

MINUTES
NEWBURY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Monday, November 9th, 2020
6:00 p.m.



MEMBERS PRESENT: Reeve Diane Brewer, Councillors, Ron Challis, Mike Noe, Russ Patton, and Stacey Goldrick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitch Geerts, MPW Chartered Accountants

STAFF PRESENT: Nicole Kennedy, Newbury Community Services Employee

STAFF ABSENT: Betty D. Gordon, Clerk-Treasurer

Fire Chief Chad Trethewey

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Diane Brewer called the meeting to order at p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

6:00 p.m. Mitch Geerts, MPW Chartered Accountants

Mitch reviewed the 2019 financial statements with Council and suggested that he will look into if it is beneficial for Council to pass a motion to forgive the long-term debt from Newbury Community Services.

Mitch will schedule a few days in January to begin the 2020 audit.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT Council accepts the financial report presented by Mitch Greer, MPW Chartered Accountants.”

Carried

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT Mitch Geerts of MPW be appointed as the Village of Newbury’s auditor for the 2020 financial period.”

Carried

2.1 WATER:

1. Water Financial Statements: (cc. Council – blue)

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT the water financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

2. DWQMS – Review. Proposed water rates for the next five years. (cc. Council – white)
3. Tri-County Water Board Draft Agreement review.

2.2 **SEWER:**

1. Sewer Financial Statements: (cc. Council – green)

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT the sewer financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

2.3 **DRAINAGE:**

2.4 **FIRE:**

1. Monthly training records (received to November 19th, 2019). Chad reported that Ralph had updated the training records on the Cloud.
2. Blue Card training. Chad is about half way through the training while Mark is about 75% finished. Tim LaCroix and Tim Kinsmen have not started yet.

Chad will provide the driver’s form to the office which will provide the information Betty is asking for.

Chad will call a company to take a look at the seal and will also ask for a quote on enlarging the other doors.

The Clerk will look into ordering a plaque after she receives the information from the Fire Chief.

Council asked if the Fire Chief was proceeding with any charges for the fire at 9 Tucker St. Council agreed that a letter and the Fire Chief’s report be sent to London Middlesex Housing.

2.5 **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

MEU Consulting (Bill Menzie) By-law Enforcement Report. (cc. Council – purple)

Council asked if MEU was following through with 9 Tucker.

2.6 **CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL:**

CBO Report provided as per hours submitted. (cc. Council-orange)

Council wanted Rick to inspect 3 York to see whether or not they were renovating and needing a permit.

3. **COUNCIL MINUTES:**

Council minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 5th, 2020.

Moved By: Stacey Goldrick Seconded By: Mike Noe

“THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on October 5th, 2020, be accepted as presented.”

Carried

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Municipal World Magazine, September, 2020.
2. That due to Bill 218, which prohibits the use of ranked ballots in future elections and extends the nomination day from the end of July to the second Friday in September, Prince Edward County is forwarding a copy of their resolution that *“urges the Government of Ontario to continue to respect Ontario municipalities’ ability to apply sound representative principles in their execution of elections and that it supports the freedom of municipalities to run democratic elections within the existing framework the Act currently offers”*.
3. The Ontario Energy Board is giving Notice to customers that Enbridge is increasing their rate to \$0.11.
4. Loyalist Township has provided a copy of its resolution that *“requests confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs, that due to COVID have lost revenue due to their restrictions to raise or acquire funds through conventional methods”*.
5. Norfolk County has provided a copy of its resolution *“that request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulations and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased*

funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations”.

6. Township of South-West Oxford providing a copy of their resolution that *“calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value”.*
7. Copy of a letter from the Village of Newbury to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities which endorses the application for funding from the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority under the FCM program.
8. Copy of a letter from Lake of Bays, Muskoka to Honourable Doug Ford, which states that “joint and several liability” creates a higher insurance cost for municipalities and that Muskoka experienced a 20% increase in 2019 and expects the same for 2020 and that they are asking the Premier to *“consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone”.*
9. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the Helping Tenants and Small Business Act, 2020 received Royal Assent which amends the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, which freezes residential rent increases in 2021.
10. Glencoe District High School provided their Awards Ceremony pamphlet for their virtual 2020 graduation on October 8th.
11. St. Clair Conservation 2019 Annual Report and 2021 draft Budget.

6. ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:

1. Township of Oro Medonte asking for Council’s consideration in their resolution that respectfully requests the Government of Ontario to consult with ski industry through the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to review re-opening policy considerations currently impacting the industry. (cc. Council – green)

Moved By: Mike Noe Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT this item be noted and filed.”

Carried

2. COVID 19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream funding. Decision on what to apply for. (cc. Council – blue)

Council discussed this funding but did not pass a motion at this time. They have asked for quotes on certain projects to be discussed at the next council meeting which is before the grant application deadline.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (cc. Council – white)

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT the financial statements be accepted as presented.”

Carried

8. ACCOUNTS: (cc. Council - purple)

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT the accounts that total \$219,943.96 be accepted as presented,”

Carried

9. (a) NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9. (b) OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Each Council member was given the opportunity to bring new business to the table.

Mike advised Council that there was a beaver dam in the CN culvert in the Gov't 5/6 Drain and asked if Betty could contact CN to ask if they would remove it.

Council discussed donations to the Four Counties Health Services Foundation and the Four Counties Community Villa and passed the following motion.

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Ron Challis

“THAT a \$3000 donation be given to the FCCV and \$2000 to the FCHS Foundation for their Ultrasound Campaign.”

Carried

On behalf of Betty, Nicole advised Council that Richard Villeneuve of Sco-Terra Operations Group has suggested that the meter at 29 York St. be removed until the area can be winterized. Council agreed and Mike said he will remove it.

Nicole advised Council that Betty had asked Glenn Thompson to build a display case for the hallway to hold Newbury's memorabilia.

Moved By: Ron Challis

Seconded By: Stacey Goldrick

“THAT Council go in camera to discuss employee wages, benefits and hours.”

Carried

Moved By: Mike Noe

Seconded By: Russ Patton

“THAT Council rise from the in-camera meeting with no report.”

Carried

2. By-law 119-20, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury.

Moved By:

Mike Noe

Seconded By:

Ron Challis

“THAT By-law 119-20, being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury is given first and second reading this 9th day of November, 2020.”

Carried

Moved By:

Ron Challis

Seconded By:

Stacey Goldrick

“THAT By-law 119-20 be given third reading, taken as read, properly signed and sealed, and numbered 119-20, this 9th day of November, 2020.”

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved By:

Mike Noe

Seconded By:

Ron Challis

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings (unless re-scheduled)

Regular Council on Monday, December 7th, 2020

REEVE DIANE BREWER

NICOLE KENNEDY