

May 30th, 2016

The regular monthly council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on May 30, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Village Office. Attending were Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Mrs. Louise Butland (Clerk Butland), Mrs. Brenda Hoar (Assistant Clerk), Mr. Murray Long and Cpl. Ouellette. Councillor Butland absent.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Amendment to agenda item 10 and item 11 were reversed.

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

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve the minutes of the meetings which were held on April 18th, and Special meeting on May 04, 2016 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.

RCMP Report

- Cpl. Ouellette gave her report.
- It was recommended by council that from this day forth RCMP reports will be an "In Camera Session".

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt reported that there was no meeting for the month of May from Southeast Regional Service Commission. Next meeting June 28. 2016.

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It was reported by Clerk Butland that she ordered NB Tourism Guides for the tourism center. Salt and Fir are not ready at this time.

Mayor Shortt also reported she met with Mr. Hilyard Rossiter who is our representative for the Fundy Trail Committee, this committee may be dissolved and the province may be taking over, making it a Provincial Park.

Councillor Casey nothing to report.

Councillor Bowron nothing to report.

Water Report

Water report was read, Cleaning of Reservoir Tank 1 will start May 31 to June 2.

Switch at well house - Mike discovered that the switch at well house was on well #2 instead of well #1 this is probably the cause of water shortage and high turbidity levels during summer months. EXP should have caught this.

Presentation

Mr. Jared Moss and Mr. Anthony Evans met with council requesting permission to set up a fruit stand. The fruit is sourced from the Okanagan valley in British Columbia. Hours of operation will be from 10am to 8pm depending on flow of traffic.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Rural Plan Revision committee is meeting every three weeks. The next meeting will be June 2, 2016 at 6:30pm. Looking at huge unsightly storage containers.
- B. EXP Water Exploration – preliminaries are done, next report should include where availability for drilling may occur.
- C. Fireman's Shed nothing to report will revisit in the fall.

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- d. Vision Alma – Very successful public announcement with Mayor Shortt thanking Local and Federal Government for their support. Federal Government (ACOA) \$845,631.00 Province of NB. \$120,000.00 and Village of Alma \$120,000.00. Total of \$1,085,631.00.
- e. Public tenders with a package of guidelines and requirements are going out May 31st, 2016, with a response deadline of June 14, 2016. Tenders are for the demolition of school, these tenders will be sent out by Mr. Tod Kierstead, Project Manager.
- f. PILT – Clerk Butland contacted Mr. Robert Kelly from Department Environment and Local Government by letter asking how the PILT were calculated and he referred the issue to Sara Young from financing who called Clerk Butland.
Clerk Butland gathered the information and translated that information to council which was; “When we receive our tax base for the year we automatically put it on the first page of budget under Municipal Tax Base. Carry on and get your revenue and then do your expenses. Take your total expenses, put in the first amount Total Budget, less your non-tax revenue and get a Net Budget. Subtract the Community Funding and Equalization Grant and you will get the Warrant amount that are to be raised by the residents. Take your Warrant to be raised and divide it by the Municipal Tax Base this year being \$9000.00. If you take and add all the federal properties you will see where they get the \$9000.00. If there are a few dollars left the government will either take it or give it to us depending on whether it is in the red or the black and that is why you will see PILT of \$10.00”.
- g. Seed Program – No students have applied.
- h. Land Title – Nothing to report. Assistant Clerk Hoar is to send an email to Mr. Mike Cormier our solicitor asking for a response to where we stand on the title transfer.
- i. It was moved by Councillor Casey and seconded by Councillor Bowron to rescind motion as quoted “ It was moved by Councillor Casey and seconded by Councillor Bowron to start the procedure against PID # 01091511 regarding removal of cottages.” Motion Rescinded.
- j. Bell Aliant – Clerk Butland sent letters to Bell Aliant the first letter on April 12th and second letter on May 24, 2016 in these letters she stated concerns for the up keep and maintenance of building located at 36 Foster Road.
- k. Nothing to report on FibreOP.
- l. Mr. Murray Long sent a letter regarding concerns to the April 02, 2015 meeting of being misquoted when presentation was given at public meeting. When the information was transferred to minutes it was only an abridged summary of presentation not a verbatim of meeting therefore Clerk Butland did not misquote Mr. Murray Long since it was an abridged summary. It was agreed upon by both parties that Mr. Murray Long’s letter would be attached to the April 02, 2015 minutes.

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NEW BUSINESS

- a. It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to appoint Donna Floyd as accountant for 2016. Motion Carried.
- b. It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to have the company EnViro System clean reservoir #1 in the amount of \$7,750.00 plus tax. Motion Carried.
- c. It was moved by Councillor Bowron and seconded by Councillor Casey to hire Brown's Paving for repairs on street in the amount of \$ 19,840.00. Motion Carried.
- d. It was moved by Councillor Bowron and seconded by Councillor Casey that a \$100.00 bursary be given by the Village to Caledonia High School to the student who the principal finds most deserving. Motion Carried.
- e. Mr. Dave Crandall called Clerk Butland and asked if the Village would be interested in applying for funding that is available under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

BILLS

All bills are paid

CORRESPONDENCE

- Social Media Awareness- Mayor Shortt is planning on attending June 01, 2016 at 6:30pm.
- Proposal for fruit stand
- Mr. Kristopher Bowman apology letter
- Social Media Awareness letter
- \$60,000.00 overdraft/operating line of credit for Village of Alma Vision Alma. New account has been opened with signature cards.
- Notice of Hearing under the Municipal Capital Borrowing Act Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 13th day of June, 2016 debenture in the amount of \$75,000.00.

- Mayor Shortt proclaimed Disability Awareness Week, May 29 to June 4, 2016.
- Work Safe Inspection Report
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- Bennett & Albert County Health Care Foundation, looking for donation.
- NB Municipal Finance Corporation Debenture \$162,000.00 as of June 6, 2016 will be rolled over.
- Gas Tax Fund \$16,331.00.
- Alma Lobster Shop
- Mr. Rodney MacDonald
- NB Department of Health Effective April 1, 2016, the Food Premises Regulation 09-138 under the Public Health Act now requires licensing of food premises at public markets.
- Service NB. Land inquiry registered as a street PID # 05082664. Letter to be sent to requestor.

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

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

Council has agreed to let the fruit stand go up between Post Office and Boat House Restaurant with terms and conditions.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councilor Bowron to go ahead and apply for available funding on behalf of the Village under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. Motion Carried

Councillor Bowron moved that the meeting be adjourned.
