

Sept 16, 2019

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on September 16, 2019, at 7:00 pm at the Alma Activity Centre. 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 Casey and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to approve agenda.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve June 17, 2019 minutes.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept Financial statements for the months of June, July and August.**

Motion Carried.

RCMP Report – No Report.

Public Appearance – Came later in the meeting. (see below).

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt – reported on Alma Celebration Days “Canada Day” was a success.

Mayor Shortt reported on the Alma Celebration Days “Fleet Launch” schedule, which can be found on the Village of Alma’s web page. Boats will leave the harbour at 12:01 am on October 14, 2019.

Meetings that Mayor Shortt attended were; Parks Day in Fundy National Park, Vision Alma and Southeast Regional Service Commission. She also went to the new shorebird sanctuary at Mary’s Point.

Councillors and Mayor Shortt had a tour of the new-multi purpose building and would like residents to come up with a name for this new-multi purpose building.

She also reported on the announcement from the Federal and Provincial government. The village of Alma was approved for funding for the water exploration portion of the new well project.

Mayor Shortt also attended the Albert County Fair opening and took part in their parade.

Councillor Casey – No Report

Councillor Bowron –reported on Fundy National Parks updates;

Wolf lake campground is to commence work,
The amphitheatre is almost complete,
Pool bathhouse renovation is out for tender,
Construction at compound is ahead of schedule,
Park will have two electrical car charging stations put in, one at Molly Kool parking lot and the other at Wolf Lake,
Oct 2nd there will be the citizenship ceremony,
Oct 3rd salmon release,
The first weekend of October there will be the mountain bike summit,
Last weekend in October will have the haunted hike.

Councillor MacCallum – reported that she hadn't been able to attend a Friends of Fundy meeting since the last council meeting but would attend their next meeting. There was no update for the Alma fire department.

Water Report

No boil order this summer.

Old Business

Water exploration – Village was approved for Federal and Provincial funding for the Villages new water exploration project. The village has three residents who are willing to let the village drill test for the exploration project.

By-Law # 63A Noise by-law, the council was not able to meet during summer months to review this by-law before its third and final reading.

Vision Alma Project – moving forward.

Clerk Report

2018 Annual report was completed and is now available on the village's website.
On vacation starting September 23 and will be returning on September 30th, 2019.

New Business

Motion

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor Casey to send Andy Morrissey to a wastewater treatment course in Moncton, NB on November 4-7, 2019.**

Motion Carried.

Discussion on Crosswalk request- Council recognizes that there is cause for concern regarding safely crossing the main street in the Village of Alma, especially during peak tourist season. DTI in 2016 informed the council at that time they could not have a cross walk on Main Street unless there was a side walk for pedestrians to walk to. Council does not feel the Village can undertake such a huge financial project at this time. Side walks that already exist need maintenance and repairs.

Motion

It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by** Councillor MacCallum to refinance debenture #090036 for \$84,000.00.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by** Councillor Bowron to approve the 2019 Village of Alma Audit.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **seconded by** Councillor Bowron to accept Donna Floyd as an auditor for the 2019 Village of Alma's financials with the stipulation that the work can be finished no later than May 31, 2019.

Motion Carried.

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

Clerk Brenda Hoar is to set up a public presentation with Crandell on the Village of Alma's asset management projects.

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Public Appearance – Mrs. Vicki Atkins talked about water and sewer charges and excessive speeding on School Street. Mrs. Vicki Atkins is to start a committee relating to the issue of excessive speeding on Village's streets, she will report back to council next month.

Correspondence

Mrs. Jane Chrysostom – Side walk safety.

Bennett & Albert County Health Care Foundation – Thank you letter

Caledonia Regional High School – Thank you letter

Mr. Logan Saulnier – Thank you card

Request for Funding – Food of Fundy Valley

Paying of Bills

All bills paid.

Motion

In Camera Session

Local Governance Act # 68(1)(c)

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

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

Councillor MacCallum adjourned the meeting.
