

MINUTES OF MEETING
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held on Wednesday, March 22, 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
GUESTS:	Benny Godbout

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Stannix welcomed visitors, Cst. Amy Michaud and Cst. Grant Donovan to the meeting. After discussion, Mayor Stannis and council thanked Cst. Michaud and Donovan for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of council and the closed meeting of council held on March 8, 2017 were circulated and reviewed. After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“The minutes of the Regular and Closed Meeting of Council be approved as circulated.’ MOTION CARRIED.

At this time in the meeting Benny Godbout approached council to discuss a situation on his property with sewer lines and the problems encountered with them.

After discussion Mayor Stannix and council thanked Benny for meeting with them to discuss his concerns.

Discussion took place regarding the cause and a remedy for the problems. It was agreed that the lines would be vacuumed out on an annual basis to try and remediate the plugs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Security Cameras - Mayor Stannix advised council that the tender would be available on NBON soon.

Health and Safety Management - The documents are being reviewed.

Recycling Information - Discussion took place regarding the recycling program and increased costs associated with the program. Councillor Little advised council that he is not in favour of the Village paying the increased costs. Mayor Stannix advised council that further discussion will take place at the Regional Service Commission in the near future regarding this item.

Temporary/Casual Position - CAO Arsenault advised council that 3 interviews took place today and one more interview will be held tomorrow.

Rural Community - No further discussions at this time.

Replacement Vehicle - Councillor Little advised council that they are looking for a replacement vehicle.

Compressor Purchase - The compressor has been purchased and installed.

Sign to be installed - CAO Arsenault advised council that he has contracted the Department

of Transportation regarding the installation of signs on Highway 4 for Schools as well as Autistic child sign.

DTI have advised CAO Arsenault that the signs indicating the directions to the local schools do not qualify and would not be permitted along a provincial highway. We could consider installing a sign on the intersecting municipal streets if we felt it was necessary to provide some direction to unfamiliar motorists provided the signs are not located within DTI right of way. As for the "Autistic Child sign, the department does not recommend this type of signage be installed and not on a provincial highway. Studies have concluded that there is no demonstrated benefit to this type of sign. Motorists quickly lose respect for the sign and it tends to create a false sense of security to those who believe the sign will have an impact on motorist behaviour.

After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Little:

"We rescind the motion to purchase and install these signs as recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee." MOTION CARRIED. It should be noted that Council requested that the PAC rule on these signs being originally requested by Council and Village citizens.

Culvert Replacement - Discussion was held on the replacement of culverts in the village. After considerable discussion it was moved by Councillor Goss and seconded by Councillor Little that:

"We budget \$3000.00 per year for culvert replacement, up to \$1,000.00 per culvert. Any additional cost will be invoiced to the homeowner." MOTION CARRIED,

Scada System - CAO Arsenault advised council that the new VT Scada Program has been installed and further work is to be done before the system will be operational.

Fire Department Upgrades - Councillor Gallant advised council that he was not able to locate any grants for upgrades. After discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Goss and CAO Arsenault will discuss the upgrades with Fire Chief Mike Little soon.

Private Policing - Councillor Swim updated council on his recent discussions with CAO of Blacks Harbour, Heather Chase regarding private policing and it was determined that they found the cost too high for the municipality to bear and likewise Council felt that it was an avenue that McAdam could afford to pursue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Taping of Council Minutes - After discussion it was agreed that the taping of minutes would continue to take place.

John McAdam Grant - Mayor Stannix advised council that a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 has been received by the McAdam Historical Restoration Commission to install a memorial in the station park. It was agreed that a subcommittee would review this project.

55 Saunders Road - Councillor Gallant inquired about the use of 55 Saunders Road as the Recreation Advisory Committee are looking at starting a community garden. After discussion, it was agreed that there are better options available in the village to plant a community garden. Councillor Gallant and CAO Arsenault will review some options available. Further discussion took place regarding 55 Saunders Road and it was agreed that the property would be offered for sale.

CAO Report:

Edward Arsenault - CAO Arsenault advised council that the courses for Level 1 and Level 2 are available online through NBCC at a cost of \$2100.00 (Edward, John and Andy) plus \$636.00 (Andy and John) per student. After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“The cost for the courses for Level 1 and Level 2 be paid by the Village for the employees.”

MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Mitchell Little - Nothing to report.

Doug Goss - Nothing to report.

Taylor Gallant - The Wi-Fi has been installed at the Warriors Den.

The Recreation Advisory Committee would like to have a piece of playground equipment located at O’Keefe Park. After discussion, it was agreed that Danny McIntyre quote on a piece of equipment be acquired and that the equipment be CSA approved.

Councillor Gallant advised that the beach at the McAdam Campground is advertised in the McAdam Homecoming brochure open for swimming. Discussion took place regarding the parking and

wharf at the McAdam Lake Wharf area and the need to regulate the parking in this area due to the inaccessibility of the dock at times. It was agreed that this would be reviewed and discussed further. At a later meeting of Council.

Greg Swim - Councillor Swim advised council that 14 firemen are attending the Forest Fire Training to take place on the weekend.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An invitation has been received from NBCC to attend a reception and conversation of April 5th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A letter has been received from the Voice of Pentecost requesting the use of the Station Park for an Open Air Service to be held on August 18th-20th. It was agreed that the park could be used as in the past.

A letter has been received from the Minister of the Department of Transportation advising that the government has introduced an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act to add a one meter passing distance between motorists and cyclists referred to as a “one meter rule.”

A letter has been received from Darren McCabe, Local Service Manager requesting the village advise him if we would like to have any areas in the village swept for ticks. After discussion, it was agreed that the campground and parks be swept.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Gallant the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

