

MINUTES OF MEETING  
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 22, 2017

A special meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in the Village of McAdam Heritage Room. Mayor Ken Stannix presided and the following members were present:

COUNCILLORS:        Doug Goss  
                             Taylor Gallant  
                             Greg Swim  
                             Mitchell Little

CLERK/TREASURER:    Ann Donahue

CAO:                    Edward Arsenault

GUEST:                 Judy Thomas

Mayor Stannix called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed Judy Thomas to the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

The agenda for the meeting was circulated and reviewed. After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Little that:

“The agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED.

RCMP REPORT:

The RCMP were not in attendance at this meeting.

Now in the meeting Judy Thomas approached council to discuss a few items of concern. Mayor Stannix and council welcomed Judy to the meeting.

Judy advised council that she has concerns regarding the plowing of snow on the maple trees that are located on the United Church property. The salt is damaging the trees when the snow is being pushed up against them. The plowing of Lake Avenue near her property is also of concern to her as it does damage to her lawn and property. She was hoping that the new snow blower would be used at this location and they could work around the pole that is located there.

Mrs. Thomas also inquired about the condition of the Theater Building and the problems that are there. The windows are broken out and the fascia is torn off. As well in the spring the stray cats and rodents will be in the building.

After discussion, Mayor Stannix and council thanked Mrs. Thomas for meeting with council at this time to discuss her concerns.

It was also agreed that a letter would be sent to Mrs. Thomas thanking her for meeting with council to discuss her concerns.

A letter will be sent to the owner of the Theater Building as well advising of the condition of the building and the complaints received.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Meeting of Council held on February 8, 2017 were circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“The minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Meeting of council held on February 8, 2017 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

High Speed Internet - Nothing new but Mayor Stannix will continue to review this.

Borderline Convenience - The work on the building will be completed in the spring.

Dinner for Firemen - The dinner will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> – Councillor Swim advised council that 51 people will be attending this event. The Years of Service pins will be passed out.

Security Cameras - No further information at this time.

Health and Safety Management - Mayor Stannix has reviewed a portion of the document. It will be reviewed by all council.

NB Housing Properties - Nothing further at this time.

Port-A-Potty Information - CAO Arsenault updated council on the information that he has received regarding purchasing vs renting port-a-Potties for the Village. If we purchase the port-a-potties we will also have to purchase a pump and chemicals. We would also be liable for moving them as well as vandalism. We can rent 8 toilets for \$600.00 per month with by-weekly cleaning or 4 toilets with weekly cleaning \$640.00 per month. The rental would be on a seasonal basis only.

After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“We spend \$3,000.00 to have port-a-potties for use in the Village for the summer season.”

MOTION CARRIED.

Velocipede, Pumper and Shelter Information - CAO Arsenault advised council that a quote has been received in the amount of \$4,312.50 for the repairs/replacement of the shelter. After discussion, it was agreed that the quote be given to the McAdam Community Action Group where the project originated.

A letter has been received from Canada Post requesting support to offer financial services in their building to rural Canada. After discussion, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Canada Post acknowledging our support.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recycling - Mayor Stannix updated council on the recent discussions at the Southwest Solid Waste Commission regarding the recycling program. It was agreed that further information would be passed to all to review prior to the next meeting of council.

Street Snow Removal - CAO Arsenault advised council on the snow removal costs for the months of January and February. After discussion, it was agreed that contact would be made with Department of Transportation regarding the plowing of Highway 4 through the village and requesting a meeting to discuss plowing on Highway #4 soon. A few ideas were discussed regarding plowing the streets in the village and different ideas to save money and overtime.

CAO Arsenault updated council on a snow gate for the trucks and loader. He was advised by suppliers that they do not make snow gates for trucks as they are too long and it would go through the cab of the truck when lifted. The company does not recommend a snow gate for any more than 6 inches of snow. The snow gate is not recommended for our present loader.

Discussion took place regarding the snow removal that is being done by the village staff while they are pushing the banks back. It was agreed that the driveways should not be plowed in.

