

January 16, 2017

The regular monthly council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on January 16, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Councillor Butland, Mrs. Louise Butland (Clerk Administrator),(Assistant Clerk/Assistant Treasurer) Brenda Hoar, Mr. Murray Long, Mr. Tony Martin and Cpl. Ouellette were in attendance.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year. Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Butland and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve agenda. Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve December's minutes as presented by Assistant Clerk Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Butland to accept financial reports. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Addiction and Mental Health Services for Albert County are now putting in place a peer group for people in the area dealing with mental health and addictions issues. Mediators for the peer group, Mayor Shortt, Petrea Taylor, Andrew Drayson and Phyllis Hudson.

Louise Butland clerk administrator will get in contact with personnel from the seed program to find out when applications are due.

Minister Mr. Bill Fraser for Department of Transportation finally responded to the letter Mayor Shortt wrote in October, 2016. Mayor Shortt will be meeting with Cheryl Lavoie and Jason Gaudet on January 17, 2017 at 11:00am, relating to the 2km stretch of high way on Rte. 114 that needs to be paved. Plus a wish list from the Village on what the Village would like to see completed, for example ditching on route 915, paving on 45 road, amber light and signage and two dangerous corners in the Village.

Councillor Casey – Nothing to report.

Councillor Bowron – Nothing to report.

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Councillor Butland – reported that there was a meeting with the Southeast New Brunswick Snowmobile Association. Attending were; Rod Antworth (President of SENBSA), Dave Garland (SENBSA), Wayne Carter (SENBSA), Kevin Williams (SENBSA), George MacDonald (SENBSA), Jim Coates (SENBSA), Shelley Pisegna (Tourism N.B.), Councillor Casey, Councillor Butland and Mayor Shortt and Louise Butland (Clerk Administrator). It was discussed how to get the snowmobile's back into the Village during the winter season. There maybe a couple of options but land owners will need to be contacted to see if they will give their approval in letting the snowmobiler's cross their property. A subcommittee was formed which includes Councillor Butland, Kevin Williams, George MacDonald and Wayne Carter who will contact these land owners. Another problem issue was discussed that being the shortage of gas services in the Village. Application is being made by the Snowmobile Association with the Tourism Association for funding for a portable gas tank located here in the Village.

Water Report

Most notable events were: 1. Village is still on boil order. Craig ordered parts for sampling station pump from McLennon Sales should arrive in 7 to 10 business days. Geg Hatchard put a short delay on turbidity read out when the pumps turned on (2min) on Scada. Edward started removing some old electrical boxes in well house that are no longer being used. Craig painted rusty water pipes in well house, made them look like new again. Mayor adjusted turbidity read out on a 5 minute delay when the pump's starts but informed council that this would only change program not actual activities.

Quote was presented for a variable frequency drive.

Edward Hoar's quote of \$1581.25 for a variable frequency drive was accepted. It was moved by Councillor Casey and seconded by Councillor Bowron to transfer from Water & Sewer Capital Account # 4851-5205962 to Account #4851-5203811 in the amount of \$1581.25 to pay for a variable frequency drive. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rural Plan Revision committee – will be meeting on Jan 26, 2017 the committee will be looking at information gathered from open house on November 16, 2016. Mr. Murray Long suggested that it be called the Municipal Plan not the Rural Plan this suggestion will be brought forward when the actual changeover is made. Before anything is finalized there will be another public meeting.
- B. EXP Water Exploration – MLA Alaina Lockhart's office forwarded Mayor Shortt to Mr. Jason Gaudet about funding for water exploration. Mayor Shortt asked him to treat this

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as an energy situation, Mr. Gaudet said that he would contact the Minister and get back to Mayor Shortt on this issue.

Mr. Dave Crandall is now retiring Louise Butland administrator Clerk will send card from the Village of Alma.

Mr. Gordon Wasson from EXP was asked if there were any funds left over from the Lagoon project for fencing. Mr. Gordon Wasson will look at his budget and let us know how much funds are available if any. If there is available funding, will there be enough to pay for new fencing and rope ladder for the back part of the Lagoon? There is a real safety issue for children and wild life falling into the Lagoon. Mr. Gordon Wasson said he would get back to us and let us know.

Assistant Clerk Brenda Hoar is to remind Water Operator Craig Dixon to get his Twin Rex needles it's a total of 3 shots and is mandatory for him to have these shots.

