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HANWELL
Rural Community
Regular Meeting of Council
March 17, 2021
Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Susan Cassidy, Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison, Councillor Holly Hyslop, Councillor Susan Jonah, Councillor Darren MacKenzie, Councillor Dan Fortier, Clerk/Treasurer Terri Parker, Assistant Clerk/Assistant Treasurer Sherri Johnston, Upper Kingsclear Fire Chief Murray Crouse, and 2 members of the public.

1. Calling to Order

Mayor Cassidy called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie to approve the agenda.

Unanimously Carried #01-03-2021

3. Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Susan Jonah that the minutes of the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

Unanimously Carried #02-03-2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier that the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Special Meeting of Council be adopted with the amendment to the Age Friendly motion #30-02-2021 to change the motion from accept to receive the Age Friendly report.

Unanimously Carried #03-03-2021

Councillor Darren MacKenzie asked to have the following report submitted:

I have a report that I would like submitted into the minutes. In the special meeting of council of February 23, 2021, I motioned to do an assessment of PID #75520767. This particular parcel of land went on the market (public “Multiple Listing Service” – MLS) not long before this meeting. I believe that this 9-acre section of land would be of great value to the community, particularly with the amount of projects that are on hold due to not having any land available on which to put them. This piece of land potentially has multiple entrances, space for most current projects that are in planning phase, and lots of room for future growth. The first thing that you would normally do prior to purchase is an assessment, to see to see if it’s worth at least the price that it’s being sold. Discussion around this motion

suggested that, indeed, that should be the first thing to do prior to putting any kind of offer or conditional offer out to a realtor. And yet, after a long discussion about how it would be best to do an assessment as the first step, three councillors voted against this, and the motion failed. I am appalled at the fact that a piece of land with what appears to be great potential was brushed aside so quickly and easily. I don't know what some members of council are expecting for future land purchases. No matter where you get land, you will near certainly have to put some costs into development work for building on it, and this is usually built into the cost of the project. After talking and talking about projects for literally years, and not having anywhere to put them, the first opportunity that finally came up for us to potentially buy land at a reasonable price didn't pass. I am so disappointed.

4. Public Input/Inquiries (10 minutes max.)

Questions were asked about the renovations to the recreation building (church). Mayor Cassidy explained that a report has been provided to Council and once Council has reviewed and accepted the report it can be made a public document. The insurance claim is still pending.

5. Disclosures

None

6. Reports:

Chief Murray Crouse presented a Fire Department report for Council.

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to receive the Fire Department report for February 2021 as presented.

Unanimously Carried #04-03-2021

7. Presentations

a) RSC11– Temporary Use Permit

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier that the Rural Community of Hanwell council recommend that the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee (PRAC) approve a temporary use application for a Class 2 Home-Based Business of a health and foot care clinic, located at 1889 Route 640 in the “Residential” zone under the rural community of Hanwell Rural Plan- Hanwell By-Law 11-2016 subject to the following terms and conditions:

a) that all signs be in accordance with applicable provisions of By-Law #10-2015 “A By-Law to Regulate Signs” of the rural community of Hanwell and in accordance with an applicable Department of Transportation and Infrastructure policies;

b) that parking be in accordance with applicable provisions of section 3.3 of the rural community of Hanwell rural plan- Hanwell By-Law 11-2016;

c) that outdoor lighting be located, arranged or shielded as not to interfere with traffic proceeding along Route 640 Hanwell or with nearby landowners in the reasonable enjoyment of their properties;

d) that where possible, existing trees & shrubs are maintained around the perimeter of the property;

e) that the residential character of the land, building or structure be maintained; and

f) that the operation of the class 2 home-based business adheres to all applicable government regulations.

Unanimously Carried #05-03-2021

8. Permit Applications

There were 0 building permits, and 0 development permits for February 2021.

9. Proclamations

WHEREAS Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

WHEREAS epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and 42 people in Canada are diagnosed every day, and

WHEREAS one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime, and

WHEREAS the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

WHEREAS Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma, and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

THEREFORE, I Susan Cassidy as Mayor of the rural community of Hanwell, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2021, as **Purple Day** in the rural community of Hanwell, in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in our community, province and in Canada.

10. Petitions and Delegations

None

11. Business Arising:

12. Correspondence:

a) Donation Request: NB Police Association

Moved by Councillor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie to accept the donation request from the NB Police Association and authorize and direct the Clerk to purchase a 1/10 page (business card) advertisement for the 34th Annual Crime Prevention Guide focusing on "Suicide Prevention Awareness" in the amount of \$230.43 + HST.

Unanimously Carried #06-03-2021

b) Email from Resident – Official Languages

Moved by Councillor Dan Fortier and **seconded by** Councillor Susan Jonah to receive the correspondences and response regarding the Official Languages Act.

YES Votes: Councillor Darren MacKenzie, Councillor Susan Jonah, Councillor Holly Hyslop, and Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison

NO Votes: Councillor Dan Fortier

Motion Carried #07-03-2021

c) Email from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure – Speeding Awareness
Moved by Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to accept the correspondence from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding speeding awareness.

