



TOWN OF STEADY BROOK
PUBLIC MEETING
November 16, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Mayor Sarah Kennedy-Dyson
Mayor Dawson (Telephone)

Tracy Caines – Town Manager

Councillors:

C. Diamond
C. Jenkins
C. Douglas
C. Wight
C. Morrissey

Agenda Item

1) Call Meeting to Order

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson acknowledged that Mayor Dawson was via telephone.

(1.1) Adoption of the Agenda

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson asked if there were any additions or omissions to the November 16, 2023, Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson, hearing none, called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**RESOLUTION
#2023/113**

DIAMOND/WIGHT:

BE IT RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023.

IN FAVOUR: (7) Morrissey, Diamond, Jenkins, Kennedy-Dyson, Douglas, Wight, Dawson

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

(1.2) Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson proceeded to the adoption of the October 26, 2023, minutes. The Deputy Mayor asked if there were any errors/omissions to note.

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson, hearing none, called for a motion to adopt the October 26, 2023, minutes.

RESOLUTION
#2023/114

MORRISSEY/JENKINS:

**BE IT RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES AS
PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR PUBLIC COUNCIL
MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2023.**

**IN FAVOUR: (7) Morrissey, Diamond, Jenkins, Kennedy-
Dyson, Douglas, Wight, Dawson**

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

**(2) Business
Arising
Action Items**

Nothing to Report.

**(3) Notices of
Resolutions**

Nothing to Report.

**Delegations &
Guests**

No Guest

**(4) Committee
Reports**

4.1 OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS:

4.1.1 – Maintenance Update

- The Maintenance Department is preparing for the winter season.
- Notice that Hydrant flushing will start in the next coming days while the Town is still on a boil order. A notice will go out to residents before flushing starts. Hydrant flushing is done twice a year.

4.1.2 – Water Artesian Wells

Councillor Morrissey reported.

- November 1st, 2023, Voyent Alert was sent to the public stating the town will be operating on surface water due to maintenance of the artesian wells from November 1 -10, 2023.
- November 9, 2023, Town realized that this would not be completed by November 10, 2023. Maintenance wasn't close to being completed and therefore the town sent out another Voyent Alert notifying the residents/businesses the town would remain on a boil order. As of today, the Town is still on a boil order and is still strictly on surface water.
- Issue for the province and getting any work done on Artesian Wells is lack/shortage of resources.
- The town was able to get work done this year mainly because the consultant was going to be on the west coast and the town was able to piggy back off the other town. The Consultant is from St. John's and is very qualified.
- The company that came in last week to do the work was from Nova Scotia.
- This should give the public an idea of how much work goes into having work done on the artesian wells.
- The town Council understands that people are frustrated as well is Council. No one likes the water the way it is.

- City of Corner brook- Can't supply the Town and is off the table.
- Artesian Wells are cheaper to do from an economic point of view.
- The work that the consultant requested the town to do has been completed by a company from outside of the province.
- Maintenance workers are having issues getting the wells back in service.
- The consultant will send a team in to do a flow meter test and set other parameters once the pumps have been put back in place.

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson reported.

- The town engaged a hydrogeologist to help determine what the best course of action is to achieve more volume of water.
- The Council has had a lot of issues trying to figure out the best route and wanted to make sure it was done correctly.
- None of Council are experts and this is the reasoning of hiring the hydrogeologist.
- The hydrogeologist has determined that the wells probably could achieve more volume. They addressed the town to do maintenance on the artesian wells.
- Money has been put aside to do the work on the artesian wells.
- The Deputy Mayor stated there have been excellent updates in the public meetings as well as social media to keep everyone informed.
- The council would like to request patience from the residents and businesses. The council is working diligently to do the best for the town.
- Residents can attend the public meetings in person or watch via Facebook live.

Councillor Wight reported.

- informed residents that when the wells are back in operation you still may notice some discoloration because of the hydrant flushing that needs to take place. A notification will go out before the flushing starts.