Special meeting will be held of council after quotes are collected for a Chlorine Analyzer. Ms. Diane Fury from the Department of Health will not lift the boil order until the Village of Alma has purchased a Chlorine Analyzer and have the chlorine analyzers in place and operating.

Operation Water Manual is now being reviewed some change have to be made before it is completed.

- C. Vision Alma –Tender have not gone out. Plans have been approved for the down stairs part of the Activity Centre.
- D. Bell Aliant – Nothing new to report. Administrator Clerk Louise Butland is to contact Bell Aliant and inquire about a package deal for all of the Village's Phones.
- E. Boil Order – Still on boil order.
- F. Line of Credit –TD Bank wants us to transfer all banking business to them. Administrator Clerk Louise Butland is to call Royal Bank and TD Bank to see who will give us the lower rate in interest and who will give us a line of credit for the Water & Sewer general operating account.
- G. Land Title –Village of Alma's land that has been encroached upon is known as Ocean Drive. All the residents that live on that street have to have access to emergency responders. As it is now **no** emergency vehicle can get to the house of Mr. Forrest MacArthur. This is now an emergency issue that the Village of Alma has to look into. It was decided by council that the land needs to be surveyed in the spring. Mayor Shortt will contact Tod Kierstead about having the land surveyed. This issue will be tabled again for April, 2017.

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NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Butland to give a donation of \$500.00 to Tele-Drive. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councilor Casey that Water & Sewer account will pay 40% of the Water Operators wage. And 20% of the Assistant Clerks wage for 2017 only. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Butland to correct a motion that was made on May 30, 2016 from 162,000.00 debenture to 38,455.32 debenture. Motion Carried. The breakdown is as follows; 161,455.32 was given from the province to the Village of Alma. \$123,000.00 was a loan for the Lagoon project plus 38,455.32 was for a debenture that was coming due in June of 2016.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and seconded by Councillor Butland to approve the 2017 Water & Sewer Budget. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Butland and seconded by Councillor Casey to approve the General Operating Budget for 2017. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and seconded by Councillor Bowron to buy 10 new tables for the Activity Centre. Motion Carried.

RCMP report – All was quiet with just one 911 hang up call.

CORRESPONDENCE

Was read by Administrator Butland;

- From Connecting Albert County – looking for a donation. Council decided that no donation could be given at this time.
- The Village of Alma Federal Gas Tax Fund was audited by Teed Saunders Doyle & Co. The auditing firm has reported a non-compliance, but since receiving this letter the Village's Gas Tax is in compliance. This year's money is to go towards sidewalks.
- From NBEMO – The NB Emergency Measures Organization invites anyone involved in responding to or assisting with an emergency in the province, to register for one of its training courses held at the Provincial Emergency Operation Centre in Fredericton.
- Robert Rochon wrote a letter to request a meeting with the Mayor and Council to discuss the draft of the Emergency Response Plan for the Tri-Community. He has already met with Riverside-Albert and Hillsborough.
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- Letter was received from Bill Fraser thanking the Village for our letter requesting 2 km of paving on route 114. He assures us that paving of the remaining portion of route 114 within the Village limits will be given careful consideration in the preparation of their 2017 construction program.
- Cynthia Wallace-Casey, PhD wrote a letter declaring Heritage Week from February 13-20, 2017. The theme will be Celebrating 150 years.
- Received Alma's Draft copy of the O&M Manual from Gordon Wasson, P. Eng.
- Bully Canada – Financial Donation in support of Bullying Canada inc. Council made the decision that no donation would be given.
- Tracy McDonald from South East Regional Service Commission reported that there were no building permits to report for the month of December.
- On the Road to Asset Management course will be given Feb 22,& 23, 2017. Cost \$315.00 per day.
- Bulletin UMN B update from the UMN B Board of Directors and staff, plus a change of location from 79 Main Street, Unit 4, Rexton, to 145-1 Main Street, Rexton, E4W-2A3.
- NetGrowth – Web page design. Special meeting will be set up with Council to go over design.
- Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Community Anniversaries. Its objective is to engage citizens in their communities through the presentation of local performing and visual arts, as well as through the expression, celebration and preservation of local historical heritage.
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BILLS to be Paid

All Bills Paid.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Butland to go into "In Camera" Motion Carried.

Camp Ground

Brewery

Resident

Resident

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It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to come out of "In Camera" Motion Carried.

Councillor Casey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Next meeting will be held February 20, 2016 at 7:00pm.
