

March 26, 2018

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on March 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Brenda Hoar, (Acting Clerk/Treasurer), Mr. Steve Chrysostom, Mrs. Jane Chrysostom, Mr. Murry Long, Mrs. Susan Dean, Mr. Joel Cadieux, Mrs. Susan McCullum, Mr. Peter Grandy and Ms. Ann Elliott were in attendance.

Councillor Butland absent.

6:30 pm - Guest Speaker Mr. Aaron Shanty spoke on Southeast New Brunswick Regional Food Pledge.

7:00 pm Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Shortt spoke on what the Village Office procedures are regarding correspondence. Letters and emails are forwarded to all members of Council. Unless there is a conflict of interest in that case they would only be shared to those who are not in conflict. All letters and emails are to go through the Village Clerk. If you do not want your letter to be shared then your letter should indicate private and confidential.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Steve Chrysostom gave a presentation on why the community would benefit from having draft council minutes on the Village's web site. Mayor Shortt thanked Mr. Chrysostom for his presentation and informed him that she would like to contact SouthEast Regional Commission to see what procedures they follow.

Guest Speaker – Ms. Ann Elliott spoke on her letter which the Village Office received on March 15, 2018. Councillor Tiffany Bowron removed herself due to conflict of interest.

Ms. Ann Elliott spoke in detail of opposing By Law #97, By-Law #93-4 and the new zoning map. She does not want people crossing her property to get to Vista Ridge, at this time Councillor Casey informed her that this was not a Village problem but between both land owners.

Mayor Shortt thanked Ms. Ann Elliott and informed her that there will be NO more discussion on this matter.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

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

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It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve Feb 28, 2018 minutes. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept General Operating and Water & Sewer financial reports. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt – Nothing to report

Councillor Casey – reported on Vision Alma and the problem that they are having in getting claimed money returns back from ACOA in a timely fashion.

Councillor Casey also reported that the Village purchased a culvert to fix the problem at the corner of Bayview and Chignecto. Ivan Butland will put new culvert in as soon as ground is unfrozen.

Councillor Bowron – Nothing to Report

Water Report – was read. Most notable event was that the VFD alarm had faulted on March 14th, 2018 due to storm.

RCMP – Not in Attendance

Old Business

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept third and final reading of amendment #88 B cited as the Village of Alma Water & Sewer By-Law #88A. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to accept third and final reading of amendment # 79A cited as the Village of Alma Garbage By-Law No. 79. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to accept amendment of Emergency Meeting on June 8, 2017. It will now read; in attendance were Mayor Shortt, Councillor Casey, Councillor Bowron and Brenda Hoar Clerk/Treasurer. Motion Carried.

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Clerk Report:

- Clerk reported on memorial garden and how there was some positive feedback on creating a memorial garden but also negative feedback. It was suggested by Mayor

Shortt to have the newly formed memorial garden committee meet to discuss this issue in hopes of coming up with a solution that could please as many community members as possible.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to purchase a 12x12 plaque from Maritime Monument Works in memory of Mrs. Louise Butland. Motion Carried. Mayor Shortt is to get in touch with Russell Butland for high quality photo.

New Business

Village property on Orange Lane – It was decided that Councillor Casey, Butland and Bowron would look for property pins as soon as the snow melts. If no pins can be located a survey will need to be conducted to see where the property lines are and what portion the Village of Alma owns. In the meantime a letter is to be written to Mr. MacDonald asking him to remove equipment that is currently on Village's property.

Job Posting – Village Clerk/Treasurer. It is to be posted for three weeks at the Post Office, Government web site, Kijiji and Facebook.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Steve Chrysostom requesting to speak on posting draft minutes.
- Fax from Ann Elliott asking to speak on Zoning issues.
- Letter received from Susan Dean in reference to the Garbage By-Law #79.
- Reminder 2018 Tourism Spring Information Session will be held on May 9, 2018.
- Crandall Engineering Ltd., quote of \$184,064.29 for New Well Exploration.
- NB Municipal Finance Corporation application must be received no later than April 6, 2018.
- Lee Warnock's letter concerning hole that opened up over the cross culvert at the corner of Bayview and Chignecto.
- Infrastructure agreement means funding for municipalities.
- Primetime Magazine looking for advertisers costing 250.00 for 1/6 of a page. (Declined by Council).
- Letter received by David Casey on Web Cam.
- Brunswick Alpha 2018 exercise next meeting will be on April 25, 2018.

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- Invitation to the Atlantic Immigration Summit May 23 and 24th, 2018.
- Letter from Eric Calvert concerning property lines.
- Letter from John Ereaux concerning Rural Plan By-Law #97.

Business arising from Correspondence

Send letter to Mr. MacDonald

Letter to John Ereaux

Phone Terry Rossiter about Web Cam

Crandall Engineering is to be asked to assist with NB Municipal Finance application.

BILLS to be paid

All Bills are Paid

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

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

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept quote from Newmind Group Inc., for new email accounts for Councillors. Motion Carried.

It was decided by Council to take part in a three month trial on posting draft minutes on the Villages web page. After the three month trial it will be brought forth to Council again to evaluate its usefulness.

Councillor Bowron adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be April 16, 2018.
