



MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of Valley Waters Council was held on July 9, 2024, 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Those present were Mayor Randy McKnight, Deputy Mayor Ann Marie Snyder, Councillors Harold Keith, Carey Beth Gillis, Lindsey Ganong, Charity McDonald, and Stephen Muir.

Staff: Angela McLean and Jackie Clement

Motion: To add Item 5 for presentation of SRHS bursary award to recipient, Jill Hall, and approve amendment to agenda.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED

No recording of Conflicts of Interest

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Ganong

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED

Award Presentation: Mayor McKnight presented Jill Hall a \$250 Bursary for the Sussex Regional High 2024 Graduate who is continuing her education in Health Science to become a Radiologist.

CAO's REPORT:

The CAO's Report was presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. KRSC Building Permit Report, May 2024
- B. Thank-you notes from Bursary Recipients and Farm Fresh Rabbit Project
- C. Memo from J. Wilkins, ADM Local Government, re: Amendments to Annual Report Regulations

NEW BUSINESS & CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:

- A. **Motion:** To accept the 2023 Audited Financial Statements as presented by Doris Davis, Buckley

Professional Corporation.

Moved by: Councillor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED

B. Motion: To appoint Buckley Professional Corporation to be the Auditor for 2024.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Ganong

MOTION CARRIED

C. Discussion of Quad NB presentation: Mayor and Council feel more information is needed before going any further with this, including the exact roads and access points as well as maps to show all the information on what Quad NB is requesting and proposing. Once this is received, they will discuss and determine if they have enough information and knowledge to warrant a motion for public consultation.

D. Discussion of Transfer Station Renovation/Construction Project: Mayor and Council all agree that there are safety issues that need to be addressed and corrected on the site however they also feel some of the cosmetic plans are not necessarily required and that a more conservative approach to the project could be found.

E. Motion: To postpone the August Council meeting by one week and one day to Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REMARKS:

A. Mayor McKnight attended a meeting at the Sussex Health Center that was chaired by Horizon CEO Margaret Melanson. He had not been invited but was notified by an attendee and chose to attend on behalf of the residents of Valley Waters. Following the meeting, a Press Release was issued by Horizon which Mayor McKnight feels it is very misleading to the public and does not accurately portray the meeting discussion. A test of the new Virtual Doctor pilot program is expected to begin in August and Sussex is the only hospital chosen. It is unclear where the Virtual Doctors will be located, if they are licensed to practice in New Brunswick, and how they will do Virtual assessments, among other concerns.

B. Mayor McKnight attended one meeting of the RSC Oversight Committee. They are preparing a CEO Performance Appraisal template which has a September deadline. The next meeting is scheduled for next week.

C. Mayor McKnight and CAO Angela McLean have a meeting scheduled with the Belleisle Pool Committee next week to discuss what Valley Waters could do to assist them. Councillor Muir planned with Nutrien Manager to supply Belleisle Pool with supplies at their price. Councillor Muir contacted Linda Watson and she is requesting a list of their available supplies and prices.

D. RSC Economic Development Committee: Councillor McDonald attended a meeting of this committee on June 25 and indicated the committee is lost in their mandate and what it should be. They had Donald

Hamilton from ONB as well as Charlene Hatt who is the Economic Development person out of St Stephen region assist them.

E. UMNb: Councillors Ganong and Keith attended the Zone meeting. Councillor Ganong offered Valley Waters for the next meeting location. This will be the final meeting for UMNb Resolutions to be considered. CAO Angela McLean indicated that Responsible Government and Finance met prior to Council meeting and proposes to add a Municipal Tax Policy resolution for consideration. The CAO will draft a resolution.

F. Responsible Government and Finance: Deputy Mayor Snyder suggested that a Policy document be drafted for consideration for Councillors who are on committees that pay a per diem, and that an annual in-house nomination and vote be taken to ensure that everyone has an opportunity for not only the per diem but also the opportunity to join a new committee to educate themselves on other aspects of municipal governance.

MOTION: To do a policy that an annual vote will be held for Committees that are per diem positions.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To go In-Camera Meeting, as per the Local Governance Act, Section 68(1) c and 68(1) g.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

The In-Camera meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm and returned to the Open Session.

Motion: To withdraw from the following RSC Common Services, effective January 01, 2025: Regional Tourism & Development, Regional Economic Development,, Regional Community Development.

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

Councillor McDonald Voted Nay

MOTION CARRIED

G. Reminder that Monday, August 5 is the 50th Anniversary of our Wickham Fire Department. Years of service certificates and a plaque will be presented. The CAO will discuss with Chief McDonald for a schedule and advise Council.

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

Moved by: Councillor Muir



MAYOR



CLERK/TREASURER

Record of In Camera Meeting, July 09, 2024:

Meeting as per the Local Governance Act, Section 68(1) c and 68(1) g.

Attended: Mayor Randy McKnight, Deputy Mayor Ann-Marie Snyder, Councillors Harold Keith, Carey Beth Gillis, Lindsey Ganong, Charity McDonald and Stephen Muir.


Staff: Angela McLean and Jackie Clement

Motion: To return to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Snyder

Seconded by: Councillor Muir


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