

## January 22, 2019

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on January 22, 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 welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to new Council member Mrs. Susan MacCallum.

### Motion

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

**It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to approve November 19, 2018 minutes.  
**Motion Carried.****

**It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum** to approve Special meeting minutes dated December 31, 2018.  
**Motion Carried.****

**It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to accept Financial Statements for General Operating and Water and Sewer for November and December 2018.  
**Motion Carried.****

**RCMP Report:** No Report.

### Committee Reports

**Mayor Shortt** – reported that Councillor Susan MacCallum will now be chair of the Alma Celebration Days and Alma Fleet Launch committee along with Brenda Hoar who is secretary and treasurer. Mayor Shortt also asked Mrs. MacCallum to be Liaison between the council and the Fire department.

Mayor Shortt - attended a meeting with NB Power on December 21, 2018. Information was provided about their new smart grid program.

Mayor Shortt met with Pastor Paul and Julie LeBlanc (FNP). It was an informal meeting to discuss how to gather information from the community. They would like to offer some courses on healthy living and finances. Next meeting between these three will be January 28, 2019.

A request was received from Pastor Paul asking the council to waive all charges or to consider a reduction for the Sunday weekly church service rental charge at the Activity Centre. This will be tabled until the next council meeting.

**Councillor Casey** – reported that the Vision Alma committee met on January 18, 2019. Councillor Casey was happy to announce that the project received additional funding from ACOA for \$300,000.00. Construction of the new building will start as soon as weather permits. The Committee is hoping to conduct an opening ceremony on New Brunswick Day.

**Councillor Bowron** - Updates from Fundy National Park:

### **Infrastructure Projects:**

#### **In-Park Way Finding Signs**

Sign installation work funded under the FII program was completed in November 2018. Sign purchases for installation in 2019 will be completed by the end of this fiscal year (March 31, 2019). Remaining sign installations will be completed by Asset Management during the 2019 season.

#### **HQ Water Distribution System Upgrades**

The HQ water distribution project was substantially complete in December 2018. Once the system has been flushed this project will be complete in spring 2019.

#### **The new washroom for the Cannontown Campground**

The new washroom facility at the Cannontown Campground is under construction. Foundation work is complete. A contractor is currently constructing the masonry block walls. This project is expected to be substantially complete by March 31, 2019.

#### **The new well at the pavilion at the Chignecto Recreation Area**

The new well was drilled in early December. The pump and pressure tank was installed December 26<sup>th</sup>, in time for the winter offer opening on Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. They are sourcing a treatment system (chlorination) for the well before the end of fiscal year which will leave the Pavilion on the well all year round.

#### **Demolition of the old kitchen shelters in Chignecto South**

Demolition work of the kitchen shelters is currently underway. The contractor was removing the asbestos wall and roof panels before Christmas. The work is expected to be completed by the end of January 2019.

#### **Work on the Alma Breakwater (*Please note: this is not a Parks Canada project*)**

Construction work on the Alma breakwater is currently underway. To meet the May 2019 completion date, the contractor has requested an extension to the hours of work. The revised hours of work will be as follows:

### Hauling, Unloading and Stockpiling of Rock Material

Original Hours - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, & Fri, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Extended Hours - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

### Rock Placement at Breakwater with Excavator -

Original Hours - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, & Fri, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Extended Hours - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun, 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
(DEPENDING ON THE TIDES)

### **Resource Conservation**

New, improved, and ecologically sustainable Goose River Trail is completed.

29-year high in returning Endangered Atlantic salmon to Upper Salmon River. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual increase in a row. The FNP restoration model is now being applied to Petitcodiac River and being considered in other NB rivers, Maine USA rivers, and other Atlantic National Parks where Atlantic salmon populations are in decline.

2018 annual moose population survey showed stable or slightly increasing population in and around FNP. 2019 survey will be completed in mid-February by Maritime College of Forest Technology (MCFT)

### **Staffing**

Advertisements for the hiring of summer students will be posted within a month.

### **Events**

Dog Day of Winter on Jan.27, 2019 hosted by the Friends of Fundy. Canicross Fun Run & Harness Dog Sports Demos.

Family Day hosted by the Friends of Fundy on Feb.17-18<sup>th</sup>. Tobogganing and hot chocolate.

### **Season Highlights**

Public response to the opening of the new 4-Season Chignecto Pavilion has been very positive with visitors being very appreciative of the value that the facility adds to the winter offer.

Overnight accommodation registrations (yurts, oTENTiks, Rustic Cabins) remain strong so far this winter. Cross-country ski, fat bike, snowshoe grooming info is available on the park website under Trail Conditions.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Rustic Cabin, located on the Blue Trail, opened last weekend.

**Councillor Bowron** also reported that the Alma Winter Carnival would be on February 8,9 and 10, 2019.

**Councillor MacCallum** – reported that she is now chair of the Alma Celebration Days committee. Committee members are Brenda Hoar, Gail Walker, Micheal MacBurnie, Catherine Rhyno, Kirstin Shortt, Vicki Atkins, Shelley Pisegna, Evan Houlahan, Micha Fardy and Lisa Brown. What the committee is hoping to do is to combine Alma Fleet Launch with Foods of the Fundy Valley’s October Fest. We would have an all-day sausage and sauerkraut event before the fleet launch. Invitation to Moncton Kite Club and Ultimate Frisbee have been extended. What the committee is trying to do is make the event bigger and extend it over the entire weekend. A cold plate pot luck lunch will be provided. Takeout meals will be available for the fishers. The whole event is very much in the planning stages as the committee is waiting for some input from Tourism NB.

Alma Celebration Day events for July 01, 2019, are also being planned. One of the activities under consideration is an evening street party with buskers/musical entertainment at various spots in the Village. We are still having the children’s parade, and we are hoping to have Ian Duncan do some piping for the parade ceremony. The duck race is still on, and we will have Canada Day birthday cake after the parade.

Prettying up the Village - Micheal McBurnie was asked if he could put together some “Alma” theme planters and then the committee would ask local businesses to sponsor the planters.

For the craft sale theme, we are trying to incorporate the slogan “make it, grow it or bake it.” Crafts will still be welcomed, but the committee would like to see a shift from a craft sale to a market.

Councillor MacCallum is also the liaison between the Village and Friends of Fundy. She attended her first meeting last Tuesday night. Incorporated as Fundy Guild, they are a non-profit charitable organization, and their mandate is to increase public awareness and enjoyment of the natural and cultural heritage of the park and surrounding communities. One of the first things they want to undertake is a strategic planning session to try to nail down 3 to 5 strategic objectives which they want to achieve. They will then review everything that they are doing now to see if it still fits into their strategic plan.

Other projects they are working on are submitting a funding application for the Fundy mountain bike collective and working on a pollinator program with the Park. They are also trying to get student funding for an artist in residence posting in Alma. One of the most exciting things is Mr. Ken Kelly’s idea of trying to get the Molly Kool ice breaker to Alma for an event. The 2018 Molly Kool award will be announced soon. The 2019 application will be out in August. Friends of the Fundy also expressed their support for a Village daycare.

**Upcoming Events** – Tramp and Tap Feb 16, 2019, from 6-9 pm. This is a snowshoeing event followed by a beer at Holy Whale.

## **Water Report**

No Water Report

## **Old Business**

Monument – It was decided not to purchase the monuments from Heritage Memorials in memory of Mrs. Louise Butland and Mr. Rutherford Cooper. It would be preferable, to wait, and place a brick or plaque in the new green space at the new multi-purpose building in memory of them both.

Parking Sign and Village Sign – Contact a graphic designer and ask for at least three samples. Councillor Casey is to reach out to Shelly Pisegna to ask her about designers and get back to council with her suggestions. Community input will be sought for the sign design.

Parking Sign – Mayor Shortt is to take a picture of Moncton's parking signs. Brenda is to contact a designer who specializes in making signs. She is to ask them to send an email of different designs. Council will view them and make a decision.

Drainage Issue on Fundy View - Mayor Shortt will talk with Southeast Regional Service Commission planner on this issue and get back to council.

## **Clerk Report**

Reported that SEED and FEDERAL applications for summer students have been completed.

## **New Business**

### **Motion**

**It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum** to send new Water and Sewer Operator to Halifax to take a water distribution course for \$1029.25 plus daily expenses. **Motion Carried.****

### **Correspondence**

Service NB – Property tax exemption for volunteer fire departments.

FCM – membership application.

Service NB – Municipal summer and winter maintenance rates.

Tracey McDonald – No building permits in December.

Stuart Liptay – Letter of Support from Albert County Museum for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Albert County.

## **Motion**

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to become a member of FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities). **Motion Carried.****

## **Paying of Bills**

All bills paid

## **“In Camera Session”**

### **“In Camera Session Topics”**

Local Governance Act 68 (1)(c)

Local Governance Act 68 (1) (j)

Local Governance Act 68 (1)(b)(c)

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

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

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to hire Mr. Andrew Morrissey as the Village of Alma’s new Public Works/Water and Sewer Operator starting Monday, January 28, 2019. **Motion Carried.****

## **Adjournment**

Councillor Casey adjourned the meeting.

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