4.1.3 MCW – Green Infrastructure Project #17-GI-22-00080 – Lift Stations/Generators

- Approval from Provincial and Municipal Affairs

4.1.4 – Capital Works Application – Project #17-GI-23-00067 – Lagoon/Compressor Pumps

- Approved but still under review with Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

4.1.5 – MCW Marble Drive Paving Upgrades – Application Submitted 2023-2024

- Approved – Work should start in 2024.

4.2 EMERGENCY MEASURES:

4.2.1 – Fire Department

- Reviewing Budget with Little Rapids, hoping for another meeting at the end of the month to get the budget in place.

4.2.2 - Municipal Enforcement Regulations

- Set to be gazetted.

4.2.3 – Emergency Measures Plan (MOTION)

DOUGLAS/JENKINS:

BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK APPROVE THE UPDATED EMERGENCY MEASURES PLAN AS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL.

IN FAVOUR: (7) Morrissey, Diamond, Jenkins, Kennedy-Dyson, Wight, Douglas, Dawson

OPPOSED: (0)

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson asked if anyone would like to speak to the motion.

No discussion.

4.3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

4.3.1 – Building Permit Approvals

- No permits issued.

4.4 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

4.4.1 – Marble Mountain Development Corporation (MMDC)

- No board level updates.
- Ski passes are now on sale, the best time to get them is now for the early bird pricing.

4.4.2 – Santa Visit & Tree Lighting – December 9, 2023

- Saturday, December 9th, 2023, from 2-4pm.
- If you have any ideas, please reach out to Councillor Douglas or the town office.

4.5 FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATIONS:

4.5.1 – Approval of Invoices (Motion)

JENKINS/WIGHT:

BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK APPROVE THE INVOICES AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,630.80.

IN FAVOUR: (7) Morrissey, Diamond, Jenkins, Kennedy-Dyson, Wight, Douglas, Dawson

OPPOSED: (0)

**RESOLUTION
#2023/115**

**RESOLUTION
#2023/116**

RESOLUTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson asked if anyone would like to speak to the motion.

Regular monthly invoices that require approval.

4.6 WATERSHED AND ENVIROMENT:

4.6.1 – Meeting January 23, 2024

- Waiting to set up a meeting with Western Snow Riders regarding sustainable trails.

5. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Nothing to Report.

7. COUNCILOR'S / MAYOR FORUM:

Councillor Morrissey – Understands the frustration with the water. Requesting patience from the public.

Councillor Wight – Reminder that Santa is coming to town. Looking forward to getting the Christmas lights back on the trails. Town Manager said a lot of the lights are not working. Councillor Wight commented that the boil order was in place due to maintenance, The boil order prior too was not because of town maintenance.

Councillor Jenkins – Appreciate all the hard work that council and staff have been doing on the issue of water in the town. Decades long issue, the Town feels they are on the verge finding a solution. Understands the frustration of being on numerous boil orders. Appreciate the work that is being done and doing to make it a top priority.

Councillor Diamond – More street lights have been installed around town. Makes a big difference for walking.

Councillor Douglas – Water has been an issue her entire life. After a year on council and seeing how complicated it is, and how much work goes into it and trying to figure it out, please understand the town is trying, and the town is getting there.

Mayor Dawson – Thanked Council and Staff for the effort on the water issues. The Public Consultation meeting went well regarding the Development Regulations, there was a great turn out. Mayor Dawson requested Councillor Morrissey to share details on the artesian wells and how they produce.

Councillor Morrissey – The Town needs an average of 50 gallons per minute to provide the town with sufficient water. Summer time it jumps

higher than that. The Town gets around 35gpm when the system is functioning properly. Fingers crossed that once the work is done that the town can maintain 50gpm a 100gpm would be idea.. Artesian well water is clean and healthier and would be the best solution. The town needs to get 50gpm. Right now, our water is restricted.

Deputy Mayor Kennedy Dyson – Big fan of engagement, promotes people to engage with Council. The regular public meetings are the time to meet and discuss any issues that are of concern.

MORRISSEY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF STEADY BROOK ADJOURN THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16, 2023, AT 7:27 PM.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:27 PM.

THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 14, 2023.


Deputy Mayor Kennedy-Dyson


Town Manager

**RESOLUTION
#2023/117**