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COUNCIL CHAMBER MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF SACHA LABILLOIS-KENNEDY	COUNCILLOR TONY MILLER
COUNCILLOR MISTY LABILLOIS	COUNCILLOR JUSTIN GALLEN
COUNCILLOR DEREK MULCAHY	COUNCILLOR CANDACE NARVIE
COUNCILLOR RON SIMONSON	COUNCILLOR JAKE CAPLIN

DATE: JULY 5TH, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 9:25 AM

- MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motioned to accept the agenda as presented; Councillor Justin Gallen seconded the motion. Motion carried and agenda approved.
- Rapid Housing Initiative update: there will be a tender package prepared for the grading project. The package is broken down into 5 parts and there is also a time limit on the project. All contractors need to be bonded. A penalty clause will be added in as per Council's request. Aboriginal clause – all ERB eligible contractor equipment must be used first as a rental on this project. By Thursday this week a recommendation will be ready once their bonds, insurance and references are checked. There will be a representative from Maple Leaf Homes on site to inspect and ensure all homes are to code and will only guarantee once all done to warranty standards. An inquiry will be done to have a clear warranty timeline. Belanger's will continue with the trees once they are finished budding. The trees will be placed at the property line between the jail and the new homes.
- Update on Aboriginal Heritage Gardens: the bid for the sprinkler system came in high and there was only one contractor – therefore the bid for another week. Some of the higher prices are due to Covid and a lower price can be negotiated. Tom Simonson will be working on the grading around the building. Legacy will come to pave afterwards. The transformer will be relocated and work around the container. There are plans to refinish the building with an estimate of \$132,740.
- Request for a layoff for 8 weeks from carpenter staff – this request since they have no vacation time. New contracts are being done for the core crew to be signed by them and Director of Capital and Housing. Layoff will happen but with no guarantee after the 8-week layoff is done to be rehired.
- HR presented Employee Appreciation Levels as a draft document. This to review and can sign off at a later date.
- Interim Ranger position has been posted to the website, FB and the ERB mailboxes.
- Council will put a float in the Bon Ami Parade this year.
- HR Manager will facilitate a training session to use the new digital timesheets.
- MIC: Motion by Councillor Justin Gallen and seconded by Councillor Ron Simonson to accept the offer for CIRNAC of \$40,786 for the fiscal year of 2021-22. These funds will cover some costs for Sand and Gravel Claim.
- Councillor Jake Caplin on leave this afternoon.

- Meet with language instructor Becky LaBillois to come in and teach Council Mi'kmaq language. She will provide a book for Council to follow lessons. Classes will be held once per week on Wednesdays.
- Forestry Director would like to meet with Council to discuss the possibility of 2 wood contractors. A proposal in writing will be required and a contract signed to move forward.
- Discuss Community Safety concerns. ERB requires a Community Safety Officer and a Cannabis Officer.
- MIC: Motion by Councillor Candace Narvie that anyone with pending charges or convicted of the sexual assault of a minor will be prohibited from ERB community events or gatherings. Seconded by Councillor Misty LaBillois. This will be written up as a Community By-Law.

NEXT MEETING DATE: JULY 13, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED: @ 3:30 pm