

## **November 18, 2019**

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on November 18, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Alma village office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron, Councillor MacCallum, and Brenda Hoar (Clerk/Treasurer) were present.

Presentation at 6:15 pm – by Jacquelyn Duplessis and Alicia O’Hara- Sanford – Albert Co Health Centre Programs.

RCMP – was present and gave a reported.

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:15 pm.

### **Motion**

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

**It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum** to approve October 21, 2019, minutes.**

**Motion Carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Casey** to accept financial statements for October 2019.**

**Motion Carried.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Mayor Shortt** – reported on the Remembrance Day Service, which was held at the Alma Activity Centre. 95 people in attendance.

Mayor Shortt spoke with MP Robert Moore and asked to have access to the research on the new breakwater at the Alma wharf. MP Robert Moore will look into this matter and get back to Mayor Shortt.

Mayor Shortt attended the Southeast Regional Service Commission, as did Councillor Casey. Moncton will no longer be part of Regional Destination Marketing. Riverview will now be joining SERSC Planning for Region 7.

Mayor Shortt gave a presentation on behalf of Hospice Southeast New Brunswick.

**Councillor Casey** – Reported that the Vision Alma Committee met and did a walkthrough of the new Multi-Purpose building. At which time a few deficiencies were found, Tod Kierstead will look into these deficiencies and have them fixed by month's end.

**Councillor Bowron** – reported on Fundy National Parks, which is now closed for the season and will reopen December 27, 2019.

**Councillor MacCallum** – Councillor MacCallum reported the following details provided by the Alma Fire Department:

From January 1 to November 15, 2019, the Alma Fire Department's volunteer firefighters spent 849 hours on 56 incidents.

The incident breakdown by community was Alma-64%, Fundy National Park-14%, Riverside Albert and Waterside-5% each, Hillsborough and Riverview-4% each, and Germantown and Lower Cape-2% each.

Excluding calls for training, meetings and maintenance, the incident breakdown by type of call was Rescue and Resuscitation-53%, Public Services-32%, Public Hazard-11%, and Fire-5%.

Councillor MacCallum attended the Friends of Fundy (FOF) Board meeting on October 23, 2019 and the annual general meeting on October 27, 2019. Following are some of the highlights from those meetings:

- Debbie Colwell of Dorchester was the recipient of the 2019 Molly Kool award and everyone present enjoyed the award ceremony
- The CBC Land and Sea program filmed a feature celebrating women and mariners and one-third of the show is dedicated to Molly Kool
- The Molly Kool committee is working hard on daytime and nighttime programming for the Molly Kool centre including audio visual pieces and regular staffing at the centre
- Julie Leblanc (Field Unit Superintendent) reported that approval for the park's winter offer came through with an opening date of December 27, 2019
- Micha Fardy reported that FOF would like to partner with FNP on the creation of a trail etiquette program; funding will be pursued
- FOF is looking ahead to Family Day 2020 and hopes to provide a combined snowshoeing and culinary experience event as well as pursuing art in the park during the winter with Emily Delaney (one of the summer art interns)
- With the exception of a large write off for damaged, unsaleable merchandise, the FOF had a successful year financially and the Board looks forward to expanding their role “as a supporter, collaborator, convener and partner” for our region
- The strategic plan will be discussed at the next Board meeting

#### **Water Report**

No Water report

Mayor Shortt announced that there would be no council meeting in December.

#### **Old Business**

Water exploration – There are four possible water sites for the village’s new water system. The village contacted landowners that fell within those four sites. A meeting with landowners and Crandall Engineering was set up. Crandall met with landowners, and each landowner was handed a permission letter to be signed, which would allow the village to explore for water sources. Crandall will start this process on November 21, 2019.

By-Law # 63A Noise by-law, still being worked on.

Vision Alma Project – Councillor Casey reported on requests that the village received to set up a community and council committee to determine the best use of the new Multi-Purpose Building. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 council met with the province, and at that time, it was agreed that there was no need for a community committee. The council will be working with the ACOA and RDC to determine the best use for this building.

Crosswalk – Side Walks – The Alma village council requested a site visit from DTI to determine cost and recommendations for crosswalks and sidewalk safety for the village of Alma.

### **Clerk Report**

Clerk Hoar reported that there would be a Lobster Trap Tree Lighting Ceremony in Alma on December 8, 2019. For more information, you can visit the Village’s web site at [www.villageofalma.ca](http://www.villageofalma.ca). Also, for the first time, the village will have Christmas lights on 15 hydro poles.

### **New Business**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to accept the quote from Eastern Fence Ltd of \$13,573.97. The village will pay the difference between the quote and Lagoon project funding.**

**Motion Carried**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to accept the Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement for 2019-2023.**

**Motion Carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Casey** to accept the new fire dispatch program for \$2,463.00.**

**Motion Carried.**

Correspondence request: Council decided to continue to handle correspondence as it has been in the past.

Paying of Bills request: Council decided that the listing of paying of bills was unnecessary. Residents can view the budget at any time at the village office.

**Motion**

**It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor Casey** to give in the amount of \$388.00 to the campaign for Hospice Southeast New Brunswick.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Q & A Period** - Opportunity for community members to ask questions and receive answers. Thirty minutes were allotted.

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to accept the quote from Eastern Fence for \$2,526.48 to fix guardrail repairs at Fundy View Drive provided that Crandall Engineering agrees that this will fix the issue.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Correspondence**

Kevin Berry/Albert County Tourism Association – Christmas Lights Contest.

**Motion**

**It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron** to contribute \$50.00 to ACTA – Christmas Lights Contest. **Motion Carried.****

Invitation – Join Assistant Commissioner Larry Trembly, Commanding Officer of the RCMP in NB annual officers reception.

Lee Warnock – Request for a listing of all bills paid.

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Ken Kelly – Committee request/ use of the new Multi-Purpose building.

**Paying of Bills**

All bills paid.

Councillor Bowron adjourned the meeting.

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