

## **Rural Municipality of Crapaud**

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:00pm

Crapaud Community Hall

### **Minutes**

Present: Mayor Joanne Harvey; Councillors Margaret Armsworthy, Della Ferguson, Dean MacDonald, Tom Patterson and Savannah.

Staff: Wendy MacKinnon and Jamie Stride CAO.

Visitors: Steven Carey, Raymond MacDonald, Susan Williams, Stan Baker,

Kenny and Janet Lake, Mary and John Heckbert, Connie Mackinnon, Randy Myres and Dan MacKinnon.

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed members of the public.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Motion: Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 with the removal of the Tree Removal at Sherwood Forest Park.  
Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor Armsworthy. Unanimously carried.
3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**  
No Conflict
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
Motion: That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 be approved.  
Moved by Councillor MacDonald, Seconded by Councillor Patterson. Unanimously carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes**  
Motion: That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday February 21, 2023 be approved.  
Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor MacDonald. Unanimously carried,
6. **Business Arising From Previous Minutes**  
No Business Arising from Previous Minutes of Thursday, February 2, 2023

No Business Arising from Previous Minutes of Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**7. Delegations and Presentations**

No Delegations or Presentations

**8. Signing Authority For Councillor Armsworthy and CAO Stride**

Motion: To Give Signing Authority For Councillor Armsworthy and CAO Stride

Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Ferguson. 4 for, 1 abstention (Councillor Armsworthy) Unanimously Carried.

**9. Financial Statements from April 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023**

Councillor Armsworthy asked if Council had any Questions. No Questions Were Asked.

Moved by Councillor MacDonald, Seconded by Councillor Dugay. Unanimously Carried.

**10. Presentation of Draft Budget 2023 – 2024**

Councillor Armsworthy presented the draft budget for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year.

- General Account
- Sewer Utility
- Water Utility. Changes will be made to the use of the word Miscellaneous to include more detail.
- Fire Department. Costs for Telephone seemed high but included other related costs like pagers, etc..
- General Government Services
- Professional Centre
- Parks, Recreation and Streets. The Supplies and Expenses are higher this fiscal year due to the New Horizons Grant.
- Community Hall. It was suggested that Council consider the creation of a committee for the Community Hall to facilitate the ability to market and increase the usage of the Community Hall.
- Financial Plan
- Capital Budget

**11. New Business**

11.1 Approval of Tree Removal Project at the Sherwood Forest Park. Mayor Harvey informed of the need to postpone this Approval, awaiting on word from Government department concerning the removal of the trees at no cost to the Municipality. This was removed from the Agenda.

11.2 Approval of Annual Black Fly Control Program. CAO Stride requested Councils consideration of the renewal of the Annual Black Fly Control Program at an estimated annual cost of approximately \$3000.00

Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson. Unanimously Carried.

**12. Correspondence** – Councillor Armsworthy spoke about the Office Hours of Operation.

Monday 9 – 12 and 1 – 3

Tuesday 12 – 3 and 4 – 6

Wednesday 9 – 12 and 1 – 3

Thursday 9 – 12 and 1 – 3

Friday - Closed

**13. Public Section**

- Randy Myers asked about the By pass Highway. CAO responded by saying he spoke with MLA Jamie Fox on the matter and it was not on the Governments horizon.
- Kenny Lake asked about the Gas Tax Funding. Councillor Armsworthy responded indicating they will receive \$100,000 this fiscal year.
- Susan Williams asked about Heat Pumps for the Hall. She mentioned the deadline for the Government support was April 1, 2023. CAO Stride said he will look into this and confirm.
- Susan Williams pointed out there was an error on some dates on the Income Statement Report. Error was corrected.
- Susan Williams asked about the Sewer Utility Budget of \$84500. Wendy MacKinnon responded that the water and sewer units were updated and this increased the sewer revenue.
- Susan Williams asked how we were going to operate with a deficit. Mayor Harvey responded by saying we first need to get a handle on the finances before we make a plan on how rate increases will happen.
- Stan Baker asked about a left turning lane into the medical centre. It has not happened yet. He indicated there is enough room. CAO Stride will look into this.
- Randy Myers inquired about the large road sign that was taken down during the new bridge construction and never put back up, said he spoke with Jamie Fox and was told the Department of Transportation deemed it unnecessary to put back in place. CAO Stride will look into this.

**14. Budget Approval Meeting March 28, 2023** – Mayor Harvey announced there will be a budget approval meeting at the Crapaud Community Hall March 28, 2023 at 7pm

**15. Next Regular Council Meeting – April 18, 2023** – Mayor Harvey announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held at the Crapaud Community Hall April 18, 2023.

**16. Adjournment**

Mayor Harvey Adjourned the Meeting at 7:55pm. Moved by Councillor MacDonald, Seconded by Councillor Patterson. Unanimously Carried.

