

MINUTES OF MEETING
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL
MARCH 28, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 in the Village of McAdam Heritage Room. Mayor Kenneth Stannix presided and the following members were present:

COUNCILLORS:	Taylor Gallant
	Greg Swim
	Mitchell Little
	Jody Robinson
CAO:	Edward Arsenault
CLERK/TREASURER:	Ann Donahue
VISITORS:	Charlotte Hill, NB Trails
	Poul Jorgenson, NB Trails

Mayor Stannix called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting. Charlotte presented a slide presentation to council at this time regarding the NB Trails Corporation. They are a not for profit corporation who partner with local community groups and communities to advocate and maintain green way trails that are safe and usable. Their funding comes from the Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage as well as Department of Energy and Resource Development as well as user groups.

Poul is their Executive Director as well as their consultant and he also does maintenance on the trails with crews. They have a Trails Day in NB each year in different locations around the province as well as Winter Wilderness in the Provincial Parks in NB.

Considerable discussion took place regarding McAdam becoming a partner and the trails that are presently around the village. Some of the benefits of becoming a member are; liability insurance coverage, funding opportunities, marketing and promotion as well as trail signs. At the present time McAdam is not on an existing trail.

Councillor Gallant circulated pictures of the McAdam Trail which were reviewed with discussion taking place on the necessary repairs. It was agreed by Poul that he would visit the trail in the spring and let us know the repairs that are necessary and the costs. An application to become a member of NB Trails will also be sent to us.

Councillor Robinson inquired about NB Trails Day which is being held on June 1, 2 and 3 and some ideas for McAdam to participate.

Mayor Stannix and council thanked Charlotte and Poul for meeting with us at this time and look forward to further discussions being held on options and ideas for our trail as well as becoming a partner with NB Trails.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting was circulated. 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 and Closed Meeting held on February 28th were circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Swim and seconded by Councillor Little that:

“The minutes of the Regular and Closed Meeting of Council held on February 28th be approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stair Lift - CAO Arsenault advised council that he has contacted a few companies and they are not willing to put a lift in a commercial building. It was agreed that we would check prices in Calais, Maine as well as Border Services to see if they can be brought across the border.

Clean Up Week - Discussion was held on the changes that are to take place with clean up week for the next year. It was agreed that the concept will be discussed at the Public Meeting to be held in the near future regarding Recycling changes in the village.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Review - A copy of the Financial Statement was circulated and reviewed by all at this time.

The Utility Budget will be reviewed at the next meeting of council.

REPORTS:

CAO Arsenault - Ed advised council that \$14,000.00 has been collected to date on the sewer and water arrears. We are continuing with collection and shut offs will be done in the spring on any accounts that have not been in contact.

Al Thurber has contacted Ed regarding the Ham Radios that are in the EMO Office. Training of staff should be held soon as no one in the village is presently trained. It was agreed that a meeting will be held on the near future with council and Mr. Thurber.

Doug Goss advised that a 2008 15 passenger bus is being sold in Saint John and wondered if the village would be interested. Our present bus is a 2003. It was agreed that CAO Arsenault will go and see the van and make a recommendation to council. The maintenance records for our van will also be reviewed.

CAO Arsenault updated council on his recent meeting with Dennis Blair regarding the recycling proposal which will be discussed later in the meeting.

CAO Arsenault advised council that he discussed the cutting around the lake with Raye Boon. Further discussion will be held as the cutting is not scheduled to be completed until next year.

Mitchell Little - Nothing to report.

Jody Robinson - Councillor Robinson inquired about the culvert near the Anglican Church Hall. The kids are starting to hang out around the Warriors Den and it was agreed that the RCMP will be

notified to visit the Warriors Den on the weekends.

Taylor Gallant - Councillor Gallant inquired about the GED Program and the students that are nearly finished but since the interest is not here, the instructor is not coming to McAdam. After considerable discussion it was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“We approve up to \$500.00 to hire a tutor for 2 hours per week for a 12-week period to help these students finish their GED.” MOTION CARRIED.

Beautification Green Space - Councillor Gallant updated council on the suggestions to beautify the space across from the bank and other ideas of the committee.

Engine 29 - Considerable discussion took place on displaying the Engine 29 for the summer. It was agreed that we would get a copy of the mechanics report that was done a few years ago to review before a decision is made on what we are going to do with the Engine.

Councillor Gallant inquired about the 5 telephone poles that are in Canada Square. CAO Arsenault advised that the poles will be taken down soon.

Councillor Gallant inquired about the sign for the Industrial Park which needs to be replaced. It was agreed that Councillor Gallant would design a sign and get a cost for such from Richard Orr.

Councillor Gallant advised council that we were approved for 2 students under the Green Jobs application that was submitted.

Greg Swim - Councillor Swim advised council that the Community Policing Committee is to be held on April 12th at Bayside Community Hall. All council are invited to attend.

Councillor Swim advised that he was disappointed with the small group of citizens who attended the Public Meeting with Crime Stoppers. There were 25 – 30 people in attendance.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Gallant the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