Unanimously Carried #08-03-2021

d) Email from Resident – Garbage Collection

Moved by Councillor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Holly Hyslop to receive the correspondence regarding garbage collection.

Unanimously Carried #09-03-2021

13. Meetings and Special Events:

Mayor's Report

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Susan Jonah to receive the Mayor's report as presented.

Unanimously Carried #10-03-2021

14. Committee Reports:

- Finance: - Did not meet

- Facility – Did not meet

- Planning – Did not meet

- Parks & Recreation

Moved by Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Susan Jonah to accept the resignation of Councillor Darren MacKenzie from the Parks & Recreation Committee. The seat for Vice-Chair will be filled after the municipal election in May.

Yes Votes: Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison, Councillor Holly Hyslop, and Councillor Susan Jonah

No Votes: Councillor Dan Fortier

Motion Carried #11-03-2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Holly Hyslop to accept the Parks & Recreation Committee report as presented.

Unanimously Carried #12-03-2021

- Communications:

Moved by Councillor Dan Fortier and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison to receive the Communications Committee report as presented.

Unanimously Carried #13-03-2021

- EMO:

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to receive the EMO Committee report as presented.

Unanimously Carried #14-03-2021

- Age Friendly:

Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie to receive the Age Friendly Committee report as presented.

Unanimously Carried #15-03-2021

15. Treasurer's Report

Moved by Councillor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Unanimously Carried #16-03-2021

16. Old or Unfinished Business

Items carried forth from previous Council meetings that have not been completed/resolved.

- a) School Capital Project
- b) Code of Conduct resolution

17. New Business

- a) Motion 988 – Suicide Prevention Hotline
Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the Rural Community of Hanwell recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Community of Hanwell endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and

That the Clerk be directed to send a letter indicating such support to our local Member of Parliament, Member(s) of the Legislative Assembly, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie that the Clerk be directed to send a letter indicating such support to our local Member of Parliament, Member(s) of the Legislative Assembly, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

Unanimously Carried #17-03-2021

b) Land Acquisition

WHEREAS Hanwell Council has been discussing purchasing Land for several years; and

WHEREAS Hanwell Council has multiple projects that are unable to proceed due to not having any land available on which to build them; and

WHEREAS many of these projects are included in the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan; and

WHEREAS the asking prices for this particular property seems quite reasonable,

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Susan Jonah to authorize and direct the Clerk to reach out to a realtor of the Clerk's choice and submit an offer of \$75,000 for PID #75520767, with any potential counter-offer from the selling realtor to be presented at a new Special Meeting of Council.

YES Votes: Councillor Darren MacKenzie and Councillor Susan Jonah

NO Votes: Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison, Councillor Holly Hyslop and Councillor Dan Fortier
Motion Defeated

18. Upcoming Activities:

- Home Alone Program (Feb 20) - Postponed

*** for locations/times of events contact the municipal office or watch for upcoming advertisements.*

Councillor Dan Fortier left Council Chambers at 8:35pm and returned at 8:38pm.

- 19. Closed Session:** Matter pursuant to s. 68(1)(d) and s. 68(1)(f) of the *Local Governance Act*.
Moved by Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Susan Jonah to move to Closed Session.
Unanimously Carried # 18-03-2021

Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to move out of closed session and return to regular session.
Unanimously Carried # 19-03-2021

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Councillor Holly Hyslop to extend the meeting past 9:00 pm.
Unanimously Carried # 20-03-2021

Moved by Councillor Holly Hyslop and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to move to Closed Session.
Unanimously Carried # 21-03-2021

Councillor Darren MacKenzie left Council Chambers at 9:09pm and returned at 9:10pm.

22-03-2021

Moved by Councillor Susan Jonah and **seconded by** Councillor Darren MacKenzie to authorize and direct the Clerk to investigate the possibility of entering into an agreement with Scouts Canada, for a Neighbourhood Park, on the Yoho Scout Reserve.
Unanimously Carried #23-03-2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to authorize and direct the Clerk to consult with the Regional Service Commission 11 and ARMCO Capital Inc. to attempt to arrive at a resolution on the rezoning of PIDs 75359216, 75265793, 75265785 from Rural "RU" to Commercial and Light Industrial "CLI"
Unanimously Carried #24-03-2021

Moved by Councillor Darren MacKenzie and **seconded by** Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison to authorize and direct the Clerk to prepare a response to A. Gordon Shephard Professional Corporation, a letter for the signature by the Mayor that we do stand by the Regional Service Commission 11's interpretation of our By-Law #11-2016.
Unanimously Carried #25-03-2021

20. Date, Time, and Location of next meeting

Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers or WebEx
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 7:00 pm

21. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Dave Morrison and **seconded by** Councillor Dan Fortier to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Unanimously Carried #26-03-2021

Respectfully submitted by,

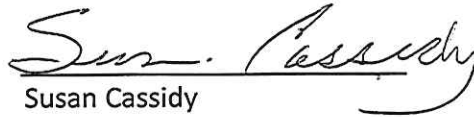


Sherri Johnston
Assistant Clerk/Assistant Treasurer

Certified Correct,



Terri L. Parker
Clerk/Treasurer



Susan Cassidy
Mayor