

MINUTES OF MEETING  
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 was held via Zoom. Mayor Kenneth Stannix presided and the following members were present.

COUNCILLORS: Taylor Gallant  
Greg Swim  
Mitchell Little  
Jody Robinson

Mayor Stannix called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting on Facebook Live.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting was circulated and reviewed by all. It was moved by Councillor Swim 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 and Closed Minutes of Meeting held on November 25, 2020 were circulated and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Robinson that:

“The minutes of the Regular and Closed Minutes of Meeting held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be

approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

2021 Budget - The 2021 budget has been approved.

Fire Truck RFP - The draft RFP has been received from the Fire Chief and will be reviewed. It was agreed that the CAO will contact the province to explore the possibility of communal purchasing with the province.

O’Keefe Field Fencing - The fence installation is nearly completed.

Pole Decorations - CAO Arsenault will discuss the decorations with Granite Industries tomorrow.

Community Adjustment Committee - The funding that has been received from the province should be transferred to the General Operating Reserve for use in 2021. It was moved by Councillor Swim and seconded by Councillor Little that:

“The funding for the Community Adjustment Committee in the amount of \$50,000.00 be transferred to the General Operating Reserve for use in 2021.” MOTION CARRIED.

CAO Arsenault updated council and citizens of the benefits to the mill workers as well as the citizens of the village for the adjustment committee. The committee will hopefully attract businesses to the community. the committee will be available for citizens looking for work, updating resumes, etc.

Wellfield Expansion - CAO Arsenault updated council on the wellfield expansion project. The well drillers will be here in the next few weeks to begin drilling.

CUPE Bargaining - The bargaining will commence in January of 2021.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance Policy - The new insurance policy for 2021 has been received. Our policy is increasing by 14% and CAO Arsenault advised council that other communities are seeing an increase. The deductible will be increasing from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and we will not have to be insured for communicable diseases as well as cyber security. We have contacted Bulletproof regarding our firewall. After discussion it was agreed that we would proceed with the policy as discussed for 2020-2021.

## REPORTS:

CAO Arsenault - Information has been received from the Province advising of the Safe Start Program in which they will reimburse municipalities of any lost revenue due to COVID-19. The Village has estimated their loss at \$38,300.00.

Bingo - Since we have been moved to the Yellow Phase, we will hold one more bingo before year end.

Water Accounts - The water shut offs will begin in the next few days.

Hunter Lane Tree - The tree company will be here next week to cut down the tree.

Assessment Management - The assets have been digitally filed for future reference. The Video Inspection Camera will be covered under the Asset Management Plan with funding to be received from the province. The federation of Canadian Municipalities are looking at Phase 2 for the plan.

Water System of Pine Street - The water line on Pine Street is being changed so that all the homeowners will be on their own valve stand. The Village Works Department are working on this today.

Councillor Gallant - Councillor Gallant advised council that the sidewalks on Lake Avenue need repairs that will be necessary in 2021. Poplar Street to Birch Street will also be repaired soon.

Councillor Gallant advised council that he recently held an online seminar from the Department of Canadian Heritage to apply for funding for the caboose repairs. After discussion it was agreed that an adhoc committee would be formed to look at the caboose repairs. councillor Gallant advised that any citizens that would be interested in sitting on this committee they would certainly be welcome.

Councillor Robinson - Councillor Robinson advised that the tunnel needs to be cleaned again this week.

A complaint has been received about an old couch on the rail line across from ANB. It will be removed tomorrow by village staff.

Councillor Gallant advised council that a committee will be struck to discuss recycling in the village in the near year. Councillor Gallant and Robinson as well as other interested citizens of the community will form a committee.

Councillor Gallant - The dog catcher report for the month of November was reviewed and discussed.

Councillor Little - A request has been received to have the streets on Old Harvey Road reswept in the future.

A complaint has been received regarding a truck load of garbage that has been dumped on the Duck Lake Road.

Community Adjustment Committee - The funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 is being made available from the province to deal with the laid off workers at CertainTeed as well a brochure will be done advising businesses what is available in the village and ideas for the village. Persons from ONB< Working NB, DOT, ACOA, Mayor Stannix, Councillor Swim and CAO Arsenault are working on this committee.

The McAdam High School students will be using the back part of the campground for their outdoor pursuits program for the next few months.

Mayor Stannix and council thanked all McAdamites for the excellent job they have done on their Christmas decorations The McAdam High School students and staff have also done an excellent job at decorating the school.

One comment has been received via Facebook - "when will the water be turned on at Pine Street." The crew are just finishing this job and the water will be turned on.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor Gallant at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

