

## MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2009

### REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held May 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Kitchen presiding. Mayor Keating and Councillor Lamb were absent. All other members of Council and Administrator/Clerk were present.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### SALISBURY & DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL - Doug Duff

Doug Duff joined the meeting to discuss the Salisbury & District Recreation Council. Registration took place last weekend and there are enough kids for two t-ball teams and more than enough for five pitch and mosquito. There are not enough kids for pee-wee or bantam. There are approximately thirty-five registered for soccer. This year we are introducing a new organized sports program for children two to four years old. As of today there are twenty-two registered for that program.

I firmly believe that we have to expand what we offer to include people who may not enjoy organized sports. I would like to introduce a free playground program that would take place in various parks around the village. Knowing that trying to maintain these playgrounds all summer can be difficult, I am wondering if we can share an employee who when they are not running this program, they are helping to take care of the playgrounds. I met with a lady today from RBC that may be able to help with some funding for equipment, but there is no money for salary. We received funding for one student through SEED and one through Canada Works. We will have to hire one more ourselves.

I attended a Youth Strategy Conference last week and I was totally amazed at the knowledge the youth have. I have since met with the Principle, Vice Principle, and twelve students. They are really keen to see things happen in the Village. Their primary goal is to see a youth center.

Doug Duff explained that he could not do everything he is without help from Rose Magee. She is a very organized person and a very big asset. They are currently working on a bicycle track in memory of Josh Damery. Tennis will begin tomorrow night. After much discussion on Highland Park, Skateboard Park, Youth Enforcement, and Petitcodiac Arena, Council was invited to attend a meeting with the school on Friday at noon. Council thanked Doug Duff for his report and for all of the work he is doing.

#### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - May 11, 2009

Minutes of May 11, 2009 are not yet ready for Councils review.

#### BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson to '*Pay the bills for the month of May.*' Under the question, Councillor Best inquired why she received the bills for mulch? Clerk explained that the mulch is for beautification of the village. The mulch was used in various places around the Village. Also, Councillor Kitchen asked to hold the bill for Summer Maintenance. It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson to '*Rescind the motion.*' Motion Carried. It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson to '*Pay the bills for the month of May with the exception of the bill for Summer Maintenance to be held until further notice.*' Councillor Ayles inquired what it cost to build the RCMP/Ambulance Building as the assessment seems quite high? ~~He also felt the old lagoon land seems high.~~ Motion Carried.

**\*He also felt the assessed land value of both decommissioned lagoons seemed high.\***

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:Gas Tax Rebate

Clerk spoke with the Mayor and the first payment has paid off our loan.

Trueman Street

Council received a copy of the email from Stephen Wilbur. Things are moving forward. Clerk also explained that the owner of the house on Veterans Avenue voluntarily called the Solicitor and they will be going to court June 25. I noticed today she is cleaning out the house.

By-Law Reviews

There are a few changes to be made to the Procedure By-Law. Council agreed to discuss it at the end of this meeting if there is enough time.

CORRESPONDENCE

**The following items were discussed by Council and remaining correspondence placed on file**

Tim Hortons Camp Day - Letter requesting a donation

Council agreed to donate a village jacket.

Tim Hortons Camp Day - Invitation to help out on camp day

Camp Day is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Councillor Best may be able to work sometime that day.

Minister of Public Safety - Disability Awareness Week

Information on Disability Awareness Week.

Minister of Transportation - Completion of speed limit evaluation of Route 106

Council requested a reduced speed limit on Main Street (Route 106). The result of DOT's evaluation is that the speed limits, as they are, are the most appropriate for the area. After some discussion, Council would like to receive a copy of the results from their evaluation from both Route 106 and Route 112.

Village of Petitcodiac - Letter regarding the Petitcodiac Arena Refurbishment

Village of Petitcodiac are requesting a decision from Council. Mayor Keating was to speak with the Mayor of Petitcodiac, but Council has not heard anything.

It does not seem responsible to commit or volunteer our taxpayers money **in the amount of \$100,000** to a project when we do not know what that project will cost and not be sure they have the best price, know what they are going to do and how. No one else has made a commitment, yet they want a commitment from the Village of Salisbury. With the ongoing commitment to our own residents, it is difficult to make such a decision without possibly holding a plebiscite. It is difficult to contribute to another village's recreation facility where it would jeopardize our own new cultural centre/library. Maybe the Village should look at subsidizing the players who use that facility.

Council agreed to send a copy of an article found in the St. John Newspaper which stated the price of **similar** repairs to two rinks **for the same amount as their budget for one**. Maybe it would help them find a better price for the project. A copy of the article will be sent with a letter to the Village of Petitcodiac stating that Council is not ready to make a commitment at this time. Any further information they may have is welcome. **\*SEE CORRECTIONS - MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2009\***

GMPDC - Dangerous or unsightly Premises Letter

Copy of a letter to the property owner of 3196 Main Street ordering him to clean up the property which is in contravention of the Dangerous or Unsightly Premises By-Law.

GMPDC - Building Permit Report for April

A total of two permits were issued in April for a total of \$35,720.

RCMP/FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were no representatives in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Absent

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTSCouncillor Wilson

Bike Park - Attended a meeting about the Bike Park.

Ball Field Clean Up - May 23<sup>rd</sup> I attended the clean up at the ball field.

