

Rural Municipality of Crapaud

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday April 18, 2023

7pm

Crapaud Community Hall

Minutes

Present: Mayor Joanne Harvey, Councillors Della Ferguson, Margaret Armsworthy, Tom Patterson and Sandra Flohr.

Staff: Jamie Stride CAO

Visitors: Shirley Lowther, Stan Baker, Ivan and Janet Lowther, Daphne Davis, Neala and George Auld.

1. Call to order – Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order at 7pm and thanked everyone for coming.
2. Approval of Agenda – Motion: Approval of Agenda for Tuesday April 18, 2023. Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor Armsworthy. Unanimously carried.
3. Disclosure of Interest – None declared
4. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday March 28, 2023 – Moved by Councillor Ferguson, Seconded by Councillor Flohr. Unanimously carried.
5. Business arising from previous minutes – None.
6. Reports
 - EMO and Streetlights - Councillor Ferguson read the report (copy attached)
 - Parks and Recreation – Mayor Harvey read the report (copy attached)
 - Land and Buildings – Councillor Flohr read the report (copy attached)
7. New Business
 - A) Wage Increase for Maintenance Supervisor (\$2.00 per hour)

- Mayor Harvey put a motion forward: Councillor Ferguson Moved, Seconded by Councillor Armsworthy. Unanimously Carried. Will take effect May 1, 2023.
- B) Wage Increase for Water and Sewer Operator (\$2.00 per hour)
Mayor Harvey put a motion forward: Councillor Ferguson Moved, Seconded by Councillor Armsworthy. Unanimously Carried. Will take effect May 1, 2023.
- C) Hiring of a Part Time Financial Officer (budgeted \$16,000 Annually)
Mayor Harvey put a motion forward: Councillor Patterson Moved, Seconded by Councillor Flohr. Unanimously Carried.
- D) Rooftop and Interior Ceiling repairs at the Professional Building (\$3162.50)
Mayor Harvey put a motion forward: Councillor Armsworthy Moved, Seconded by Councillor Patterson (unless other quotes came in then we would look at all quotes) Unanimously Carried.
Councillor Patterson asked about the possibility of a steel roof installation on the Professional Building. CAO responded saying we can definitely look into it as part of future capital projects.
- E) Bluefield Highschool Scholarship (\$500 Annually)
Mayor Harvey put a motion forward: Councillor Patterson Moved, Seconded by Councillor Flohr. Unanimously Carried.

8. Public Section.

- Shirley Lowther asked about the New Horizon Funding and what it would be spent on.
CAO spoke about the projects listed in the application for funding. Mostly surrounding upgrades and additions to the community hall.
Shirley would like to see more activities for seniors at the hall and thought the funding was to go towards cultural related events.
- Stan Baker asked about the Gas Tax Account and what is the amount.
Councillor Armsworthy talked about how we were still unsure of the exact up to date amount due to funds being allocated improperly in the past and we are still trying to piece the puzzle together. CAO spoke to say that as soon as we have the circle complete we will be happy to share the exact figure.
- Neala Auld asked for a reason why a position for financial officer was needed.
Councillor Armsworthy responded with details of the past year costs to the municipality from accounting firms totalling far more than what a financial officers cost would be to do the work internally. This would save the municipality money.

- George Auld asked if we were looking for a chartered accountant to fill the position. Councillor Armsworthy responded saying we were looking for someone with a broad range of financial experience to help. We could not afford a chartered accountant.

9. Next Regular Council Meeting – May 16, 2023

Mayor Harvey announced the next meeting date will be Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7pm at the Crapaud Community Hall.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm