



## **MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of Valley Waters Council was held on March 11, 2025, 7:03 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, Mary Francis Keirstead, and Stephen Muir.

Staff: Angela McLean and Jackie Clement

Regrets: Councillor Lindsey Ganong

**Motion:** To approve the meeting agenda with an amendment to remove items C & D from New Business and adding a motion as item F in New Business

**Moved by:** Councillor Keirstead

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Gillis

**MOTION CARRIED.**

No recording of Conflicts of Interest.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting.

**Moved by:** Councillor Muir

**Seconded by:** Councillor McDonald

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**Moved by:** Councillor Keith

**Seconded by:** Councillor Muir

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Introduction and Readings of By-Laws and Policies:**

**Motion:** to approve Valley Waters Social Media Policy 25-01

**Moved by:** Councillor Muir

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Gillis

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Introduction of Valley Waters Emergency Planning By-Law 25-17-01.** Council was asked to review the Draft and provide feedback to the CAO. It will be introduced for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings at next meeting. This By-Law allows Council to declare State of Emergency if needed during a disaster, and eligibility to seek assistance from the Province for covering expenses. This By-Law will be supported by the Valley Waters Emergency Plan – currently under development by the Emergency Committee, and required by legislation. It will require a plan for each potential emergency situation.

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

The Adult Learning Series locations of events can be organized over various Valley Waters facilities.

The Belleisle Fire Truck chassis is in Canada and parts won't be affected by tariffs.

No approvals yet for approvals for summer students - Canada Summer Jobs and SEED program.

Requested clarification on what tasks a Commissioner of Oath can do.

General discussion on how a Road Association works, in preparation for a request from PRAC to amend Valley Waters Subdivision By-law to include this requirement for future sub divisions in our area. Once the request from PRAC is received, the Planner will be asked for an opinion.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. KRSC Building Permit Report, February 2025

B. Invitation to WE BELIEVE Fundraising Gala.

C. Notification from Base Gagetown re: Spring Wildfire Management Program, April 1-May 19

D. Response from Minister Gauvin regarding Council's letter of concern for water safety.

#### **NEW BUSINESS & CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:**

**Motion:** To transfer \$16,455.73 from the Norton Capital Reserve Fund to the Norton Sewer Capital Fund for the purchase of a spare pump for the lift station.

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Gillis

**Seconded by:** Councillor Keith

**Motion:** To spend up to \$42,000 as required, for strategic initiatives, as follows:

a) construction and installation of 2<sup>nd</sup> shed up to \$15,000

b) construction of 2 display tables for the Fossil Centre up to \$1,600

c) hiring Summer Events/Community Engagement Coordinator, if required up to \$25,000

**Moved by:** Councillor Keith

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Gillis

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion:** To withhold payment to Kings RSC for recreation and non common services for this fiscal Quarter 1, pending a decision of the Local Governance Commission and re-negotiation of a Shared Rec Funding Agreement.

**Moved by:** Councillor McDonald

**Seconded by:** Councillor Muir

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REMARKS:**

A. Councillor McDonald was approached by resident concerning addresses changing online and concerns of communities losing their identity. CAO Angela McLean requested more specifics and she will investigate the concern.

A. RSC Committees: All meetings remain on hold during the Trusteeship.

B. UMN B Zone Reps. Councillor Keith and Ganong attended the meeting and brought up Valley Waters concerns/issues about (a) silage wrap, which no answers were given on this issue (b) communication with DTI - which Butternut and Hampton had that same issue to address. They are going to take this to the Minister and (c) rural internet, which is already a priority for UMN B and has a resolution on the books.

C. Valley Waters Advisory Committees. Mayor McKnight attended the Norton Seniors group and is going to the Belleisle Seniors group March 25 to discuss the Age Friendly Community Project. He reached out to Belyeas Cove Community Centre as well. There are currently 3 Volunteers for the Norton area and he is hoping to get some more from the other areas.

- D. Way of Life next meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.
- E. Strong and Vibrant Community next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> of April
- F. UMNNB next meeting is here in our building on April 17<sup>th</sup>

**Motion to adjourn** meeting at 7:45 pm by Councillor Keirstead.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK/TREASURER