

March 21, 2016

The regular monthly council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on March 21, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Village Office. Attending were Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, and Councillor Bowron, Mrs. Louise Butland (Clerk/Treasurer), Mrs. Brenda Hoar (Assistant Clerk). Mr. Murray Long, Fire Chief Mr. David Rossiter as well as Mr. Lee Warnock Councillor Butland absent.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Councillor Casey asked that under new business 7b be removed from the agenda. It was moved by Councillor Bowron and seconded by Councillor Casey to approve amended agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve the minutes of the meeting which was held on February 15th as submitted by Assistant Clerk Hoar. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve Financial Reports as presented by Assistant Clerk Hoar. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt reported that she attended the Southeast Regional Service Commission Meeting, next meeting will be held on March 29, 2016.

Mayor Shortt met with MP Alaina Lockhart regarding PILT adjustments. Payment to the Village for federal buildings for 2015 was \$9,230.00 this year 2016 we will receive \$9,372.00. Clerk Butland is to write a letter to invite Mr. Rob Kelly from Environment and Local Government to come to the Village of Alma and explain how these figures are calculated and received.

Mayor Shortt attended a Zone 2 meeting. Mr. Raymond Murphy brought everyone up to speed regarding priorities. First priority will be upgrading the Municipalities Act.

Alma Celebration Days Committee will meet this Thursday March 24, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Councillor Casey nothing to report

Councillor Bowron nothing to report.

Water Report was read.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rural Plan Revision committee is meeting every three weeks. The next meeting will be March 31st, 2016 at 6:30pm. Mrs. Tracey Wade was sent a list of definitions that the committee would like deciphered, also the committee requested an electronic workable copy of the plan.
- B. Fire Chief David Rossiter articulated their plans for building a garage to store firefighting equipment. The building dimensions will be 30X32 feet, there will be 2- 12 feet doors in front of garage. Approximate cost of \$15000.00 for the construction of building. Fire Chief David Rossiter is to bring a drawing or blue print of the building plus a financial breakdown of cost for council at the next council meeting. Mayor Shortt requested that the building only be used to store firefighting equipment no personal items to be stored in this building. Start date to build the garage may be as soon as the end of April, 2016.
- C. Amendment to By-Law # 88 Schedule A "Cited As The Village Of Alma Water & Sewerage By-Law". Under Commercial Business, Lobster Shop/Processing will now read 2 Units.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Peddler Permit - Kim Mumford business owner of Homestead Woodshop has requested to secure a space somewhere in the Village of Alma to set up a small table/location to sell locally made items and souvenirs that celebrate life on the Bay of Fundy. Councillor Bowron has brought to council's attention that the Individual will be moving as of April 1st. 2016.
- b. Resolution of council - It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron "that the Village Clerk and/or the Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation, Municipality of Alma debentures in the principal amount of \$39000.00 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation and be in resolved that the

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Municipality of Alma agreed to issue postdated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debentures.” Motion Carried.

- c. EXP Exploration – It moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to except the completion of Task 1 – Information Collection and Review, Tasks 2 – Site Reconnaissance, Task 3 – Field Work and Task 4 Data Interpretation and Reporting at a cost of \$12,800.00 plus HST. This fee estimate includes a budgetary allowance of \$4000.00 plus HST for a geophysics sub-contractor (task 3). Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Memorandum from Department of Environment and Local Government Hon. Rob Kelly, stating responsibilities of outgoing councils as outlined in the Municipalities Act.
- Letter from Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Mr. Charles Boudreau, P. Eng. A review of agreement for year 2016 maintenance.
- NB Environment and Local Government Hon. Brian Kenny stating key points from their estimates that affect local governments.
- Donation request from Alma Recreation Council. It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to give a donation gift not exceeding \$30.00. Motion Carried. Councillor Bowron agreed to pick up gift.
- Department of Health - advised that effective February 1st, 2016, the Department of Health is no longer responsible for application reviews, lot assessments and inspection activities for the on-site sewage disposal system program. This responsibility now falls under the Department of Public Safety, Technical Inspection Services.
- Government of Canada is seeking participation and collaboration on the Area Response Planning Initiative, a pilot project that aims to further enhance Canada’s already robust Marine Safety System.
- Tracey McDonald Executive Assistant/Designer South East Regional Service Commission reported that there were no building permits for the month of February.
- Press Release – Albert County Museum, Top 10 People Everyone Should Know About

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BILLS

All Bills are paid.

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

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

There will be a special meeting in 2 weeks' time to have the 3rd and final reading of By-Law #88 Schedule A.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to put a lean on PID # 01741879. Motion Carried.

Councillor Bowron moved that the meeting be adjourned.
