

November 19, 2018

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on November 19, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Village Office. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor Bowron and Brenda Hoar (Clerk/Treasurer) were present.

Mayor Shortt welcomed everyone.

RCMP Report: Sgt. Patrick Tardif is the new Sergeant for the Riverview detachment. He started September 20, 2018. No calls for service for the Village of Alma were reported in the last month.

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

It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve October 15, 2018 minutes.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor Casey to accept Financial Statements for General Operating and Water and Sewer for the month of October 2018.**

Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt – attended several meetings

- First meeting was at SouthEast Regional Service Commission. The meeting topic was “strategic planning”, which included Water and Wastewater management, equal funding, policing and taxation in the LSD, finding a better solution so that everyone pays equal amount for equal services.
- Regular SouthEast Regional Service Commission Meeting - Councillor Casey also attended.
Mayor Shortt felt that one of the topics that she found interesting was Natural Asset Management. For example, ponds and parks are considered to be Natural Assets and should be considered as such for budget projection.
- Horizon Health : Met with the CEO of Horizon Health and all the Mayors. This was an annual meeting. At this time the CEO asked if there were any needs of the public that were not being addressed.
- Mayor Shortt attended the Remembrance Day Service here in Alma and also attended the dinner at the Legion in Hillsborough.
- Warming Centre was open for two days while the power was out in Alma.

Councillor Casey – reported on Vision Alma – Committee met with contractor (Marcoux Construction). He will be starting the new Multi-Purpose building in the spring of 2019. Vision Alma is asking for additional funding from the Province and ACOA.

- Met with two of the new lease holders for the incubator spaces in the Activity Centre. Contracts will be prepared for them to sign.

Councillor Bowron - Updates from Fundy National Park:

- HQ Water Distribution System Upgrades-Construction work on the HQ Water System project is substantially complete. The only outstanding work is the hydrant flow tests. This work will be completed in spring 2019 when the water is turned back on.
- The new washroom for the Cannontown Campground. The new Cannontown Campground Service Building is under construction. The concrete foundation is expected to be placed this week. Construction work will be completed in March 2019.
- Events:
- The date for the Annual Christmas Bird Count, which is coordinated by the Friends of Fundy and FNP Park staff and is open to visitors, is scheduled for December 14, 2018. Details to come out shortly.
- Season Highlights -The visitor centre is now closed but will re-open on December 28th and will remain open from that date until December 31, 2019. Select visitor facilities (such as the washroom at the Headquarters Visitor Reception Centre) remain open and campsites within Headquarters Campground are available through self registration.

Water Report

No Water Report

Old Business

Live Eye Camera – Letter was read from Mr. David Casey. He has agreed to pay for the camera and provide and prepare a site for it. The Province has agreed to pick up the server costs. He feels it would be much better without Village financial participation.

Monument -

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor Casey to buy a plaque in memory of Mr. Rutherford Cooper from Heritage Memorials.**

Motion Carried.

Parking Sign and Village Sign – Tabled until we have a full council.

Propane and Diesel Quotes –

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and seconded by Councillor Casey to accept Irving Oil's quote in the amount of \$.8416/L for diesel and \$.535/L for propane, for the Alma Fire Hall and Village Office Generator.

Motion Carried.

Clerk Report

- Reported on a complaint that she received about excessive water run off causing flooding on Fundy View Drive due to a newly constructed building. Council and Mayor wanted SouthEast Regional Service Commission called to see if there was any drainage issue when the permit was issued.
- Pastor Paul Steeves wanted to know if the Village would waive the Activity Centre rental fee for the Christmas Programs that the Tide Church will be providing on December 16, and 23, 2018.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to waiver the rental fee cost of the Alma Activity Centre to the Tide Church on December 16 and December 23, 2018.

Motion Carried.

New Business

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and Seconded by Councillor Casey to hire Mr. Ivan Butland to unplug the culvert on School Street.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to offer Mr. Andy Morrissey a Maintenance Operator contract.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept Mr. Ivan Butland's Snow Removal Contract for 2018-2019.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence

Service NewBrunswick – Transportation and Infrastructure thank you letter for submitting our priority list of projects for the Village of Alma. Once their process is complete and projects are selected for funding, we will be notified.

No building permits for the month of October

One development permit for the month of November.

Mr. Kelly – Concerning Vista Ridge. His letter will be looked at by Mayor Shortt and Councillor Casey. The Village of Alma does not have a full Council at this time, so no decision can be made until after the election. Letter will be viewed at a later date.

Paying of Bills

All bills paid

“In Camera Session”

No “In Camera Session”

Adjournment

Councillor Bowron adjourned the meeting.
