

February 19, 2019

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on February 19 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Councillor MacCallum and Brenda Hoar (Clerk/Treasurer) were present.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Motion

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to approve amended agenda.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve January 22, 2019 minutes.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor Casey to accept Financial Statements for January 2019.**

Motion Carried.

RCMP Report: No Report.

Public Presentation – Mr. Hilyard Rossiter presented an update on Fundy Trail.

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt – reported that she attended the Region 7 meeting. Also, attending were Councillor MacCallum and Councillor Casey. Region 7 is working hard on an RDM for tourism; a presentation will be held on Feb 26, 2019, at City Hall in the evening. Also if you cannot attend the evening presentation there is a morning presentation at 10:30 am at the Avenir Centre in Moncton everyone welcome.

An Invitation is to be sent out to Marc Leger to see if he would be willing to give a presentation on trails.

Mayor Shortt also attended Zone 2. The meeting topic was unsightly premises. They are trying to get clear definitions into the Act which explains unsightly premises.

Councillor Casey – Nothing to report on Vision Alma. He is waiting for their next meeting to be set up.

Mayor Shortt reported that Mr. Paul LeBlanc called and will be setting a date for a formal announcement on funding from ACOA in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Councillor Bowron - Updates from Fundy National Park: Nothing to report this month. Next meeting will be held sometime in March 2019.

Councillor Bowron reported on the Alma Winter Carnival saying it was well attended.

Councillor MacCallum - As Fire Department Liaison Councillor MacCallum initiated contact with Dave Rossiter and he provided the Fire Department's statistics from 2018. In summary, Incidents by Community came in at 46% for Alma and 23% for Fundy National Park with other local communities making up the other 31%. Response by Type was broken down as 58% rescue or resuscitation, 38% public services, and 4% public hazard. Finally, Time and Scene hours came in at a total of 729 for the year; shared across 18 individuals. Councillor MacCallum will reach out to Dave again to try and arrange a fire hall visit and to make sure he knows he is welcome to attend Council meetings to report on or discuss issues that the Fire Department encounters.

Councillor MacCallum also attended the Region 7 meeting in Moncton on January 28th. The highlights for her were the Eco360 report which suggested that there has been an overwhelming increase in compliance regarding the streaming of waste, and the trails initiative being headed up by Marc Leger.

Councillor MacCallum attended the Chase the Ace event in Riverside Albert on February 1st and was pleased, on behalf of Council, to accept a donation cheque from the Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC) for the village of Alma in the amount of \$500.00. These funds have been approved by CCRC to be used for a special community event next winter; details to follow.

Councillor MacCallum attended a focus group discussion in Fredericton on February 10th. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) received funding for the federal department of women and gender equality for their "Toward Parity" project which aims to achieve 30% participation by women in municipal politics by the year 2026. This particular percentage (30) is not a random number. The United Nations has determined (through science) that this is the point where transformative/tangible change starts to happen. The most recent data (2015) shows that Canadian women are participating at a rate of 28% (councillors) and 18% (mayors). This project has a 30-month timeline, and the timer started in March 2018. The project is currently in the broad consultation stage and is aiming to determine the barriers for female participation and how to remove them so more women can be encouraged to participate in municipal politics. The project manager will be presenting her findings and an action plan at the FCM conference in June.

Councillor MacCallum also reported that Friends of Fundy had not had a Board meeting since her last report, and the next meeting date has not yet been determined.

Alma Celebration Days have not had a meeting since last reported on. They have a meeting this

Thursday at 10:00 a.m. which Councillor MacCallum will report on at the next Council meeting.

Water Report

No Water Report

Old Business

Parking signs - have been ordered and should be arriving within the next two business days.
Village Signs – Councillor Casey reported that he tried contacting Shelley Pisegna, but she has not gotten back to him. He will keep trying.
It is tabled for next month.

Clerk Report

Reported that she asked Daniel Sinclair if he would contact the Alma Rink Council to see if the Village of Alma could put up a parking sign directing people (Tourist) to park at the Alma Rink parking lot. This is to help with side of street parking in Alma during peak season. Waiting for their reply.

New Business

Motion

It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to accept the quote of \$600.00 to create a Village of Alma map.**

Motion Carried.

Correspondence

The Epilepsy of Nova Scotia – request to support Purple Day on March 26th.
Albert County Chamber of Commerce – request to sponsoring their Gala.
Albert County Tourism Association – Locator Map
Forest Dale Home Foundation – Support Letter

Motion

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Casey to pay \$180.00 to Albert County Tourism Association for a basic listing on their Locator Map.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to give a donation to Forest Dale Home Foundation for \$150.00 for cable tv.

Motion Carried.

Paying of Bills

All bills paid

“In Camera Session”

No “In Camera Session”

Adjournment

Councillor MacCallum adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk