

May 21, 2019

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on May 21, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Alma Activity Centre. Mayor Shortt, Councillor Bowron, Councillor MacCallum, Councillor Casey 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 Casey to approve amended agenda.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve April 15, 2019 minutes.**

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried.

Presentations: Jane Chrysostom on H2 Whoa! and Steve Chrysostom on by-law # 63A

Jane Chrysostom reported on the fund-raising event H2 Whoa! 141 tickets were sold and the net profit was \$830.00. The funding from this event is to go towards water exploration.

Steve Chrysostom provided some suggestions and corrections to improve the clarity of the new noise by-law #63A.

RCMP Report: No Report. Clerk Brenda Hoar will call again.

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt – reported that she attended two funding announcements from the federal government. First was on April 23, 2019 on museum funding announcement. Second was on April 25, 2019, on gas tax funding announcement. For this year only the gas tax funding was doubled.

On May 4, 2019, Mayor Shortt attended a Zone 2 meeting.

Mayor Shortt welcomed the new Fundy National Park Superintendent Ms. Julie LeBlanc.

Mayor Shortt also took part in organizing three information clinics that were hosted by Fundy National Park, The Village of Alma and the Tide Church; the first session was on Healthy Relationships, second on Healthy Eating, and the third was on Positive Family Dynamics. A new sub-committee was formed by Region 7 to work towards solutions with water and wastewater management.

Councillor Casey – reported on the Vision Alma Project. Foundation has been poured for the new multi-purpose building, framing of the new building should start by June 2nd, 2019. Completion date is the week of September 08, 2019.

Councillor Bowron - No updates from Fundy National Park.

Councillor Bowron attended Spring Peep in Fundy National Park.

Councillor MacCallum – reported that there had not been a Fundy Guild/Friends of Fundy Board meeting since Councillor MacCallum's April committee report. The Guild conducted their weekend strategic planning session in late April and are awaiting a report and suggestions from the session facilitator on how to move forward. A follow-up meeting on social enterprise investments via the Community Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) took place on May 7th. Jeff Harriman, Capital Markets Specialist, made a presentation and shared information about the CEDC program. Next steps include finding a point person to take the lead on this project and starting to develop an investment plan that can be pitched to the Department of Finance for approval.

The Alma Celebration Days committee had a meeting on May 7th. A tentative schedule of events is now posted on the Village of Alma website, and will also appear in the June issue of Connecting Albert County.

The fire chief reports that things have been quiet since his last report. A fire hall visit and the tour were conducted on May 8th. Councillor MacCallum met five of the sixteen volunteer firemen and had a crash course in fire call stories, equipment and training needs. The biggest challenges identified by the firemen present were budget constraints and the recruitment of new, young volunteers.

Councillor MacCallum attended the Albert County Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Spring Mixer on May 13th and talked about some of the highlights.

Water Report

No water report

Old Business

Village Signage – Clerk reported Village signs have been ordered.

Parking Lot located at Alma Rink – The Alma Rink committee has agreed to a partnership with the Village of Alma. The Village has agreed to supply one load of gravel to fix pot-holes in their parking lot and continue to waive the cost of the Activity Centre for their yearly fund-raiser for the use of their parking lot during tourist season.

Water Exploration – Mayor Shortt reported that the Integrated Bilateral Agreement for investing in Canada Infrastructure program had been submitted successfully. The total cost of the new well project is \$3,500,000.00.

Clerk Report

Marcoux Construction will start the office building roof during the week of May 21, 2019.

New Business

Draft Minutes – Council decided to stay with their motion that was made May 28, 2018. No draft minutes.

1st. and 2nd. Reading - By-Law #63A took place.

Motion

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve 1st and 2nd reading of by-law # 63A.

Motion Carried.

Q&A Session – Opportunity for community members to ask questions and receive answers. Thirty minutes were allotted.

Correspondence

Alma Recreation Council – Partnership with the Village.

CHIMO – Seeking donation and advertising.

Albert County Area Community Advisory Committee – Meeting on May 28, 2019.

Bennett & Albert County Health Care Foundation – Seeking Donation.

Caledonia Regional High School – Bursary.

Tracey MacDonald – Building Permit.

Business Arising from Correspondence

Motion

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by** Councillor Bowron to give a cash prize of \$50.00 to the Bennett & Albert County Health Care Foundation.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by** Councillor MacCallum to give a \$100.00 bursary to Caledonia Regional High School, with the stipulation that it had to go to an Alma resident.

Motion Carried.

Paying of Bills

All bills paid

Motion

“In Camera Session”

Motion

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

Motion Carried.

Local Governance Act 68 (1) (c)

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

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Councillor Casey adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be June 17, 2019.

Mayor

Clerk