

MINUTES OF MEETING
MCADAM VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 15, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the McAdam Village Council was held in the Heritage Room of the McAdam Village Hall. Mayor Stannix presided, and the following members were present:

COUNCILLORS: Taylor Gallant
 Greg Swim
 Jody Robinson
 Mitchell Little
CAO: Johnny Walsh
CLERK TREASURER: Michelle Porelle

Mayor Stannix called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Little and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular and Closed Meeting held on April 24, 2024, were circulated, and reviewed. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“The minutes of the Regular and Closed Meeting held on April 24, 2024, be approved as circulated.” MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bakery Update – Applicant would like to move forward with proposal once she is back in province.

SEED Positions/Canada Summer Jobs – Interviews will start next week.

CBDC Request to Migrate – Councillor Gallant reached out to CBDC; it is not an easy process to migrate offices. He suggested that McAdam needs a representative to sit on board as it is the only community without a representative.

Southwest Service Commission – Planning Fees – Council will wait for confirmation of the fees to make a motion.

Tennis Court – After discussion, council agreed they will apply for the grant to cover the Tennis Court at a cost of \$120,000-130,000 for the advantage system with 2-year warranty.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meal Allowance/Travel Allowance –new rates were given from the province. It was moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Robinson that:

“The Village travel and meal expense rates be set to match the new Provincial rates.”

MOTION CARRIED.

Masonic Hall – A request was made by the potential purchaser of 151 Saunders Road to have the rezoning fee waived to have the property rezoned to residential. After discussion, council declined to wave fee.

After discussion, it was moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Swim that:

“Funds be transferred from the General Capital Reserve Investment fund to General Account for payment to Home Concepts as needed until completion of project up to the amount of invoice \$163,740.00.”

CORRESPONDANCE:

Letter from McAdam High School requesting financial donation – Council agreed to donate \$100.00.

NB Age Friendly Communities Initiative Email – Councillor Robinson will reach out to see what the program involves.

CCBF Update Email/Gas Tax – There was a delay in getting information out to municipalities this year. UMNb has drafted a letter asking the provincial government to move forward on this program.

FCM initiative to grow community canopies Email – Councillor Gallant will investigate this grant opportunity.

Councillor Little – NBEMO Letter from Kylee Leavitt asking what the municipalities are prepared to do for Forest fires. CAO Walsh and Mitchell will discuss together with other communities and will come back with a recommendation.

CAO Walsh – The court date for quieting of titles will be July 30th at 9:30.

The boat docks were put in today and aluminum docks were taken to granite industries. The aluminum docks will be put in the cove for kayaks and canoes only. St. Croix will continue to use aluminum docks; however, something will need to be done to make them more durable.

Councillor Robinson – Corey Messer volunteered to fix up the boat launch on Wauklehegan Lake and it looks great.

One Old Towne Kayak has been purchased so far; Councillor Robinson will investigate the import/export process should we purchase any from Maine.

Councillor Gallant – Will draft letters to businesses in the community asking for donations for July 1st festivities. Charitable tax receipts will be given and donations over \$100 will be published in The Lion's News.

Councillor Swim – no update.

Mayor Stannix – Trailer for MEDC will be put in place for next week.

Lot 54 has not been filled for seasonal, it may be converted to an overnight lot for this year. It may be possible to exchange another lot as seasonal in its place.

The campground did not pay the High School last year for the work done, they have not been doing a very good job the past few years. This year the Village will pay \$1000 for both last year and this year. In the future, the school will not be hired for cleanup.

At this time council went into Closed Meeting of Council to discuss a few items of business.

On the motion of Councillor Swim, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,