

VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

Minutes

Date: November 20, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council

1. Called to order by Mayor Blaney at 6:32 pm with a welcome to guests. Mayor Blaney, Deputy Mayor White, Councillor McNamee, Councillor Pleadwell, Councillor Massoeurs and Clerk Johnson were present.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Call for Motion to Approve Agenda – Moved by Councillor Massoeurs and seconded by Deputy Mayor White to approve agenda as presented. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council –October 16, 2017 - After time for review it was moved by Councillor Massoeurs and seconded by Councillor Pleadwell to approve minutes as presented. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
 - b. Regular Meeting of Council –October 24, 2017 - After time for review it was moved by Councillor McNamee and seconded by Councillor Pleadwell to approve minutes as presented. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
4. Guests
 - a. Stephen McAlinden
 - i. Dr's Hill Construction: The road will be open Tuesday, November 20, 2017 and paving will take place the 23rd and 24th.
 - ii. Riverview Estates: Consideration of the creation of one lot on a private right of way: This is an application to create one lot to be accessed by a 10-metre wide private right of way. It is recommended the Council recommend to the RSC 11 PRAC to approve the request subject to the following conditions:
 1. The final plan of subdivision is stamped with the "Private Right-of-Way" note; and
 2. The 30-metre buffer from Gagetown Creek being shown on, and the following statement being added to the final plan: "This area is subject to Regulation 90-80 – Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Regulation – Clean Water Act".It was moved by Councillor Massoeurs and seconded by Councillor Pleadwell to approve the development as presented. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.

- b. Bernie Hoganson – PRAC meeting held October 24th, 2017, a total of 9 items were addressed with more than half having to do with private right-of-way's. Other items discussed were the establishment of an automobile sales facility along the Nashwaak River, the creation of a senior's clubhouse in Chipman and the re-zoning of land in a central residential area of the Village to accommodate a horse riding arena. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12th, 2017. Details of the above are in the attached report or from Regional Service Commission 11's office at 860 Prospect Street, Fredericton, telephone: 506-453-2956.

5. Correspondence:

- a. New Brunswick Municipal Pension Plan -Yearly Max Pensionable Earnings - the YMPE rate has been set at \$55,00 for the year 2018;
- b. Billing Rate for 2018 RCMP Policing Service – The 2018 billing rate for policing services has been set at \$99,130 for the Village of Gagetown;
- c. WorkSafeNB Lowering Assessment Rates for Firefighters - WorkSafeNB premiums will be lowered in 2018 to \$515.00 per firefighter, from \$690.00 in 2017.
- d. WorkSafeNB Rating Statement 2018 - the 2018 Worksafe NB Rating If your claim costs are lower than the average for similar-sized businesses in your rate group, you can earn discounts on your base premium rate. This discount or surcharge is called your experience rating adjustment. It is applied to your base premium rate to create the net premium rate, which is used to calculate your premium. The Village will be receiving a discount of \$0.23 on the 2018 Rate;
- e. RCMP in NB 2016 Annual Report letter from CO - The 2016 Annual RCMP Report is available in the Village Office;
- f. Greig Pottery Parking -. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor met with Flo Grieg just prior to the Council Meeting with regards to parking, in particular, delivery of heavier items and the lack of space to have these items off loaded properly, a note will be sent to RSC 11 to see if they have any solutions to offer;
- g. Grimross Manor Senior Complex Fire Procedures – Grimross Manor has completed the annual review of its fire procedures and provided an updated copy for the VGVFD's information;
- h. Minister for Transportation and Infrastructure re: Speed Limit on Route 102 and Knorr Road - after on-site observation, DTI has concluded the current speed limit of 70 km/h and the signage in place is appropriate and no change is required. Noted the response to the original inquiry took 17 months;
- i. Mill Road Recreation Field Development Recommendations: suggestions as to how to drain the Rec Center field to ready it for use as a soccer pitch. Determined to be an item for further discussion, as once complete there will be maintenance costs which need to be evaluated. RSC11 will be contacted to inquire on routine costs for a field of this size in other municipalities in order to develop a fuller picture of the long- term investment;
- j. Thank You letter from Dona King, Irish Gathering;
- k. Letter of Intent for Fire Dept. Radio Equipment – the Province wants every department to move to RFD; going from the alert center we now use to the trunk services. The service will handle all dispatch, maintain contact through-out the call and collect data, which will then be provided to the department. All LSD's are going with RFD, we would be surrounded, but we need an need exact cost and escape clause. From the VGVFD standpoint these services are a step forward in our ability to provide services. We need to confirm the 7 radios seeded will or will not be subject to recurring network access fees.

Note to be sent indicating we are considering the move and will be prepared to have a decision made in December 2017;

- l. Thank You letter from Gagetown Girl Guides for Pins: the Gagetown Girl Guides would like to thank the Village for the donation of Village Pins for the Guides to trade with other Guides while travelling this summer past. The pins travelled across Canada and to an international camp in Ireland. Remaining pins will go to Switzerland next August.
- m. Invitation to RCMP Annual Officers Reception: Thursday, December 7th, 2017 from 6 – 9 pm. An RSVP will be sent.

