District of Tobique Valley

Council of the Whole

November 2, 2026 – 7 p.m.

Meeting Called to order by Deputy Mayor at 7pm

1. Utility Rates – Council reviewed the proposed rates given by the CAO/Clerk and were in agreeance.
2. 2027 Budget Items – Finance Committee Meeting – Deputy Mayor reviewed the recap of the Finance meeting notes and followed up:
    - Deputy Mayor Barry-Kinney
        - Tourism Study & Development –
            - Glenn Group will help with design
            - Water park – apply for funding in 2027 under the FCM Rapid Adaptation Project
            - Tourism Study – Council can concentrate on the smaller stuff
            - Budget to survey around the lake for lots and a lease agreement built
            - Have an engineering and surveying budget line to use for all projects
            - The Tower and bike park can be in the 2028 budget
            - A café set up in the Welcome Centre will be in 2027
                - Use of kitchen, install counter on back wall by the canoe/janitorial closet, could sell hotdogs, subs, etc
                - Council to get Melanie to confirm the food regulations with Dept of Health
                - Open for the summer months – limiting rentals to the off-season months
            - Nature Trail upgrades for 2027
            - Clear to say the Tourism Study is a work in progress for 2027
        - New Position to assist with Community Development and Tourism Coordinator –
            - Melanie, Community Development & Tourism Coordinator, proposed two options:
                - Hire someone for 26 weeks in the busiest of seasons to help with events, pool, etc or;
                - Fulltime position to take on the Tourism side of the job
            - Council chose to make a full time with its own portfolio. It will take on the components of tourism, marketing, communication, and funding.

        - Councillor Sharkey noted to see how the 2027 year goes and should the 26 week position still be needed to include it in the 2028 budget
    - Councillor Eagles
        - Riley Brook Generator – Amanda noted the generator is not operable yet. Still waiting on the timeline for the installers to re-visit the site. Amanda would like to oversee the updates and if needed assist monetarily to get the generator operational. Councill agreed.
        - Arthurette – Amanda noted to purchase the generlink adapter installation for the building in hopes of helping Arthurette apply for funding for the generator in 2027. Council agreed
    - Councillor Parish
        - Housing Project –
            - Looking at Centennial Street for next year
            - Will have a 3-4 year plan
            - 30 – 40 units through out the 3- 4 year plan
            - The foundation will be applying for the residential housing grant
        - Letter of support for the housing project will be added to November agenda
        - Data Center
            - Looking into 2028 budget for this
    - Councillor Thompson
        - Safety – lights at the crosswalk – CAO noted Public Works already put this in the budget
        - Sidewalk safety improvements – CAO to investigate additional tactile for pedestrian safety
        - Plow Truck – CAO noted the PW supervisor is looking into a replacement value for the plow truck. CAO noted to invest the potential surplus into the reserve to funding for the truck, so we do not need to go to the capital borrowing board. Other items for the reserve would be recreation pick up, EMO portion for arena generator
        - Recreation Pad – CD&TC has it in the budget to put a basketball and pickleball court. CAO to see if we need and Environmental Impact Study on the property.
    - Other items:
        - Signs- to order 6, 4 ½ x 6 signs “Welcome to the District of Tobique Valley”
        - By-Law Enforcement Officer – Wait to see what RSC will present, however allocate $32,000 in the budget for this service.
3. NB Power EV Chargers Information – CAO requested a location to present to NB Power. Council noted to be 159 Main Street, close to amenities.
4. Proposals
    - Transform the existing arena canteen into a community bistro & café – called Rinkside Café & Bistro – not discussed
    - Public Community Priorities Poll – not discussed
5. New Position
    - Input by Community Development & Tourism Coordinator – noted above