

MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held April 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Keating presiding. Councillors Ayles arrived later as he was attending a WASWC meeting. All other members of Council and Administrator/Clerk were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Wilson that the '*Agenda be approved.*' Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - March 23, 2009

It was moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor Wilson to '*Approve the minutes of March 23, 2009.*' Motion Carried.

TERRA ATLANTIC - John Hart

Geoff Dickenson, President and Principal Hydro geologist and John Hart of Terra Atlantic Engineering joined the meeting. Geoff Dickenson explained the typical steps they do in order to secure a groundwater supply and some of the projects they have been involved in. John Hart thanked Council for having them to the meeting and discussed his findings from the area. After some questions and answers, Mayor and Council thanked them both for attending.

MANAGER OF WORKS REPORT

Office & Buildings

RCMP/Ambulance Facility - We received complaints about a sewer gas smell in the building. In the mechanical room there is a floor drain in the event that the hot water tanks leak. Through infrequent use, the water in the trap evaporated and allowed the sewer gases to pass through. It was just a simple matter of pouring water down the drain, sealing off the trap. Within a day the smell was gone, but we will keep an eye on it.

Fire Department - As requested from Council at the last meeting, I have detained revised quotes for the replacement of the flat roof and copies have been made for Mayor Keating and Councillor Lamb.

Transportation

Street Signs - The Works Department has proposed a minor change to our street sign post installation. Currently and in the past we have been using 4 x 4 pressure treated sign posts. They can be easily removed and difficult to install. Vandalism occurs easily. We are suggesting using a perforated metal sign post. It is a one man installation and can be easily repaired in case of damage. Councillor Kitchen has agreed to run through a trial installation and see how they work.

Village Truck - We had issues with various sensors in the new truck including the air bag. It is currently being repaired and in the meantime we have a courtesy vehicle at no charge.

Horsman Street Reconstruction - At the last meeting Council requested I request a proposal for engineering services from ADI for Horsman Street. The request has been made and we should receive that this week.

Standard Municipal Specification - Since I started in June, I have had some discussion that perhaps the Village could adopt a Standard Municipal Specification. I feel the issue is that a lot of our standards and by-laws revolve around the DOT Guide to Minimum Standards for Street Construction. It is difficult sometimes when developers and contractors come into our community and give them a really clear idea of what our standards are in one document without them having to review guides, by-laws and DOT specifications. The other problem I see is that it only pertains to our streets, not our sewer

infrastructure. We don't have standards in place to identify specifications and requirements. I think this would help eliminate any misunderstandings of standards. Most Municipalities adopt the City of Moncton as a standard. It has been tried and true and contractors are familiar with it. It is something to consider.

Sewer & Street Lights

Treatment Plant Aeration Equipment - We had one of the electric motors fail a couple of weeks ago. It was returned to us today. We installed the motor and it is ready to be run, but we are going to have Marcel Bélanger, who built the control panels, make a visit next week to check the phase protection equipment and the starter in the control panel. We don't want to start up the motor then find out there is faulty equipment and we are back into the same issue.

SCADA System - With the lovely storm over the weekend and the multiple power interruptions, our SCADA system has been down. We had Shadcom connect remotely and they were able to modify a corrupted file so it is back up and running.

Access Hatches - I gave Councillor Ayles a breakdown of three quotes I received for the fall through protection access hatches. My recommendation is to go with Halliday Products and to do so as soon as possible.

Community Planning & Environmental Health

Dave Hopper's Subdivision - The Development Review Committee met last Monday. We were able to have a good discussion on Dave Hopper's nine unit phase. We discussed and clarified sewer easements, municipal services easements, temporary turn around. I have submitted my recommendations to Gordon Locke and expect to receive his tentative approval within the next week or two.

Sewer Easements - The acquisition of sewer easements is still ongoing. Mayor Keating and I met with Marilyn McMackin last night to discuss. She is looking for more clarity on what exactly the easement entails. We will try to get a more specific pre-easement agreement that will fit her needs. She would also like to see a time limit for installation. It was a good meeting.

Protective Services

RCMP/Ambulance Facility - We previously discussed the issues with the building.

Fire Department - This was also previously discussed.

Recreation & Culture

Library - The exterior lighting at the library is always on and the energy audit suggested to save consumption they should be controlled by some type of timer. This is something we may want to consider.

