

TATAMAGOUCHE WATER UTILITY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Tatamagouche Water Utility Committee was held at the Tatamagouche Library on February 7, 2017 at 1:30pm.

Present: Councillor Mike Gregory, Chair
Mayor Christine Blair
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters
Gloria Randall, Citizen Representative
David Scharf, Citizen Representative
Willett Stevenson, Citizen Representative

Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works

Regrets: none

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes: Previous meeting minutes from October 26, 2017, were not included within the meeting agenda and require approval at a future meeting.

Highway 246 Water Pressure

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the water pressure issues being experienced by three residences on Highway 246 at Cooper Road. The attached summary of details was presented to the Committee for review.

The Committee discussed the facts and options at length. Based on the low pressures in the line, staff felt there was a risk to water quality in the system, and that the line should be disconnected at Cooper Road. The line on Highway 246 appears to be private and some members felt that the original intent to supply Ms. Flora Wall with water for dialysis had been met. Most of the discussion centered upon possible assistance for the three homeowners when the line is abandoned. The possibility of lending or giving funds to the three property owners to drill private wells was discussed. Most members felt that lending the money to the property owners over an extended period of time would be an appropriate approach.

Moved by: David Scharf
Seconded by: Willett Stevenson

“That the waterline on Highway 246 servicing civics 3203, 3222 and 3233 be disconnected in December of 2017; and,

That Council approves that each of the three affected residents, located at 3203, 3222 and 3233 Highway 246, be offered up to \$10,000 in financing by the Tatamagouche Water Utility, to assist with the drilling of a new well, at cost of borrowing, to be paid back over 20 years; and,

That a lien be placed on the property until such time as the financing is paid in full; and,

That the residents will be responsible for the coordination of any contractors for the construction of their own well(s) and will submit related invoices to the Municipality for review and reimbursement; and,

The Municipal Solicitor be asked to draw up the related legal agreements and or releases; and

The Chair of the TWUC write a letter to Council requesting that the Municipality loan the funds to the Tatamagouche Water Utility in order to support the financing proposal.”

All voted in favour.

Other:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Masters

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 pm.”

Michelle Newell,
Recording Secretary