

March 20, 2017

The regular monthly council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on March 20, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Brenda Hoar, (Acting Clerk/Treasurer) Mr. Tony Martin and Mr. Lee Warnock were in attendance.

Councillor Butland absent.

Presentation – From Fundy National Park, **Preparing for 2017**, Office of the Field Unit Superintendent Beverly Boyd, Manager, External Relations Livia Goodbrand, Manager, Visitor Experience, Andrew Fry, Park Warden Supervisor, Dominique Audet were in attendance. Fundy National Park is preparing for a significant increase in visitation as a result of Parks Canada's C150. Presentation overview, Current visitation and status at Fundy National Park, Anticipated visitation and status at Fundy National Park in 2017, Impacts and risks of increased visitation, Overall Approach and Mitigations; 1. Enhanced Visitor Services to Reduce Congestion. 2. Visitor and Wildlife Safety Programming. 3. Proactive Communications. 4. Emergency Situations and Response protocols. Fundy National Park would like to have a Liaison for Alma to work with Fundy National Park.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Bob Rochon from EMO presented Final Draft of the Emergency Response Plan for Alma, Hillsborough and Riverside-Albert.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to adopt the Tri-Communities Emergency Response Plan. Motion Carried.

RCMP- Jeff Dowereported that the Village of Alma had one false 911 call and one domestic disturbance call.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

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

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve January 31, Feb 20 March 3, and March 15 minutes as presented by Acting Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Hoar. Motion Carried.

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

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Committee Reports:

Mayor Shortt reported- A meeting of the Community Advisory committee was held, they meet three times a year. This meeting was held in Riverside Albert. Nothing new to report.

On Feb 27, Mayor Shortt met with Beverly Boyd who gave an update on Fundy National Park and how they are preparing for Canada 150 2017. It was at this time that Mayor Shortt asked if Fundy National Park would be willing to help the Village by including the Village in their Traffic Study. Fundy National Park agreed to take on the Village's request which will include part of 915 and Main Street of Alma.

Lisa Parson's from DTI returned the Villages call and stated that the Village would have to get permission from Department of Transportation's Minister of Infrastructure for two flashing lights. If permission is given then the flashing lights will go at the bottom of Route 915 and the corner of Route 114, second light will go at the bottom of Green Hill and Main Street.

Mayor Shortt attended the first meeting of the Wellness Support Group. Good turn out by the community with twelve people attending.

Revision Committee – Meet every three weeks.

March 8, Mayor Shortt had a luncheon with 150 Women who were invited to join the Lieutenant Governor, which was held in Fredericton. Mental Health was the topic of discussion.

March 14, Mayor Shortt and Councillor Casey met with the parents of Alma to see if there was interest in opening a Day Care in Alma. Great response from the parents. The Village is now asking Barb Gebuhr for advice on how to proceed with opening a Day Care in Alma.

Alma Celebration met on March 20, 2017 program for the celebration has been started. The event will be starting June 30, July 01 and July 02.

Councillor Casey – reported that Vision Alma tenders have not gone out. Council is disappointed in the progress.

Also Councillor Casey reported that the side walk that was just done in the summer of 2016 on Main Street in front of the Harbor View was heaving and is now a hazard. Brow's Paving is to

be contacted, in the meantime Craig Dixon (Water Operator) is to spray orange paint so that resident are aware of the danger.

