

**Rural Municipality of Kinkora
Special Meeting of Council
October 14, 2020**

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss Planning Board recommendations with regard to a proposed municipal daycare

Present: Mayor Robert Duffy, Councilors Roy Cook, Lesley Cousins, Andrew McCarville, Marisa McNeill, Colin Montgomery, and Roger Shea

Meeting Chair: Mayor Robert Duffy

Meeting Recorder: CAO Tina Harvey

1. Call to Order: 8:00 pm

Mayor Duffy extended a warm welcome to the Hon. Jamie Fox and other members of the public and thanked all councilors for attending this special meeting.

2. Reminder of Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest bylaws and that the meeting is recorded

3. Review/Additions to the Agenda

Lesley Cousins – add Bingo to the agenda

Andrew McCarville – add Rink Business to the agenda

Colin Montgomery – add Bridge Financing for Sidewalk Project to the agenda

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Lesley Cousins and seconded by Marisa McNeill *“to approve the agenda with the added items”*. All in favour. Motion carried.

5. Planning Board Recommendations – brought forward by Chair Colin Montgomery

There has been discussion about a need for a daycare in the community. The planning board is wanting to take this to the next step. The proposal is still in the early planning stages but there is a lot of interest in it and a lot of support for it. There are three recommendations from the planning board meeting last week to present to council.

1. To apply for a licence for 20 children at a cost of \$75. The application is time sensitive as the next review date is Oct. 26

2. To apply for Rural Jobs Initiative funding for two candidates to help set up the facility and all programming

3. To extend a letter of intent to two identified candidates for these positions

MOTION: Moved by Colin Montgomery and seconded by Andrew McCarville *“to apply for a daycare licence for 20 children at a cost of \$75.”*

Question as to whether there will be a board in place. Colin pointed out that this is still early in the planning phase and there are a lot of unknowns but the resources are available to make this a success. Mayor Duffy noted that this would be important to grow the community and draw young families to Kinkora. This will lead to increased revenue to the municipality.

Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION: Moved by Colin Montgomery and seconded by Lesley Cousins *“to apply for the Rural Jobs Initiative funding for the two positions of supervisor and educator for the planning phase of the project.”*

Discussion around these positions being for project planning separate from the daycare. The positions would have to be posted. Perhaps two positions may not be needed for project planning. Suggested to keep these separate as 14-week project planning positions.

Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.

Third recommendation was not addressed at this time as a letter of intent will not be sent out until candidates are chosen after the positions are posted.

6. Bingo – brought forward by Events Chair Lesley Cousins

After the last council meeting some volunteers wanted to discuss the bingo proposal that was put forward. The proposal has since been withdrawn so bingo will be staying with the municipality. The online component of bingo is necessary to sustain bingo due to Covid and it has been very successful and is getting bigger. Each week bingo takes approximately 31 man hours of time. Council had discussed the potential of three paid positions: the caller, the feed/finance person, and someone to sell cards. We have to look at what is left over after those individuals are paid. The Events Committee does have a fundraising proposal to replace lost income due to events being cancelled. This will be presented to council at the next regular meeting. Next Tuesday bingo will go ahead but we have to decide if we want to pause bingo or if we want to post these positions. There would be two people for 4 hours each the night of bingo and one person for 15 hours a week. On average bingo is bringing in \$1400 per week.

MOTION: Moved by Lesley Cousins and seconded by Marisa McNeill *“to prepare position descriptions with wages and hours for a bingo caller, a bingo finance person and a person to sell cards and bring this to council for the October 26 meeting.”* All in favour. Motion carried.

7. Rink – brought forward by Parks, Recreation and Youth Chair Andrew McCarville

The Parks, Recreation and Youth committee is meeting on Monday night to discuss the rink. There has been talk about what to do about a building. Robert Duffy had a solution in the form of a container he could provide for the winter. There is still \$3500 in the budget from the original rink committee fundraising, and we will be discussing getting a permanent building that

could be wired up as something will be needed in the summer too. This wasn't in our planned capital projects for this year. A quote was received for \$4500 similar to what was put over the fire hydrant in Bedeque. The difference could be made up by selling two more board ads. Janet Payne led this fundraising effort and she was okay with this use of the money. There was also money budgeted for the rink. Other equipment that is needed can come from the rink budget.

MOTION: Moved by Andrew McCarville and seconded by Roger Shea *"to spend up to \$4500 for a building for the rink either from the fundraised money or from the Gas Tax money."* All in favour. Motion carried.

8. Bridge Financing – brought forward by Finance Chair Colin Montgomery

Mayor Duffy identified that he is in conflict of interest with this item and excused himself from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Colin Montgomery will chair this portion of the meeting.

The Anderson Road Sidewalk Project is now complete and invoices have been received. Bridge financing was mentioned a few months ago. Right now we have invoices from Duffy Construction totaling \$468,892.59 including the tax that the community gets as a rebate. There is also a maintenance holdback of \$24678.56, making the total \$493,571.15. This is almost \$10,000 under what was awarded. The Department of Transportation has agreed to contribute \$100,000 and have been invoiced. The Gas Tax account is sitting at just over \$230,000 so right now we would need \$260,334.81 until that \$100,000 comes in from the province. The next installment of Gas Tax money will come in July. Gas Tax funds can be used to cover any interest charges.

MOTION: Moved by Andrew McCarville and seconded by Marisa McNeill *"to apply to the bank for the bridge financing of \$270,000 on the sidewalk project."* All in favour. Motion carried.

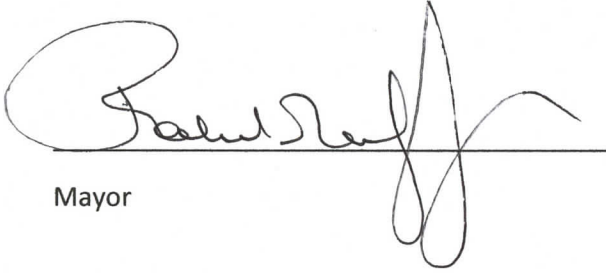
9. The Hon. Jamie Fox, Minister of Communities and Fisheries – Jamie commented that the daycare that was approved is the right move going forward. Things like this help municipalities. He agreed to commit to Rural Job Initiative funding for one position for a program director at this time. Also, under the Growth Initiative Fund, he committed \$2000 toward a building for the rink. This is to be discussed with Kellie Mulligan. He will also look at an application for a part time worker for winter to maintain the Multiplex or take care of the ice surface. The department subsidizes rinks across the island for this type of position.

Mayor Duffy thanked Minister Fox on behalf of council and let him know that we really appreciate what was announced here tonight.

Minister Fox also announced that the municipality will be receiving funds for Covid relief in the amount of \$2,000, plus additional money depending on services provided. There was \$9 million announced under this program.

10. Adjournment

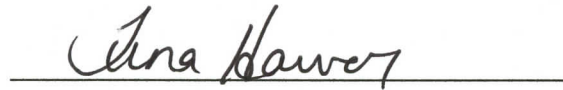
MOTION: Moved by Lesley Cousins and seconded by Andrew McCarville "to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm." All in favour. Motion carried.



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Mayor

Oct 26 / 2020
Date



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Chief Administrative Officer

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Date