Lawn Mowers - Two of the lawn mowers are in need of replacement for the summer.

Park Vandalism - There has been continued vandalism in the park. One of the picnic shelters has been destroyed and damage to the washrooms continues.

Garbage Receptacles - We are looking at ordering more precast garbage receptacles and benches. Hilltop and Sunrise playgrounds have none.

Fredericton Road - Councillor Ayles inquired about the area on the Fredericton Road just after the Ultramar. The road lane is narrowed. Just wondering if there are any future plans to adjust? That would be an issue for the Department of Transportation. Jason will contact DOT and see if there are any plans to deal with that situation.

Access Hatch Protection - Councillor Ayles would like Jason to order the hatches.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:Gas Tax Rebate

Council received copies of Rob Moores announcement. The Gas Tax Rebate has been doubled.

Trueman Street

Clerk spoke to the Solicitor today and he has heard nothing. He will write another letter asking for an immediate response.

By-Law Reviews

The Public Presentation was held April 8, 2009. It was a really good meeting with lots of discussion. Council received a really good letter from Wortman Custom Homes which has been forwarded to GMPDC. Some changes may be made.

Transportation - Route 112

A meeting will be scheduled with DOT to discuss the 2009 Program for Improvements to Provincially Designated Highways.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were discussed by Council and remaining correspondence placed on file
Pine Hill Cemetery - Letter regarding request to increase the amount of the annual grant

Letter from Carol Wortman regarding Pine Hill Cemetery's request for increased funding. This was discussed during budget discussions, but an amount was not decided. Carol Wortman was in attendance and explained to Council that the cemetery is run by volunteers and any contribution would be greatly accepted. The only source of funding is the sale of the lots. Mayor Keating and Councillor Ayles commented on how nice the cemetery looks. After some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Kitchen to '*Donate \$500 to the Pine Hill Cemetery*' Motion Carried. Carol Wortman thanked Mayor and Council for the donation, it is really appreciated.

Recreation Council - Doug Duff was in attendance and Mayor Keating allowed him to say a few words. He invited Mayor and Council to attend the Salisbury & District Recreation Council Annual General Meeting, April 26th at 7:00 P.M. They will be honouring some of the past volunteers for the Recreation Council. At some point they would like to recognize those volunteers who were involved in other aspects of the Recreation Council. Things are starting to progress. We have new volunteers and are working towards new programs. We are currently working on a new dirt bike track in memory of Josh Damery. On behalf of the Recreation Council I would like to thank the Mayor and Council. Without your help there wouldn't be a Recreation Council and recreation is an important part of the community and I can see it growing in the next couple of years.

AIMS - First Annual Report Card on NB Municipalities

AIMS report on Municipalities. Council is not happy with the rating and wonder where the information is coming from. Clerk explained that several municipalities are not happy with the report and some were not even mentioned. Council asked the Clerk to make some inquiries and see if someone can clarify their results.

GMPDC - Building Permit Report for March

Two building permits were issued for the month of March for a total value of \$300,764.00.

RCMP/FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no RCMP or Fire Department Members present to give a report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Meeting - Attended the dinner meeting March 30th to discuss the Maintenance Contract, Arena, and Finn Report.

Easement Meeting - April 13th I met with Jason and Marilyn McMackin to discuss the easement.

Village of Petitcodiac - Spoke to Mayor Saunders and the response to the letter we sent is on its way.

Roof - Council must decide what it wants to do about the roof. After some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson *'That the Managers of Works, after confirmation of the warrantee, use his discretion to decide which bid to accept for the completion of the roof over the fire department.'* Motion Carried.

Water - Just want Council to be thinking about the next step dealing with the search for water.

Works Purchases - Is it possible to set an authorized amount that Jason can purchase without the need to get Councils approval. After some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Best to *'Allow the Manager of Works to purchase a maximum of \$500 per month without needing Councils permission.'* Motion Carried.

IN CAMERA - LEGAL

Extend Meeting - It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson that *'Council extend the meeting.'* Motion Carried.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Best

Meeting - Attended the meeting on March 30th

Public Presentation - Attended the Public Presentation April 8th. I was glad we received a letter from Jill Wortman with her concerns. This will be discussed at the next public presentation.

Development Meeting - As Jason previously discussed, the Hopper Tentative Subdivision was discussed at the Development Meeting. Council discussed the land for public purpose and future plans and possibilities.