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Councillor Bowron – Nothing to Report

Water Report

Water report was read. Most notable events were;

Chlorine Analyzer arrived.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rural Plan Revision committee – Not completed. Councillor Casey is to set up a meeting with Buddha Bear to meet at the Alma Village office to discuss their temporary status and parking issues.
- B. EXP Water Exploration – Mayor Shortt met with Anne Elliott who is still willing to sell a portion of land to the Village's, but the portion of land is different than what was discussed and agreed upon originally. These new changes will have to go through engineers to make sure that this is feasible.
- C. Lagoon – Council is to have a conference call with EXP about their quote compared to the others quotes that the Village received for fencing.
- D. Vision Alma –Tenders have not gone out. Council is disappointed with SurTek and their progress.
- E. Phones –meeting will be set up with Jim Watson from Panasonic to see if the Village can save money with their telephones and services.
- F. Boil Order – Still on boil order. Waiting for Chlorine Analyzer to be installed and put on line. (Scada)
- G. Signage – Highway 1 has no signage that points to Alma. Councillor Casey is to call D.O.T. and Tourism about this issue.
- H. Garbage Contract - Contract expires in November 2017. Aaron Nelson sent a letter on February 28, 2017 which stated the following "I would like to inform the Village of my intent to terminate the Said Contract. If changes in pricing can be negotiated I would be very willing to rescind the above intent and continue to provide waste collection services to the Village of Alma". Quotes have been received from Mr. Wayne Steeven, The Miller Group and Aaron Nelson.
- I. Tenders went out to buy a new Village Truck for Snow removal and garbage collection. Tender Closing is March 24, 2017.

- J. Mayor Shortt is awaiting permission from Southeast Service Commission to see if all three colored bags of garbage can be sent to Moncton at one time for disposal.
- K. Third and Final Reading to amendment By-Law #88 Water & Sewer.

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Acting Clerk/Treasurer Report—gave report on course titled Asset Management Plan which was held on Feb 22-23, 2017. Completion of the Villages Asset Management Plan is mandatory and has to be completed by the end of 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Canada 150 – Mayor Shortt would like to have a volunteer to become a liaison between the Village of Alma and Fundy National Park, Councillor Bowron has agreed to be this liaison person. Mayor Shortt ordered 1000 plastic Canada 150 pins and she will be buying some flags from the dollar store. Council would like to see some quotes on flower pots that hang from hydro poles or flags to help the Village look more festive for Canada 150.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Thanks you” card was received from Tele-Drive.

Service NB – Improve on the disaster response and relief effort for future emergency events, the government has directed that a complete post-action review be undertaken and a report with recommendations be issued by Judy Wagner, Clerk of the Executive Council and head of the Public service.

Environment and Local Government - The provincial government introduced two new acts. The Local Governance Act and the Community Planning Act.

Bob Rochon – Sent a draft of the Tri-Communities EMO.

New Brunswick Canada – The New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporations is canvassing Municipalities to determine current new financing and refinancing requirements.

Scott Blakney – Complaint no available gas in Village on Sunday for Snowmobilers.

New Brunswick Canada – If applicable, some of your department’s response costs may be eligible for reimbursement.

Service NB – 2017 Assessment and Tax Roll was received.

Albert County Chamber of Commerce Secretary – Annual General Meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Association of Municipal Administrators of NB – Asset Management Conference was very successful with over 80 participants.

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RCMP – Southeast District Royal Canadian Mounted Police is preparing to create their priorities and objectives for 2017-2018.

RCMP – Southeast District RCMP Quarterly Report

Local Governance Act – Will be revised

OPUS – The Federal Gas Tax Agreement requires municipalities to develop Asset Management Plans for their infrastructure.

Association of Municipal Administrator of NB – Outline of RTIPPA Fee Regime

Albert County Tourism – News Letter

Erin Klinghammer – Household hazardous waste collection event will be scheduled for May 16th, 10am -2pm.

Tracey MacDonald – No building permit report for the month of February.

FCM GREEN –Apply for new climate change grants

Business arising from Correspondence

None

BILLS to be Paid

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to pay bills. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to go “into Camera”

- Face Book Page

- Water & Sewer located on Chignecto Drive
- Staffing
- Job Posting
- Water & sewer Insurance Claim

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

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to compensate resident PID # 05455925 for overpayment. Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to pay Lawyer. Motion Carried.

Councillor Casey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Next meeting will be held April 18, 2017 at 7:00pm.
