

MINTUES OF MEETING
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL
MAY 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via Zoom and Facebook Live. Mayor Kenneth Stannix presided, and the following members were present:

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

Mayor Stannix called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting as well as many citizens that were on Facebook Live.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

“The agenda be approved as circulated.” MOTON CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 29, 2020 and the Special Meetings held on April 22, 2020 and the Closed Minutes of Meeting held on April 29 and May 6, 2020 were circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 29, 2020 and the Special Meetings held on

April 22, 2020 and the Closed Minutes of Meeting held on April 29 and May 6, 2020 be approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: (April 22, 2020)

St. Croix Beach – Water Course Alteration Permit - CAO Arsenault advised council the permit has not been applied for yet. The Department of Natural Resources staff are not back to work yet. He was able to acquire the Gravel Stumpage Permit Application today.

Caboose Repairs - Councillor Gallant advised council that a further review of the necessary repairs, inside and outside, will be done within the next couple of weeks.

Saunders Road Manhole Replacement - The manhole along Saunders Road near the McAdam Health Centre needs repair. CAO Arsenault advised council that the work would be completed within the next couple of weeks.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: (April 29, 2020)

Extra Garbage Bags - CAO Arsenault advised council that garbage has increased over the past few weeks with the additional bags. We will review the bag limit after this week when Clean Up is completed.

Campground Opening - CAO Arsenault advised council that an Operational Plan will need to be done up and reviewed by the McAdam Economic Development Corporation prior to the opening of the campground. A meeting will be held next week as well as with the seasonal campers to advise them of the regulations for them at the campground due to COVID-19.

Water Wells Project - Mayor Stannix advised that the village is looking at increasing the wells for the village. We need to spend approximately \$53,00.00 in order to have this project shovel ready in case federal and provincial funding becomes available. Currently in the meeting CAO Arsenault advised council of the work that needs to be completed within the next few weeks as discussed with exp.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES: (May 6, 2020)

Burning Permits - Fire Chief Michael Little is not allowing burning permits for at least another

week. Burn permits will still be required by the village residents.

Sidewalk Quotes - The sidewalks have been measured and quotes will be received in the near future from the contractors. The sidewalks that are being looked at are Lake Avenue at the school to West Street. The Rose Street sidewalk will not be completed this year.

Paving Quotes - The paving quotes for Elm Street and North Lane will also be done as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing currently.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence has been received.

REPORTS:

CAO Report - The flushing should be completed in the next week and the sweeping is also being completed.

Spring clean-up is being done this week with 5 truckloads being picked up to date.

The village crew are working at the campground this week getting it ready for opening. The Operation Plan for the campground is being completed by Councillor Gallant and the Operational Plan for the village is being completed by CAO Arsenault. The approval of these plans will be done by village council as soon as they are completed as required.

The flower boxes will be taken to Scott's for filling and will be returned the first week of June for hanging in the village.

Jody Robinson - A few trees are down on the walking trail – they will be removed next week. Since the "Adopt a Highway" program will not take place this year, the Beautification Committee have agreed to help with the clean-up. The clean ups will be done on Wednesday's for the next few weeks. Any help would certainly be appreciated from the community as well.

The logo from Canadian Pacific has been approved for use on the memorial bench that is being installed in Whistle Stop Park. The proof for the bench has also been received from Smet Monuments

for approval.

Mitchell Little – A few culverts will need to be replaced on North Lane as well a few rocks need to be removed. Rocks are also to be removed from Foster Court and Highland Avenue to Old Harvey Road.

Mayor Stannix advised council that he has spoken with Hon. John Williamson requesting that the allocation for Gas Tax be doubled for this year. This request will be reviewed by him.

Student Summer Jobs - CAO Arsenault advised council that we should hear if we have any approvals by the end of next week.

Councillor Little inquired about some body work that is needed on a few of our vehicles. CAO Arsenault is working on this.

Greg Swim - There have been no fines from the Dog Catcher for the month of April. The Fire Department hold their monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month, but they have been suspended for the time being, training is still taking place.

CAO Arsenault advised council that he will contact the Fire Chief to advise him that a Zoom meeting could be set up if he wanted to meet with the firemen.

Taylor Gallant - Councillor Gallant advised council that some portions of our website are not up to date, especially our by-laws. After discussion it was agreed a meeting will take place in the next few days to review and discuss which by-laws need to be updated.

A special thanks to Sherry McFarlane and the Beautification Committee for doing much of the clean up at the campground since the students were unable to do this because of COVID-19.

The living Christmas Tree in Whistle Stop Park is no longer living. It was agreed that another plan will be discussed for another tree to be in the park.

Councillor Gallant would also like to thank Councillor Little for making the additional flower boxes that were needed for the telephone poles.

Mayor Stannix has spoken with government regarding funding for the water wells project. Councillor Gallant inquired about the \$1.00 lots. Mayor Stannix advised all that the \$1.00 lots have brought notoriety to the village. The homeowners have been given an extra year to build their homes due to COVID-19. To date 15 lots have been sold.

Councillor Little inquired about the effect of the new school in Hanwell will have on the

McAdam Schools. After discussion it was felt that there would be no change to the McAdam Schools.

Councillor Robinson advised council that our Recreation Director has taken on the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts. Most of the work is cosmetic with a few things that will need to be done by the Works Department.

Mayor Stannix inquired about the possibility of having our meetings every second week instead of every week. We have been meeting every week due to COVID-19, but all agreed that we would meet every two weeks.

A meeting of the McAdam Economic Development Corporation will be scheduled for the next week.

Face Book - Tomalyn Scott thanked council for the 4-bag garbage limit. Thank you for the comment.

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Swim the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

