

## **Rural Municipality of Crapaud**

### **Council Meeting**

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

7:00 pm

Crapaud Community Hall

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Mayor Joanne Harvey; Deputy Mayor Dean MacDonald, Councillor George Jesso, Councillor Savannah Dugay; Councillor Tom Patterson (by phone); Councillor Andrew LeClair; Councillor Ian Lewis; Interim CAO Margaret Armsworthy

**Special Guest:** MLA Matt MacFarlane

- 1. Call to Order** - Mayor Joanne Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** - Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, November 19, 2024– Moved by Councillor Savannah Dugay and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dean MacDonald to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion unanimously carried. (4-0)
- 3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest** – Nil
- 4. Swearing in of New Councillors** – MLA Matt MacFarlane was present to swear in our new councillors who were elected in the by-election on November 4, 2024. Congratulations to our new councillors – Andrew LeClair and Ian Lewis
- 5. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting** - It was moved by Councillor Tom Patterson and seconded by Councillor George Jesso to approve the October 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried. (6-0)

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes** – No new business arising from the minutes.

**7. Discussion Items**

7.1. Motion #2024-48 – Snow Removal Contract – Motion put on the floor by Deputy Mayor Dean MacDonald and seconded by Councillor Tom Patterson. The motion will award the snow removal contract for 2024-2025 to Al's Snow Removal to complete snow removal at the Rural Municipality of Crapaud buildings. The quote is for the Professional Building (\$7000), Crapaud Hall (\$800), Water Utility (\$556.60), Sewer (\$2087.25) and Municipal Office (\$2500), all plus HST. Al's Snow Removal was the only quote received. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0) There was discussion about snow plowing at the Crapaud Hall. There have been issues with parking which have increased with a storage container in the yard as there is no place for the snow. Discussion needed with Allan about placement of snow. There also needs to be a discussion with Moe's Auction about the snow removal.

7.2. Motion #2024-49 – Motion put on the floor by Councillor Savannah Dugay and seconded by Deputy Mayor Dean MacDonald to purchase a heat pump to be installed at the Professional Building as part of the ongoing CCBF Project 6.5.3 Municipal Building Renovations. This will be purchased and installed by First Mechanical at a cost of \$4925 plus HST. Motion passed unanimously. (6-0)

7.3. Meetings – Limit the meeting - The Committee of the Whole meeting is the First Tuesday of each month while the Council meeting is the Third Tuesday of each month. The Committee of the Whole eliminates the need to have separate committee meetings.

**8. Information Items**

8.1. Walking Bridge Update – No word back yet on our EOI (expression of interest) application.

- 8.2. Crapaud Hall Update – Christmas Craft Fair was a success with the Hall Committee raising over \$2000 (approximately). Atlantic Beef rented the hall for a meeting on Sunday, November 17.
- 8.3. South Shore Food Share – Borden Carleton Fire Department has donated a generator to the South Shore Food Share. The Food Share is allowing everyone who donates to the South Shore Food Share to enter their name in a draw for this generator. Draw date will be December 15, 2024.

## **9. Upcoming meetings**

- 9.1. Merry Pop-Ins (MPI) - The municipality was approached to build or renovate a building to house the daycare. The Mayor, Councillor Ian Lewis and Interim CAO Margaret Armsworthy attended a meeting recently with CDC, CBDC, MPI, Department of Early Childhood Development with regards to this request. The Mayor just wanted to let everyone know about this meeting.
- 9.2. Committee of the Whole – portfolios for each councillor. Mayor is asking all councillors to look at what they are interested in. The meeting will be at 7:30 as there is a meeting with Lands and Municipal Affairs before the Committee of the Whole meeting which will begin at 6:00. The Committee of the Whole meeting is open to the public.
- 9.3. Next council meeting will be January 21, 2025 – there will be no December meeting unless required.
- 9.4. CAO Report – The Audit is happening this week. MRSB will complete their annual audit of our financials then complete our financial statements which they will present at an upcoming meeting. We received an extension with Municipal Affairs to deliver our financial statements to them by November 26. With the audit just happening this week, we are waiting to see how it goes before requesting a further extension. MRSB is tentatively scheduled to present the financials at our Committee of the Whole meeting on December 3, 2024.

**10. Public Discussion**

- 10.1. Resident inquired about rental increases for Atlantic Handyman/Atlantic Guns and Gear. Mayor advised the council is unable to discuss a lease agreement with a private company. The resident discussed how they have spoken with one of the owners and that no one had gotten back to them about the rental increase. The resident also asked if the council was going to raise all the rents for businesses. It was reiterated that council is not able to discuss a lease agreement with a private company.
- 10.2. Resident asked new councillors for support with community events and asked the new councillors what they want to see in the community. Councillor Ian Lewis wants growth, is interest in what is going on within the community and looking for increased engagement in the community. Councillor Andrew LeClair wants to get involved by freeing up time in his evenings to accomplish this.
- 10.3. Resident asked about committees – is there still a head for each committee? They were advised yes, there is a chair for each portfolio. The resident asked about Shared Services/Maintenance as they were looking for clarification on what this would be. Would it mean people are losing their jobs? Mayor advise no, this was not the purpose as it is to provide services for the municipality that we do not currently have. The resident also asked if the Fire Department is going out on their own. The Mayor advised this is a possibility.
- 10.4. Resident thanked council for the email distribution list. Interim CAO advised this was an idea from now Councillor Ian Lewis. The resident thanked the council for implementing this to keep them informed.
- 10.5. Resident asked for an update from Stantec. Mayor advised we are still in the process but before anything is finalized, there will be a public meeting.

**11. Adjournment** – It was moved by Councillor Savannah Dugay to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm and was seconded by Councillor George Jesso.

**Joanne Harvey** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor**

**Margaret Armsworthy** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interim Chief Administrative Officer**