Baccalaureate Service - I attended the Baccalaureate service last night.

In Camera Meeting - I attended the meeting today.

Ron Colpitts - I was approached by a resident wondering if Council could do something in recognition of Ron Colpitts for what he has done for the Village. More information to be gathered.

Councillor Ayles

Easement Meeting - Attended the easement meeting.

Graduation Banquet & Baccalaureate Service - I represented the Village at the Graduation Banquet and Baccalaureate service. I think the Village should be happy with these services. All of the churches were represented and it was a great event. I think many people appreciated it and I was quite impressed.

In Camera Meeting - I attended the meeting today. Very productive.

Councillor Best

Heritage Committee - Attended a Heritage Committee meeting today. Jonathan Crosby is to get prices for the flag by the next meeting, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are planning to take part in this years Community Days. The Library donated a computer to the Heritage Committee. We are requesting the use of an office upstairs to place the computer and for some storage. We could share it during the summer with the summer student. All we would need to purchase is a scanner so that old photos' can be digitized and enlarged. They would also like to purchase a digital camera and continue with Oral History Nights.

After some discussion, Council had no problem with the Heritage Committee sharing an office upstairs.

NB Trail Council - We received a membership application for the NB Trail Council. The Heritage Committee would like to become a member. It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Ayles to '*Become a Trail Builder Member with the NB Trail Council for the cost of \$100.*' Councillor Ayles inquired if we have a trail yet? Councillor Best explained that because funding was refused the trail has not yet been established. Deputy Mayor Kitchen inquired if the designated trail will affect the old train bridge as we have motorized groups interested in using it as a trail? Councillor Best explained that it starts at Highland Park and follows the river and the Ducks Unlimited area. Motion Carried.

Recreation Council - It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson to '*Donate \$2,500 to the Salisbury & District Recreation Council for an extra student for the Summer Parks Program.*' Motion Carried.

**Councillor Kitchen**

Meeting - Attended a meeting today with the Manager of Works.

Baccalaureate Service - I attended the Baccalaureate Service. I agree with Councillor Ayles that everything was well received. After some discussion, a letter of recognition will be made to the organizers of the Banquet and Baccalaureate Service.

Speed Signs - Wondering if Council would have any objections to posting speed signs in some of the subdivisions. Council had no objections.

Paper Recycling Depot - Wondering if Councillor Ayles found anything out about the paper recycling depot. Councillor Ayles spoke to Bill Slater and they both agreed that there is no benefit to having a depot set up as a business when you can currently put it in your blue bag every week and you get some benefit. We also have a recycling depot just up the road that already recycles paper and cardboard. It does not legally conflict with our contract with Westmorland Albert Solid Waste. Recyclables that are removed from your blue bag provide jobs and money to help keep the cost of waste handling and reduction down. This helps reduce taxes.

Old Albert Line - Councillor Wilson mentioned that vehicles are travelling on the Old Albert Line. He would like to see signs placed and some sort of barricade to keep vehicles from travelling on the property. Council agreed something should be done. Clerk will speak to the insurance company for their recommendations.

**Councillor Lamb**

Absent

**CLERK'S REPORT**

CBDC Annual Meeting - Council received an invitation to attend the annual meeting on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> followed by a reception. Councillor Ayles and Best will be attending the Drug Awareness meeting at the school.

Graduation Prizes - We received our annual request for a donation towards the Graduation Class. Council agreed to donate two, two hundred dollar prizes.

UMNB - Have not received any forms for what sessions Council will be attending at the conference.

Zone Meeting - Council wanted the Clerk to find out who spoke at the Zone meeting. His name was Rob Kelly from Local Government.

Fire Chief - Chief Bannister called on Friday. He was feeling well, and is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday.

Sussex Harold Advertising - The June 16<sup>th</sup> issue will include advertising for Father's Day, Graduation and Canada Day. It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson to *'Place an ad in the Sussex Harold for the Graduates and one for Canada Day.'* Motion Carried.

Graduation - Graduation is Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. If the Mayor can't attend, Deputy Mayor Kitchen will.

Cancer for Kids Ride - Just a reminder of the ride, June 23, 2009.

NB Power - NB Power received the 2009 tax bill for the old line. They paid the bill, and our portion is \$376.70. It was moved by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Best to *'Pay our portion of the property taxes for the old abandoned line.'* Councillor Ayles inquired which property is worth more? The property south of the river. After some discussion, Motion Carried.

Lions Pool - Bill Goggin was in today. Since there is nothing on the sign, he was wondering if we could put up the dates for pool registration. Council had no problem putting up the dates for the pool registration.

Deputy Mayor Kitchen inquired if our GMPDC representative, since he is in attendance, had a report or something to discuss with Council? Rick Archibald did have something to discuss. There is a Commission meeting Wednesday night and the Village of Salisbury's By-Law concerning walkout basements and retaining walls is on the agenda. He would like to get some direction from Council.

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

An elevation plan will be a condition of the building permit for a walkout basement. The proposed process is to have an engineer elevation plan go to the Building Inspector and the Manager of Works for his comments. The Manger of Works will have final approval. Councillor Ayles is concerned about enforcement. After much discussion, Rick will try to identify who is responsible for seeing that the construction is done according to the design.

Policy By-Law - Clerk will get the wording finalized for the next meeting.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Ayles to '*Adjourn the meeting.*' (9:50 P.M.)