by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Hank Kolstee

“That the Elm River Park and Station Road properties be removed from the project list and property owners be notified of the same.” Motion carried.

New Business: None.

Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers.

Adjournment: Moved by Robert Monk

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

Crystal Deuille,
Recording Secretary