

February 20, 2017

The regular monthly council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on February 20, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Councillor Butland, (Assistant Clerk/Assistant Treasurer) Brenda Hoar, Mr. Murray Long, 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 Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Butland to approve amended agenda. Motion Carried.

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

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

Committee Reports:

Mayor Shortt reported – Jan 17, 2017 she met with Wade Wheaton who is our representative for post-secondary education for water operators. The written exam is now available in Moncton and Mr. Wade Wheaton will be the one who will be administering the exam. Mayor Shortt discussed with Mr. Wade Wheaton the time line in which Mr. Craig Dixon could write the exam. Normally it takes a year under a licenced Water Operator but Mr. Wade Wheaton realized that the Village was under a different circumstance and we may be able to have the time reduced. Mayor Shortt will get in contact with Minister Bill Fraser for a letter of support to have Mr. Craig Dixon write his exam early. Mayor Shortt is hopeful that Mr. Craig Dixon will be able to write his exam in May to be certified.

Mayor Shortt and Deputy Casey met with Cheryl Lavoie from Minister Fraser's office giving her our 2017 list of projects that need to be done in the Village, such as having the completion of 2Km paving on Rte. 114, amber lights, ditching, repaving of 45 road.

On Jan 18, she met with Tod Kierstead and Marc Johnson to discuss that the Village would like to obtain the land that runs alongside of FundyView Drive. But before the Village will consider obtaining this land there's much needed work to be done by the province to an old landing ramp.

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Invitations are being sent out to Resident's to join a casual discussion on how everyone copes with various challenges in their lives. This is initiated through Horizon and Social Services and other health care providers.

Mayor Shortt gave a report on the ice storm power outage on Jan 24 through to Jan 28, 2017. She would like to see an EMO list prepared, listing the names of volunteers that can be called to help with food and time spent at the warming center.

On Jan 31 Mayor Shortt went to the Region Commission meeting nothing major to report.

February 10, first meeting with all the Mayors from Albert County took place. The Mayors deal with the community health assessment where they identify areas that need improvement for community health. One area was communication and for that to happen the three communities would have to work better together and communicate with one another. Next meeting is March 1st at this time they will bring forth what each of our communities needs are in order to prosper. Another issue was that the three communities need to share resources.

Feb 10 Revision Committee met, this was the first meeting since the open house. The committee spent the evening getting back on track on the issues that needed to be looked at such as rezoning requests. There was a recommendation to rename Rural Plan to the Municipal Plan. Next meeting will be in three weeks' time.

Feb 11 Mayor Shortt was introduced to the new CEO of Horizon her name is Karen McGrath.

Feb 11, Zone 2 meeting; it is mandated for the Municipalities that there be three meetings throughout the year. First meeting was on Feb 11, 2017 in Sackville. Discussion was on the Municipalities Act which will be coming out in the fall. In this new Act each Municipality will be able to deal with their own unsightly premises which will allow council to assign fines.

Councillor Casey – reported that Vision Alma met on Feb 20, 2017 and that the tenders are close to being done.

Councillor Bowron – Winter Carnival went well with more than 50 kids showing up for different games and activities.

Councillor Butland – dealing with the request from the Southeast Snowmobile Association. Councillor Butland talked with the land owner about letting snowmobiler cross his property so that they could reach the gas station and restaurants in the area. Councillor Butland is now waiting for a meeting to be arranged with the Southeast Snowmobile Association and the Land Owner.

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Water Report

Water report was read. Most notable events were;

The power outage.

Plus the installing of a Variable Frequency Drive.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rural Plan Revision committee – Could be called the Municipal Plan if Council passes.
- B. EXP Water Exploration – Nothing report
- C. Lagoon – Councillor Butland, Councillor Bowron are to contact Mr. Gordon Wasson about the quote he gave for the fence around Lagoon. Mr. Gordon Wasson is \$10,000.00 higher than the two quotes presented to Council. One from Maritime Fence \$11, 373.50 tax in, and one from Eastern Fence Ltd., in the amount \$9425.00.
- D. Vision Alma –Tender will be soon ready to go out.
- E. Bell Aliant – Email was sent to Keith Perlin with a list of our phone accounts. He replied by stating that our accounts are getting the best possible rates except for the accounts that have Single Line Business lines instead of Centrex Analog lines. It would be reduced to \$23.25 from \$56.50. Assistant Clerk Brenda Hoar is to see about a 3 data line this maybe a cheaper way to go.
- F. Boil Order – Still on boil order. Waiting for Chlorine Analyzer to be purchased and installed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Garbage Contract - Contract expires in November 2017
- 2. Assistant Clerk is to set up a meeting to go over the Garbage Contract plus Web Page design and Rental Rates for Activity Centre.
- 3. It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Butland to send Assistant Clerk Brenda Hoar to the workshop “On the Road to Asset Management Plan” in Fredericton on February 22, 23, 2017. Motion Carried.
- 4. It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Butland to purchase two generators not exceeding 16000.00 from Water & Sewer Capital account #4851-5205962. Motion Carried.

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5. Bell Aliant has stopped the contract for plowing the snow around their Bell Aliant building. Mayor Shortt asked Mr. Craig Dixon to get in contact with Mr. Chris Bowron to get more information on who used to have the contract and who we can call to see why this service has stopped.

6. Amendment to By-Law #88A. First and Second reading.

CORRESPONDENCE

Was read by Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Achieve Centre for Leadership & Workplace Performance workshop April 18, 2017 in Moncton.

Forest Dale Home Foundation- looking for donation

NB International Sculpture Symposium – Cost per sculpture \$15,000.00

Memorandum note – from Tony Weber Acting assistant Deputy Minister introducing a new Municipalities Act and Community Planning Act.

Connecting Albert County – Will post job announcements.

Seed Program- application.

Letter from Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau asking for our plans for celebrating Canada 150 she would like to attend.

New Brunswick Canada- New Brunswick centres are being set-up to provide information to residents on disaster financial assistance and to Social development clients.

Business arising from Correspondence

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Butland to give Forest Dale a donation of \$150.00.

Council would like to see a claim go in to the NB Canada for the damages that occurred during Jan 24-28, such as propane cost, diesel cost, wage, mileage and supplies.

BILLS to be Paid

All Bills Paid.

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

Camp Ground

Resident

Staffing

Insurance

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

It was Moved by Council Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Butland to pay solicitor \$2258.01.
Motion Carried.

Councillor Casey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Next meeting will be held March 20,
2017 at 7:00pm.
