

April 18, 2017

The regular monthly council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on April 18, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Councillor Butland, Brenda Hoar, (Acting Clerk/Treasurer), Chantal Ouellette (RCMP), Mr. Tony Martin and Mr. Lee Warnock were in attendance.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve March 20th and March 27th, 2017 minutes as presented by Acting Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve financial statements as presented by Acting Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Shortt gave a report on Alma Celebration Days Agenda. June 30th, there will be a cake walk and dance, July 1st children's parade, craft sale and fireworks and bouncy castle for the children and cake will be provided after guest speaker in square, July 2nd there will be a duck race and dessert theatre.

Mayor Shortt attended the Smart Shift Summit on March 28 she found this summit to be very interesting, main topic was climate change and how the municipalities are preparing for global warming.

Tri-Community Mayors meeting will be held April 19, 2017 at 3:30pm, location Riverside Albert's Village Office. Mayor Shortt will be chairing.

Mayor Shortt also reported on a letter from Tourism stating that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure expect the bridge on route 114 to be open for traffic by mid-May.

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Councillor Casey attended a work shop for Tourism titled "Opportunity Summit" which was held on April 6th, main topic was their 17% increase in tourism that they allocated for in their 2017 tourism budget. Councillor Casey also went to another Tourism work shop on April 11, called the "Bay of Fundy Forum", which was a round table discussion with business owners and municipalities to prepare for the Bay of Fundy Coastal Drive. Main topic were infrastructure and staffing issues.

Councillor Casey set up a meeting with Shelley Friday April 21, 2017 at 10:00am and invited everyone to attend, reason for meeting is to get funding for Canada 150 and signage for highway 1, 2 and highway number 10.

RCMP- Chantal Ouellette reported that the Village of Alma had one call (mental health related). Chantal Ouellette also reported that starting July 1st the Village will have RCMP protection every weekend, this is in conjunction with Fundy National Park.

Councillor Butland – Nothing to Report

Councillor Bowron – Attended a meeting at the Leisure Centre hosted by the Alma Baptist Church, she had been told that it had to do with a parents meeting, talking about a Village Day Care, unfortunately this was not what the meeting was about.

Councillor Bowron mentioned that she not heard from Fundy National Park, she has agreed to be the Villages Liaison person between the Village and Fundy National Park.

Water Report

Water report was read. Most notable events were; Chlorine Analyzer work is about 85% completed, still needs to be connected to SCADA.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rural Plan Revision committee – presentation will be given to Council Thursday May 18th, 2017, it will be approx. two hours long.
The Village is still receiving letters on zoning issues which will be reviewed at a later date.
- B. EXP Water Exploration – No response from Premier. Mayor Shortt will send request to arrange meeting with him and council.
- C. Lagoon – Council is to have a conference call with EXP.

- D. Vision Alma –Tenders have gone out. Closing date will be April 28th at 3:00 pm.
- E. Phones –It was moved by Councillor Casey and seconded by Councillor Butland to approve quote from DPT in the amount of \$143.34 a month for 36 months. Motion Carried.
- F. Councillor Casey is to call DPT to see when the phones can be installed.
- G. Boil Order – Still on boil order. Still hopeful that the boil order will be removed by Mother’s Day weekend.
- H. Fencing – Councillor Casey and Councillor Bowron are to call EXP Gordon Wasson, Greg Hatchard, Dave Crandell and Kevin Mcnaulty on several topics one is the lagoon project, fencing, electrical, and quotes.
- I. Signage – Highway 1 and 2 have no signage that points to Alma. Councillor Casey called D.O.T. and a meeting was set up with Shelley on April 21, 2017 at 10:00am.

Acting Clerk/Treasurer Report–nothing to report all is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Butland to reimburse the Gas Tax in the Amount of \$3283.66 from General Operating account # 4841-0306045 to Gas Tax Royal Bank account # 101-842-3. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Butland and Seconded by Councillor Casey to transfer \$9000.00 from General Operating Reserve account # 4810-0306053 to General Operating account # 4841-0306045 to be replaced in the month of May 2017. Motion Carried.

Map – To be tabled for next month’s meeting. Council is to look over the old map for Alma and decide on changes.

Garbage – Aaron Nelson has decided not to do spring cleanup as his contract will be finished May 29, 2017. Mayor Shortt is to contact Ivan Butland to see if he is willing to do the Villages May cleanup.

Miller Waste Systems – Contract needs to be signed for 2 8yrd³ garbage bins at a price of \$485.00 plus hst per month.

Mayor Casey is to talk with Tracey Wade from Southeast Service Commission about parking issues for PID #00611079.

CORRESPONDENCE

- New Brunswick Canada Minister/Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Bill Fraser wrote a letter to advise us that the department is prepared to assist the village on the following project estimated at \$550,000.00. Route 114, 2015 contract towards the Village limit, asphalt paving, a distance off approximately 1.2km.
- The Old Church Market will be open starting May 19 until Sept in Riverside Albert.
- EXP It's their professional opinion, that the addition of 8 B&B units would not have any significant impact on the existing water system.
- The Albert County Chamber of Commerce wants to hear from you! What can the chamber do to help your business thrive in Albert County?
- Parks & Trails Day NB Registration. Register your Parks & Trails Day NB event so it will be featured with the other activities being held across the province.
- Vimy Ridge Cannon, looking for a donation.
- NB Percent cost of living index.
- Canada Percent Wage rates.
- 2017 Spring Tourism Information Session Registration for May 16th in Alma.

Business arising from Correspondence

None

BILLS to be Paid

All Bills Paid

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

- Face Book Page
- Over usage of water
- Camp Ground

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

Councillor Casey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Next meeting will be held May 23, 2017 at 7:00pm.
