

Rural Municipality of Crapaud

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:00pm

Crapaud Community Hall

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Joanne Harvey; Councillors Della Ferguson, Sandra Florh, Dean MacDonald, Tom Patterson and Savannah Dugay

By Telephone: Margaret Armsworthy

Staff: Wendy MacKinnon, CAO, Fire Chief, Raymond MacDonald

Visitors: Stan Baker, Doug Ferguson, Daphne Davies, Marion Miller, Steven Carey, John Heckbert, Mary Heckbert, George Auld, Neila Auld, Evelyn Rogerson, Donna Heanley, Blaine Auld and Susan Williams.

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed members of the public.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, February 21, 2023.
Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Florh. Unanimously Carried.
3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**
Councillor Ferguson – Correspondence – Crapaud Curling Club Interest Reversal
4. **Approval of Minutes**
MOTION: That the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting of Council be approved as printed with the correction Dean Thompson to Dean MacDonald.
Moved by Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Patterson. Unanimously Carried.
5. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes - Nil**
6. **Delegations and Presentations – Nil**
7. **New Business**
 - 7.1 **Hiring Jamie Stride as CAO**
MOTION: Moved by Councillor Armsworthy, seconded by Councillor Ferguson to hire Jamie Stride as CAO with the municipality and will commence work on March 1, 2023. Unanimously Carried.

7.2 Mayor Harvey reported that CAO James Newson resigned on Feb 9, 2023.

7.3 Mayor Harvey reported that Joanne Lewis resigned from her cleaning contract.

8. Community Hall Sponsorship

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Armsworthy, seconded by Councillor MacDonald to approve the use of the Community Hall free of charge for a Babysitting Course on May 5, 2023. Unanimously Carried.

9. South Shore Actiplex Sponsorship

MOTION: Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Ferguson to approve a \$200.00 sponsorship to the South Shore Actiplex for a Public Skate. Unanimously Carried.

10. Correspondence

Renumeration:

Councillor Ferguson presented a report on the committee process to have the Council Honorariums reduced. The honorariums should have been reduced at the time the bylaw was passed. To have the honorariums reduced at this time a new renumeration report would need to be completed. Councillor Ferguson recommends that Council leave the honorariums at the current rate.

Access to Information:

Councillor Ferguson states that the request to Access Information must be done in writing and there may be fees associated with the request. If anyone is interested in requesting information the process is explained on the website.

Councillor Ferguson declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Crapaud Community Curling Club Sewer Interest:

Mayor Harvey presents the request from the Crapaud Community Curling Club to have the interest on their Sewer account reversed and they will pay their account in full.

MOTION: Moved by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Dugay to reverse \$4,622.99 in Sewer Interest on the Crapaud Community Curling Club account with the understanding that their account will be paid in full. Unanimously Carried.

Councillor Ferguson returned to the meeting at 7:17 pm.

11. Public Section

Steven Carey – Questioned if the residents of Crapaud will be given the same consideration for reversal of the interest on their sewer and water account as the Crapaud Community Curling Club?

Mayor Harvey states that we would look at each request and make a decision.

George Auld – Inquired if the interest was calculated by the auditors? CAO calculated the interest.

Donna Heanley – Asked if there would be meeting held for public input on the Land Use Plan?

Mayor Harvey responded that the new CAO will be hired by March 1st and hopefully the Land Use Plan project will be restarted in June.

Connie MacKinnon – Inquired on when the 2023-2024 budget will be presented. Draft budget will be presented at the March 14th meeting.

Stan Baker – Inquired on the status of the Sherwood Forest Covenants.

Steven Carey – Indicated that he has a copy of the Sherwood Forest Covenants and will send it to the administration office email.

Donna Heanley – is Council aware that there is a legal opinion on the Sherwood Forest Covenants?

Neila Auld - she requested to the previous Council to decrease the Councillors honorariums when she was Mayor in 2018.

Donna Heanley – Indicated that when she was on Council that the committee did request that she fill out a survey for the consideration of changing the honorarium rate.

Steven Carey – requested a copy of Councillor Ferguson's report from the last Council meeting.

12. **Next Meeting March 14, 2023**

13. **Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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