

MINUTES OF MEETING
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 in the Village of McAdam Heritage Room. Mayor Ken Stannix presided and the following members were present:

COUNCILLORS:	Doug Goss
	Mitchell Little
	Taylor Gallant
	Greg Swim
CLERK/TREASURER:	Ann Donahue
CAO:	Edward Arsenault

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Stannix welcomed visitors, Cst. Amy Michaud, Sherry Little and Simon Marmura Brown of Association Heritage NB to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting was circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Gallant that:

“The agenda be approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED,

At this time in the meeting Mayor Stannix welcomed Cst. Amy Michaud of the RCMP to the meeting. The report for the month of February was circulated and reviewed with discussion taking place.

Mayor Stannix and council thanked Cst. Michaud for meeting with council at this time.

Simon Brown and Sherry Little then met with council. Simon thanked council for meeting with him. He advised council that he works for the Association Heritage New Brunswick and the organization works to educate and inform people of heritage conservation. They are interested in the preservation of old buildings in the province. The train station in McAdam is important to the history of NB and we need to keep the history alive and McAdam is doing a great job of doing that. We are losing a lot of old buildings and covered bridges in New Brunswick and we need to do a better job of preserving so that we can connect with our past. We need to strengthen our past in order to strengthen our future and community interest is very important which has happened in the Village. Sherry advised that the Village is a "company town" and perhaps we can market it as such as it is unique.

The demolished buildings are going to the landfills and they should be preserved but at the present time there are no grants available for homeowners. The buildings need to be on the provincial register to update these homes. A new members bill is in the process to help this. Councillor Goss inquired as to whether or not a presentation will be made to the McAdam Historical Restoration Commission. Simon advised that he would be interested in making a presentation to MHRC.

We have a great opportunity to market this area with Kings Landing, St. Andrews and McAdam. The group is interested in helping with marketing the village any way they can but they have no funds available.

Simon and Sherry thanked council for meeting with them at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular and Closed Minutes of Meeting held on February 22, 2017 were circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“The minutes the Regular and Closed Minutes of Meeting held on February 22, 2017 be approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter has been sent to owner of the Theater Building.

Security Cameras - The spec sheets were circulated and reviewed. One question was the ability to obtain power on the poles. Mayor Stannix advised council that the power will be available at locations that are owned by the village. After discussion it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“A tender be sent out for the installation of cameras in the Village.” MOTION CARRIED

Health and Safety Management - This document is still being reviewed.

Canada Post - A letter has been sent to Canada Post as discussed.

Recycling Program - The recycling program was discussed at length and the options available. It was agreed that we should go to the community to see if citizens are in agreement to having an increase in tipping fees to help pay for the recycling program. Mayor Stannix advised council that a document will be drafted prior to being sent out. Mayor Stannix will discuss this at the meeting at RSC which he will be attending tomorrow.

Casual Employment - The deadline is March 17th at noon.

Rural Community - Nothing new at this time.

RCMP Meeting - Mayor Stannix advised that he and a few councillors attended a very good meeting with the RCMP in McAdam.

First Aid Training - The first aid training was held for all employees.

Vehicle Replacement - Councillor Little advised council that he is working on this.

Forest Fire Training - Councillor Swim advised council that he is consulting with the Fire Chief on this training as well as Level 1 Training. We are not going to do Level 2 at this time.

Hemlock Lane Name Renaming - An application had been received to change Hemlock Lane to Hunter Lane and was sent to the PAC for their input and recommendation. CAO Arsenault advised that the PAC reviewed the application to change Hemlock Lane to Hunter Lane and have recommended the change.

It was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Gallant that:

“Hemlock Lane be changed to Hunter Lane.” MOTION CARRIED.

CAO Arsenault advised council that the PAC also reviewed the request from council to install School location signs in the Village. The PAC recommend that the McAdam Elementary Schools signs be placed on the North side of the sidewalk on Pleasant Avenue and the other one between 1 Stannix Street and 26 Harvey Road. The McAdam High School signs to be placed at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Saunders Road behind the fire hydrant and the other sign to be placed at 152 Saunders Road near Terry’s Footlong. The name of the school with the directional arrow should be on the sign.