6. Staff Reports

a. VGVFD Chief John Thomas –

- i. Monthly report – there were 18 calls since the last meeting, 3 medical, 2 structure fires, the fire in Upper Hampstead led to a complete loss. The remainder were service calls, training or false alarms. Total of 74 calls this year;
- ii. Radios: all complete, the new radios are functioning as expected;
- iii. Fire Truck: the pre-build meeting will happen prior to year end, any changes will be identified prior and discussed at that time;
- iv. General: upgraded fittings/adaptors have been purchased for the local special care homes and the cost will be charged to them. The fittings/adaptors will allow our mutual aid partners to better assist in the event a fire should occur in one of these locations;
- v. Annual Christmas Dinner: the annual event will take place at the Legion, December 8, 2017 at 6:30, you are all welcome to join us.

- b. Ryan McNally – Performed the usual tasks, purchasing for Village and Fire Department, potholes and road repairs and clearing ditches. Completed a road inspection with the Deputy Mayor to identify priorities for the upcoming year. Rotary Park will be closed for the winter sometime over the next week and the Dr's Hill work is nearing completion. Further details can be found in the attached report.

7. Councillors' Reports

a. Councillor Pleadwell:

- i. Tourism & Beautification – Christmas in the Village is upcoming 25 – 26 November 2017. Will be meeting with some residents who have ideas for further development of the Village Green;
- ii. Fire Department – Will call for clarification on the RFD and the financial aspect of it, the formula seems off and, as mentioned earlier, we should confirm the access fees for the 7 radios that would be seeded and the status of same for any further purchases
- iii. Finances - Finance: payables were presented for payment as follows:

General payables: \$ 30270.03

Sewerage payables \$ 254.74

Motion to approve General payables by Councillor Massoeurs and seconded by Councillor McNamee. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.

Motion to approve Sewerage payables by Councillor Massoeurs and seconded by Councillor McNamee. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.

A meeting for Budget 2008 will be held 13 December 2017, worksheets will be forwarded prior.

b. Councillor McNamee:

- i. Policing – Total of 6 calls for service, most calls were motor vehicle related, there was a break in reported in the Village which took place in the middle of the day, residents should be reminded to lock doors and secure valuable equipment when leaving for any length of time;
- ii. Recreation and Youth – meeting tonight of the Rec Council to appoint an interim President in the wake of Tony Ratliffe's resignation

c. Councillor Massoeurs:

- i. Buildings and Properties – general maintenance required at the Medical Clinic, would like to consider budgeting for a new roof at the Fire Hall in the new year;
- ii. Human Resources – no change, nothing to report
- iii. Animal Control – no change, nothing to report

d. Deputy Mayor White:

- i. Emergency Measures – progressing, the committee met on November 18th for a tabletop exercise, a run through of the plan to ensure all are familiar with their roles when the plan is activated. Lots of good discussion and information.
- ii. Sewerage - no change, nothing to report
- iii. Transportation & Roads – Dr's Hill construction will be completed this week, paving is scheduled for Thurs/Fri. The paving plants close early next week, so there isn't a lot of wiggle room. Completed inspections of the roads, there are a few badly damaged which may be beyond our ability and financial means to repair.

The catch basin on Front St is becoming more of an issue with pooling after the recent rains. Not sure the repairs can wait, and as noted, the paving plants close early next week. We should look at ways of getting this done prior to the new year. Motioned by Deputy Mayor White to complete the Front Street repairs this year, providing the budget can accommodate. Questions to the motion: Can Hogan's do the work? Not under the existing contract, as it is not a provincial road. Can it go under Gas Tax Funding (GTF). Yes, it could go under the GTF, we would need to contact them for advice on changing the 5 Year Plan submitted earlier this year to find out how and timelines. With no further questions, and all in favour, motion passed.

e. Mayor Blaney:

- i. Solid Waste – The budget has been finalized and passed, The key item was an increase in the tonnage levy, this will impact the Village;
- ii. Mayor’s Report – Last Tuesday evening I was approached by a resident regarding the ‘Blue Dot’ movement, a campaign based on the idea that everyone has a right to a healthy environment and this right should be recognized at all levels of government. They are requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to Council at the next meeting.
- iii. It was noted last year during Christmas in the Village there were vendors such as food trucks parked, open for business, who had not completed the registration process. This puts the vendors who registered and paid the fee at a disadvantage. The Village can only approach and ask to leave anyone on public land, any vendor set up on private property is beyond our reach. A specific by-law providing guidelines/limitations for the vendors is necessary, this is something the RSC 11 can assist with.
- iv. EMO meeting was great, loots of good info on what would surpass in the event of a critical incident

8. New Business:

- a. Third Reading of proposed By-Law #37 (B): A By-Law to Amend the Rural Plan By-Law #37: Motioned by Mayor Blaney the proposed By-Law 37(B) – a by-law to Amend the Rural Plan By-Law 11-2016 be read in its entirety, seconded by Deputy Mayor White. With no questions and all in favour the proposed by-law is read in its entirety: **“Village of Gagetown By-Law 37(B) A By-Law to amend the Village of Gagetown Rural Plan”**
 - b. Planning: Development of Recreation Council By law:
9. Closed Session - It was moved by Councillor Massoeurs to enter into Closed Session. The public was excused at 7:48pm,
10. It was moved by Councillor Massoeurs to resume council meeting at 8:35pm.
11. Motion to adjournment – the next meeting will be December 18th, 2017 at 6:30, moved by Deputy Mayor White to adjourn at 8:40pm.