



MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of Valley Waters Council was held on February 11, 2025, 7:01 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Those present were Mayor Randy McKnight, Deputy Mayor Carey Beth Gillis, Councillors Harold Keith, Charity McDonald, Lindsey Ganong, Mary Francis Keirstead, and Stephen Muir.

Staff: Angela McLean and Jackie Clement

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda with changes.

Moved by: Councillor Ganong **Seconded by:** Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED.

No recording of Conflicts of Interest.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Keith **Seconded by:** Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Ganong **Seconded by:** Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Presentation: Amanda Oicle – Pantry at The Meeting Place. This food pantry will be located at 676 Route 124, Norton and is a service offered to anyone in Valley Waters who needs assistance. The service is for residents experiencing food insecurity. To start, it will be open the 3rd Thursday of the month from 2-4pm on a first come, first served basis. As donations increase, the frequency will also. It requires pre-registration with one order per person. They are looking for not only donations but volunteers as well.

Introduction and Readings of By-Laws and Policies: Introduction of Valley Waters Social Media Policy 25-01. Council will read over the policy, for discussion and possible approval at the March Council meeting.

CAO's REPORT: Following presentation of the report, Council posed questions regarding:

The Norton Rink will likely require some Corporate sponsorship

The Adult Learning Series is in the planning stages, and Council may put forward suggested facilitators.

The chassis for the Belleisle Fire Truck is currently in Canada, so it will not be subject to potential tariffs.

It is not yet on the assembly line.

What are the next steps for farm plastics, since Clean Farms of Canada has indicated they did not receive

funding approval from Environment Canada for the pilot project. The CAO will continue to work with stakeholders to explore potential solutions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. KRSC Building Permit Report, January 2025

B. Funding request from Greater Fundy Ground Search & Rescue.

Motion: to donate \$100 to Greater Fundy Ground Search & Rescue

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

C. Invitation to Participate – Coldest Night of the Year (Sussex Sharing Club) – Council requested more info and CAO Angela McLean will email it to Council.

NEW BUSINESS & CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:

Motion: To approve the 2025 Fee Schedule, with amendments.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Ganong

Motion: To approve the 2025 Travel Rates.

Moved by: Councillor Keith

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED.

A Motion to approve Annual Committee and Board Appointments is postponed pending the RSC's AGM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REMARKS:

A. RSC Committees: All meetings remain on hold.

B. UMNZ Zone Reps. There is a meeting scheduled February 20 at 7pm in Grand Bay and will be bring 3 items to the meeting in hopes of having them added 1) farm plastics, 2) approve communication with DTI, and 3) better cell and internet services. Councillor Ganong, unfortunately, is unable to attend Advocacy days as scheduled so there is a spot open if someone wished to attend.

C. Valley Waters Advisory Committees. The minutes from Way of Life Advisory Committee and Strong and Vibrant Communities Advisory Committee are included in the package tonight. Dwayne Boyd has resigned from Strong & Vibrant Communities and will be greatly missed but wish him the best on his future endeavors. Frank and Julie VanderLaan will no longer be on the Economic Development Committee due to a recent move outside Valley Waters.

D. Teladoc Program at Sussex ER– Mayor McKnight gave his input and support on the test pilot of this service at Sussex Health Center. Deputy Mayor Gillis shared a resident's not-so-pleasant experience with the service and Councillor Keirstead shared her positive experience. As Mayor McKnight pointed out,

every situation is different and the patient, in the end, is responsible for their care and need to speak up for themselves.

E. Sussex Flood Mitigation Plan – The Mayor reported that a public zoom meeting was hosted by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) concerning the flood mitigation plan for Sussex. Ben Whalen from KRWC had submitted a list of questions, including two issues which might affect Valley Waters - those being potential erosion downstream as well as concerns about the runoff from farms that could flow into the Kennebecasis River. The IAAC will determine if a full environmental impact assessment needs to be completed.

Motion: To go In-Camera, as per Local Governance Act Article 68(1): A council or a committee of council meeting may be closed to the public for the duration of the discussion if it is necessary to discuss:
(b) Personal Information as defined in the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52 pm by Councillor Muir.


MAYOR


CLERK/TREASURER