The Planning Advisory Committee also reviewed the request to have an autistic child sign located along Harvey Road. They have recommended that a sign be placed at the end of Ash Street, near Debbie Blair’s and the other to be placed at 27 Harvey Road, near the crosswalk sign that is presently there. After discussion it was moved by Councillor Swim and seconded by Councillor Gallant that:

“The signs be purchased and installed as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee.”
MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held on a sign for O’Keefe Park and it was agreed that CAO Arsenault will see if this sign has been ordered.

The Five Year Plan has been sent to the Department of Transportation will there will be changes made as previously discussed by council.

Councillor Little inquired about the work to be done on 24th Street. After discussion, it was

agreed that discussion will take place with the engineers before the project starts.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Doug Goss - Councillor Goss advised council that he could not log onto the Asset Management Webinar as the number of participants was limited. Councillor Gallant had the same problem. A presentation will be sent.

Mitchell Little - CAO Arsenault advised council that the air compressor in the shop needs to be replaced. The approximate cost for an Ingersoll Rand would be \$4,000.00 with some of the fixtures as well. After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“The air compressor and necessary attachments be purchased at a cost of \$4,000.00. MOTION CARRIED.

Culvert Replacements - Discussion was held on the replacement and installation of culverts in Private driveways the village. After discussion, it was agreed that further information would be received and discussion would take at the next meeting of council.

Cain Insurance - CAO Arsenault advised council that a letter has been received from Cain Insurance regarding the insurance for the fire department. The increase cost for the insurance would be \$950,000 per year and the injured firemen would receive \$125.00 weekly. After discussion it was agreed that we would not increase the insurance now. A meeting is to be held on Wednesday with the Fire Chief with Mayor Stannix, Councillor Swim and CAO Arsenault.

CAO Arsenault advised council that the SCADA system is being upgraded by exp and should be finished by the end of the week.

CAO Arsenault advised council that due to a recent rail car fire and an increase in water usage, manganese has shown up in the water. Annual flushing will be done in the spring. As well, a broken sewer line has been repaired on Spruce Street with minimal damage being done.

Councillor Little inquired about the citizens in the village dumping snow on the village streets. Discussion was held on the fines that are in place at the present time and the fact that no one has been fined. This is to be addressed by council in the fall.

Discussion was held on the hiring on contractors for the Village. It was agreed that we tender out work for the village for anything over \$5,000 and advertise in the McAdam Lions Community News.

Councillor Little advised council that the fire station needs some work done on the building. It was agreed that we would explore options available for the work to be completed.

Taylor Gallant - Councillor Gallant advised council that Margaret LaKing needs to be reappointed to the McAdam Public Library Board. After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Goss that:

“When the terms are up at McAdam Public Library Board, the members be reappointed automatically.” MOTION CARRIED.

Trevor Flynn has expressed an interest in serving of the Recreation Advisory Committee. After discussion it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“Trevor Flynn be appointed to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee.” MOTION CARRIED.

The Recreation Advisory Committee are willing to do some volunteer work on the trail before Home Coming 2017.

The McAdam Public Library will be closed from April 3-17 for upgrades painting and weeding of the collection by provincial staff. This should be advertised in the McAdam Lions Community News.

Councillor Gallant advised council that Bingo will be beginning soon in support of the Community Van.

The part time position for the library has been lost, this will be a one staff library.

Greg Swim - Discussion was held on the top 3 priorities for the Village regarding policing. These priorities will be discussed at the next CPC Meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the top 3

priorities for McAdam are;

1. Drugs
2. Presence in the Community, Personnel and Property Security/Seniors
3. Accessibility and Response Time

Mayor Stannix inquired about Private Policing and Councillor Swim advised council that he has spoken with individual regarding this. Blacks Harbour are considering this. Contact will be made with Heather Chase, CAO to discuss this further. Councillor Swim is to discuss this further with Heather and report back to council at the next meeting.

Councillor Goss advised council that the number of calls; St. Stephen (876) and McAdam (221) during July to September, 2016 should be discussed with the RCMP as to distribution of manpower and using McAdam officers to respond to St. Stephen calls.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An invoice has been received from the NB Building Officials Association in the amount of \$287.50 for membership fees for 2017. It was agreed by all that this invoice would be paid.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Swim, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

