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COUNCIL CHAMBER MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHIEF SACHA LABILLOIS
COUNCILLOR DEREK MULCAHY
COUNCILLOR JAKE CAPLIN

COUNCILLOR TONY MILLER
COUNCILLOR RON SIMONSON

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 16th, 2023

COUCILLOR CANDACE NARVIE – out sick

COUNCILLOR MISTY LABILLOIS – out

COUNCILLOR JUSTIN GALLEN – out sick

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 12:45 PM

- MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motioned to approve & accept today's agenda and Councillor Tony Miller seconded the motion. All in favour with additions – add in community requests. Motion carried.
- MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motioned to approve the minutes of Feb. 14th, 2023 with changes as noted. Councillor Ron Simonson seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Last week, Tanna Pirie-Wilson and Tanya Williams (CEO) met with Barbie to discuss the past election procedures, possible dates for the elections and looking at all the possible barriers, events and holidays that we would need to take into account. The latest day possible chosen was June 10th, a Saturday, was presented to Council as the election date. In 2021, the election was held on a Saturday as well, June 12, 2021. MIC: Councillor Jake Caplin motioned that the June 2023 election be held on June 10, 2023. Councillor Derek Mulcahy seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Council was presented with 3 quotes from candidates interested in being the Electoral Officer for our June 2023 elections. Our regular EO Warren Tremblay will not be available for our elections. After reviewing the quotes, resumes, cover letters, etc. Council chose an EO. MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motioned to employ Ann Marie Augustine as our EO. Councillor Tony Miller seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Request from a Community Member for emergency funds. This is a one-time only request. Since the request was not clear then Chief will request additional info. For future needs, our CEO will draft a policy to present to Council at the next meeting. The solution is to pay out to NB Power \$500 towards their account.
- Request from Community Member for funds to help with a medical bill. MIC: Councillor Ron Simonson motions to pay the bill in full. Councillor Tony Miller seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Request from DRHS Girls Varsity Volleyball Team – looking for sponsorship funds for a tournament to be held at DRHS. MIC: Councillor Tony Miller motions to provide a sponsorship of \$250 for the team. Councillor Derek Mulcahy seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.

- Council request for a policy to be drawn up to for Community “Catastrophe Funds” – plus include monetary values to the type of catastrophe.
- At 2:10 PM – presentation from the CEO after 4 weeks of the job. CEO Report. After reviewing the financial accounting practice used at ERB, it is archaic compared to what is currently used in businesses. We need less paper, more electronic records. This will be outlined in the report from Grant Thornton. They will also provide ERB with the next steps to gaining a stable & secure financial management plan. Better financial & accounting practices ahead. Requests still come in from Community to have a Forensic Audit. MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motions to request a quote for a Forensic Audit. Councillor Tony Miller seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried. Tanya, the CEO will request a quote.
- One issue that presented itself was that some staff are using Bamboo HR consistently and others are not using the app. This needs to be used equally across the board – all staff must use this app.
- Tanya met with the Directors yesterday. Although they enjoy their jobs, they do not enjoy the politics of the job. More work needs to be done on our Administration. This needs to be fixed ASAP. Also need a Health & Safety Work Committee set up ASAP. Directors will continue to meet on a regular basis. We need a Director of Operations in place.
- After the elections we need a forward management plan – this would be a 3–4-day workshop to plan the next 3-4 years.
- A mock print-up of a newsletter was done to show Council how easy the printing would be once the template is in place.
- 2:45 pm – Capital & Housing – Paul presented to Council issues with some contractors. They should be presented with our payment schedule when awarded the tender.
- MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motions to sell of a tractor and attachments. Councillor Tony Miller seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- 3:10 pm – Virtual presentation from Derek Simon – MTI – Developing Ugpi’ganjig Fisheries Management Plan. Derek Simon will forward us the BCR, agreement and a list of the banked licences.
- 4:00 pm – Via zoom – Tanna provided information for outstanding invoices for the C-store construction and request guidance and approval for payments. MIC: Councillor Derek Mulcahy motions to pay the outstanding invoices and Councillor Ron Simonson seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Community request from an Elder for catastrophe funds.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 21st, 2023

MEETING ADJOURNED: @ 5:05 pm