Councillor Kitchen

Standard Guidelines - I think it is a great idea to have our standards reviewed and guidelines made. Council would like to have Jason put something together.

Metal Posts - I think it is an excellent idea to start to replace the old wooden posts with metal post.

Development Meeting - I attended the Development Committee Meeting.

Gas Tax Rebate - I am quite excited about the increase of the Gas Tax Rebate.

Meeting - I attended the meeting on March 30th.

Walkout Basements - I appreciate the letter we received regarding issues with the walkout basements.

Boys & Girls Club - I noticed the Boys & Girls Club have a Youth Drop in Center. I think that is a good positive thing for the village.

Pesticides - I was watching the city meeting the other night and one of the Councillors brought up an interesting point, as Councillor Ayles often touches upon, about pesticides. He suggested that this is the time to make some community awareness. A reminder will be placed on the web site to try and make some public awareness.

Councillor Lamb

Announcement - I attended the meeting in Moncton where the Premier and Prime Minister made their presentation. It was interesting, met a lot of people.

Drug Strategy Meeting - Just a reminder to everyone of the meeting April 22nd at 7:00 P.M. at the school. Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

Dog Complaint - I received a complaint from Peggy Collins regarding her neighbours dog. The letter was read to Council. Clerk explained that she complained last year and the Animal Control Officer did go speak with the dog owners. After some discussion, the letter will be forwarded to the Animal Control Officer.

Animal Control Officer - The Animal Control Officer will be out of commission for a week or so.

Councillor Wilson

Vacation - Councillor Wilson has been away on vacation and it was nice and warm.

Councillor Ayles

Meeting - Attended the meeting March 30th to discuss the Finn Report and the Arena.

Meeting - Attended the meeting April 8th.

WASWC - Went to the WASWC meeting tonight and it was cancelled.

Community Planning Act - I read the report on the amendment to the Community Planning Act. Did any advisory committees or municipalities have any involvement in the amendments? There are several items that I do not agree with and suggest Council read the act carefully. After reviewing some of the information it was noted that some of the amendments were mentioned to Council by our representative. Council would like GMPDC to clarify what changes will be made.

Paving - I have heard that a contract has been issued for paving on Salisbury Road from Allison to the Village limits. It would be nice, but the only section not repaired will be inside the village. It would be nice to have it repaired within the Village as well. Mayor Keating mentioned that no one asked for repairs to Main Street (Rte 106) inside the Village. The Village has been asking for work on Fredericton Road. Councillor Kitchen pointed out that Council has asked for other stuff and it has not been done. What is the point in asking, we have not been getting any results, we've been getting put off and put off. We have even adjusted our plans as they suggested and still have not gotten results. We are told this year we are finally getting some money for work on Fredericton Road.

CLERK'S REPORT

Thank you - Received a thank you from Beth Soppa of the Salisbury Fire Rescue Fundraising Committee for the donation towards the auction to raise funds for life saving equipment. They will be holding a Mother's Day Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction May 9th.

UMNB - Received a copy of a letter from Gagetown about the closure of the ferry service. They are asking for support in the Telegraph Journal. Unfortunately it is too late to make the deadline.

Crisis Workshop - There is a workshop in Moncton May 4th and 5th and Judy Marshall is interested in attending. It was moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor Wilson that '*Council pay for Judy Marshall to attend the workshop.*' Motion Carried.

Public Hearing - Reminder that the Public Hearing for the Re-zoning on Main Street is scheduled for the next regular Council meeting.

Audit Motions - When the motions were made at the end of the year. We should have called the account the General Capital Fund, not the General Reserve Fund. It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Best to '*Amend the motion of December 22, 2008 to transfer funds to the General Capital Fund rather than the General Reserve Fund.*' Motion Carried.

Regular Council Meeting - There are several people coming to the next meeting. Council agreed to have the meeting begin at 6:00 P.M.

Community Days - We had a good turnout at the Community Days meeting. The theme this year is Salisbury's Gone Country. We are making a few changes. The magician will be at kids day instead of the school and we may have the opening at the dinner theatre.

Street Maintenance - Mayor Keating asked if someone spoke to Trent Blakney about renewing his contract. Clerk was not sure if Manager of Works has had the chance to speak to him. Councillor Kitchen explained that there have been some issues with sod turned up on the side of the roads this year.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Wilson to '*Adjourn the meeting.*' (10:30 P.M.)