

MINUTES OF MEETING  
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 via Zoom. Mayor Kenneth Stannix presided, and the following members were present.

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

GUEST: Alex Henderson, Planner, Southwest NB Service Commission

Mayor Stannix called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 26, 2020 and the Closed Minutes of Meeting held on August 26, 2020 were circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Robinson that:

“The minutes of the Regular Minutes of Council held on August 26, 2020 and the Closed Minutes of Meeting held on August 26, 2020 be approved as circulated. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time in the meeting Mayor Stannix welcomed Alex Henderson to the meeting to discuss the Rural Plan Change dealing with Farm Road.

Rural Plan – By-Law #63 - Alex advised council that the Farm Road is zoned as Residential and should be zoned Rural and Green Belt since this area has farming and has no services. An update of why the plan should be rezoned was discussed as well as what would be allowed in this area. The PRAC would recommend that this rezoning be done. A letter will be sent to all homeowner advising of this change and a Public Meeting will be held. The village will request the views of PRAC, and a public meeting will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Communication in Village - Councillor Gallant has received a quote of \$1,400.00 per year. This system will send out text or email to all citizens in the case of an emergency. After discussion it was agreed that an advertisement would be placed in the Lions News and Village website and Facebook for citizens who are interested in this communication plan.

CARMA Program - Councillor Gallant advised that we are at the end of the budget so trapping will be done. A successful program took place.

Camera Installation at Lions Community Centre - Mayor Stannix has not discussed the idea yet.

Electronic Speed Sign - The reports have been discussed with Corp. Ryan. The area coming into McAdam from St. Croix had the highest number of violators and the RCMP will be present at this location soon. It was agreed that the sign would be returned to Lake Avenue now that school is in session and the speed limit is 30 km not 50 km.

Beautification Committee - The RSC does not have access to a chipper for the trees. In the past they have rented the chipper. After discussion it was agreed that the village would rent a chipper to chop the trees in January since the Beautification Committee is looking at selling 100 – 150 trees this Season. Further discussion will take place after the Christmas Season.

Adhoc Committee for Community Businesses - A meeting will be held next week to discuss Ideas with the McAdam Economic Development Committee.

Asphalting in the Village - Rock removal will be done on Tracy Street and Speedy Street with paving to be done on Elm Street and North Lane in about 3 weeks.

Fire Department Paging and Fire Q - CAO Arsenault advised council of the issues that we have encountered with the paging system in recent weeks. The Fire Q will be set up soon, all the information is being received from the firemen for the implementation of this system.

Councillor Little inquired about what the village is doing for small business. Councillor Gallant will have a meeting in the next few days to discuss the idea of doing McAdam Dollars for new citizens in the village instead of asking businesses to donate.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Drone Purchase - Discussion was held on the purchase of a drone for village use as well as fire department use. It was agreed that the village would use the drone belonging to the RSC prior to and discuss the purchase with RSC. Further review will be done before a purchase is made.

Radio Advertising - Mayor Stannix advised council that a request has been received from 92.3 to advertise for Remembrance Day. After discussion it was agreed that we would not advertise this year but use the funds for McAdam Dollars for new homeowners.

#### REPORTS:

CAO Arsenault advised council that the sewer line on Old Harvey Road has been replaced.

The line on Saunders Road and First Avenue will be replaced soon. The winter stock sand has started.

The Septic Tanks will be pumped next week.

The patching and rock removal will be done within the next few weeks.

The flower boxes will be taken down by the end of the week.

Clean Up Week is being held from October 5-8 and an ad will be placed on Facebook.

We have had a few inquiries about Halloween. We will wait until for receive a directive from the

province for Halloween and Remembrance Day and Christmas.

An exceptionally good meeting was held with all the candidates with discussion being held on ways they could help the community.

EMO Exercise - Mayor Stannix, Councillor Swim and Councillor Gallant as well as CAO Arsenault took part in the recent EMO exercise.

Mitchell Little - Councillor Little advised council that there are some potholes that need to be filled on Rockland Drive. The sewer line on Klondike also needs to be looked at. The line from Saunders Road to Vanceboro Road and Route 4 will need to be looped in the near future.

Jody Robinson - The NB and Canadian Flags need to be replaced soon with the poles to be painted as well.

The McAdam Elementary School Cross Country Meet has been cancelled for this year. The Return to Play at school functions will be limited. The Mini-Bus will be used for some school games.

Councillor Robinson inquired about having two garbage cans at the school.

The election signs need to be taken off municipal property soon.

Greg Swim - A very good meeting was held regarding COVID-19 last week.

The Animal Control Report was given at this time by Councillor Swim. The Dog Catcher is doing a great job in the village.

Taylor Gallant - A meeting was recently held with the Welcome Wagon Committee. They have done 75 visits to date with more to be done. Mayor Stannix and council thanked the Welcome Wagon Committee for the work they have done.

Beautification Committee - The Beautification Committee have volunteered to water the flowers for the next few weekends. Mayor Stannix and council thanked the Beautification Committee for the work they have done.

Councillor Little advised council that the Fire Department may be interested in doing a training session with the man lift and take the flower boxes down.

Outdoor Movie Equipment - The purchase of this equipment is being investigated by the Recreation Department.

Lakeland Industries will not be hosting their Auction this year. The Fireman's Breakfast may be done but unsure at this time. The COVID-19 Plan will be reviewed with the Fire Chief prior to the breakfast being held.

The next meeting of Council will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Public Meeting will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Swim, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,