Temporary/Casual Employee - Discussion took place regarding the hiring of a labourer for the Village. After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“An advertisement be placed in the McAdam Lions Community News for temporary casual labourers for the Village to be called in as necessary.” MOTION CARRIED.

It was agreed that interviews will be done after the applications are received.

Rural Community - Discussion took place regarding the recent meeting held regarding a Rural Community for the McAdam and Harvey areas. Mayor Stannix updated council on the meeting and it was agreed that more information should be received before a decision is made and an assessment is done. The process of forming a Rural Community would take approximately one year to complete.

The Province has advised us that the village is to pay for the Engineering Costs for any projects that are to be done on Highway #4 on the Five-Year Plan.

Work Safe NB - Our rate for Work Safe NB has increased by 42% for 2017. We have not received the rate for the Firemen yet. There has not been an increase in the past five years was the explanation given by Work Safe NB for the increase.

Mayor Stannix advised council that a meeting will be held on March 3 at 11:00 a.m. with Sgt. Stubbs along with his boss to discuss policing in McAdam and surrounding communities.

Cain Insurance - Mayor Stannix advised council that a very good meeting was held with Luc Cain regarding the village insurance.

WHMIS Training - CAO Arsenault advised council of the costs for WHMIS training for the employees. The cost for 3 years from NB Safety Council will be \$1,049.80. The online courses are only valid for one year only. It was agreed that the NB Safety Council training will take place soon.

## COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Doug Goss - Councillor Goss advised council of a few items discussed at the recent homecoming meeting; school signs are needed to advise where the schools are located, autistic sign needed in the Village, 403 welcome banners – could they be found and put up, ask the Mayor to contact the 403 squadron to do a fly past during July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations, clean the 2 welcome signs at each end of the village, flag poles needs cleaned or painted. Discussion was also held on the flags that we put on the poles. MP Karen Ludwig is going to present flags on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

MCAG Banners could also be put up during the celebrations.

Councillor Goss inquired about the house that needs to be torn down which is the property of the Department of Social Development and was advised by CAO Arsenault that the property in question would be demolished this spring or early summer.

Mitchell Little - Discussion was held on the replacement of a vehicle for the village. The white ½ ton needs to be replaced soon.

Taylor Gallant - Thank you to Councillor Gallant, CAO Arsenault and Rec Direction, Kelly McGillicuddy for the Winter Carnival activities which were well attended.

The Rick Hansen Grant Application has been submitted.

Councillor Gallant inquired about Wi-Fi for the warrior's den and it was agreed that this could be installed at the den. The wi-fi would be shut off when the den is not open.

Greg Swim - Councillor Swim advised council that a suggestion was received to have the end of Quality Way updated as it is very unsightly here and the stop sign area needs to be revamped. CAO Arsenault advised council that we need to be aware of the trucks that are coming in and out of the mill.

An email has been received from Tony Cole, Natural Resources and Energy regarding training for the firemen for forest fires. Councillor Swim contacted Fire Chief, Michael Little and he is to make contact with Tony to have the firemen trained this spring.

The Firemen's Dinner will be held this Friday and Years of Service Pins will be given out.

Level 1 - Discussion was held on the training for the firemen - Natasha Cleghorn is travelling to Fredericton/Oromocto to complete Level 1 Training. This is to be discussed later.

Councillor Swim will discuss this further with fire Chief, Mike Little.

Hemlock Lane - CAO Arsenault will have David Hunter fill out the appropriate paperwork with regard to the renaming of a street. The request will then be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Committee for their recommendation.

Five Year Plan - CAO Arsenault will check to see if the Five-Year Plan has been submitted to the Department of Transportation with the changes as discussed.

Councillor Goss advised council that Rebecca McGillicuddy has been recommended as a Trustee to the McAdam Library Board. After discussion, it was moved by Councilor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“Rebecca McGillicuddy be invited to become a trustee of the McAdam Library Board.”

MOTION CARRIED.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter has been received from Crime Stoppers requesting a donation. After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“A donation of \$250.00 be given to Crime Stoppers.” MOTION CARRIED.

Council went into Closed Meeting of Council to discuss a few items of concern.

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Swim the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



