

MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held January 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Keating presiding. All members of Council were present and the Assistant Clerk was in attendance as the Administrator/Clerk was ill.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Wilson that the 'Agenda be approved with an addition of Wayne Gladstone, Animal Control Officer.' Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - December 22nd, 2008

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Best to 'Approve the minutes of December 22nd.' Motion Carried

EDWARD WEATHERDON - Village Flag

Edward Weatherdon joined the meeting and explained that the flag has been an ongoing project for several years. Originally the cost for this project was approximately \$1,200, but since that time, the Village had a company set up the village crest for clothing and the cost dropped significantly to approximately \$140. Originally the Village of Salisbury gave him \$100 to help with the development of the flag. He submitted a bill for the materials paid for with that money. Edward Weatherdon presented the Mayor with the proposed flag. The village crest on a white background. After some discussion on the proposal, Councillor Best explained that the Heritage Committee has been discussing the creation of a flag and suggests not having the lettering on the flag, which would allow for it to be viewed from front or back. Edward Weatherdon explained that this would be the first official flag of the village and finishes off the project.

Councillor Best explained that Heritage Week is from February 9th-16th and the Heritage Committee would like to see the flag be complete by the Council meeting on February 9th and officially presented at the Council meeting to start the week.

Edward Weatherdon also explained that the Marksmanship Group and Scouts Canada are working together to get the rifle range restarted in Salisbury.

Mayor thanked Edward Weatherdon for his work. Council will discuss possible modifications later.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Wayne Gladstone explained he was waiting to see the tender for Animal Control, as he had not been contacted. Council assumed that he would continue, but would like an increase for 2009. Wayne Gladstone explained that there have been problems with one particular dog and told Council what has been happening. The next time this dog is picked up, it will go to the SPCA. Council suggested a registered letter be sent to the property owner.

MANAGER OF WORKS REPORT

Street Lighting - Received many complaints about the streetlights. Trevor spoke to Mrs. Poirier at NB Power today. They are having a hardware issue and have a meeting scheduled for January 21st to discuss. Councillor Ayles is wondering what the rebate will be for the lights that have not been working?

NB Liquor Store - The building is underway. Updated site plans have been received and some modifications were made to the plans. We reviewed the documentation from the engineers and determined they will be exempt from the terms under By-Law 35.

Water Study - Council received a copy of the water study from ADI. The study gives a really good comprehensive overview of three options available to the village.

Hydrant - The study on the hydrant should be received this week.

Building Inspection - I made an inquiry to John Jackson, president of the NB Building Officials Association, asking a few questions regarding Building Inspections. I received a reply later today pointing me towards web sites with more information. He will answer my specific questions as soon as he has time.

Christmas Trees - The Christmas tree collection for recycling and mulching has been underway since shortly after Christmas. We have collected approximately 85 trees. If WASWC does not have a chipper available, we may have to rent one.

Recommendations - My first official recommendations pertain to our wastewater facilities. The first one is for preventative maintenance for our pumping stations. To my knowledge, there has been no scheduled maintenance to the pumping stations. We received a proposal from Flyght and one from Superior Pump here in the village. My recommendation is to accept Superior Pumps proposal. They are local with twenty-four hour emergency service and have spare pumps available for rental if necessary. Parts can be purchased directly from Flyght or through Superior Pump. The maintenance agreement would involve Village staff meeting with Superior Pump staff to inspect all four lift stations and pull all eight pumps to inspect. Also, I would like to recommend upgrades to the pumping station hatches. Fall prevention seems to be the most suitable option. Safety grates on the hatches would prevent falls. Flyght submitted a quote for \$13,500.00 to supply six retrofit hatches that could be installed by staff. After some discussion, Council agreed to go ahead with both recommendations, working with money from the budget a little at a time.

New Garbage Contractor - Fero has taken over the tender for garbage collection. So far they have been doing a good job. They have been trying different routes, but they have been done collection by three of four o'clock. Councillor Best will be meeting with Fero next month. Trevor has been working on scheduling the special pick-ups.

Fences/Retaining Walls - Council and Manager of Works received GMPDC's recommendation for amendments to the by-law dealing with fences and retaining walls. After some discussion, Council agreed to have a separate meeting to review the recommendations.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Gas Tax Rebate

Manager of Works and Councillor Kitchen are still working on what is to be completed.

Trueman Street

After some discussion, Council would like to have the Clerk speak to the Solicitor and find out what is going on with this situation.

By-Law Reviews

Council agreed to set up a meeting next week to discuss GMPDC's recommendations for amendments to the Zoning By-Law.

National Building Code 2005

It was pointed out that this amendment refers to the newest version of the National Building Codes. Our current by-law refers to the old one; this amendment will bring the by-law up to date. It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Lamb to *'Have first and second reading of the Building By-Law, By-Law 36.'* Motion Carried. Councillor Best gave the first and second reading of the By-Law.

Third Reading and Enactment of Subdivision By-Law

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Wilson to *'Have third reading and enactment of By-Law 17 A-5, A By-Law in the Amendment of the Village of Salisbury Subdivision By-Law 17 A.'* Motion Carried. Councillor Kitchen gave the third reading at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE**The following items were discussed by Council and remaining correspondence placed on file**
GMPDC - Amendments to the Zoning By-Law Regarding the Erection and Placement of Fences and Retaining Walls

This item was previously discussed. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the amendments.

LeBlanc Nadeau Bujold - Letter from Francis Melanson regarding his retirement

Francis Melanson will be retiring as of December 31st. Council would like to send a thank you card.

GMPDC - Elimination of the Annual Operations Grant to District Planning Commissions and lack of action towards the Proclamation of Bill 77(Chapter 59), an amendment to the Community Planning Act

Information on the amendment to the Community Planning Act and Proclamation of Bill 77.

Department of Local Government - Federal-Provincial agreement extends funding for NB Infrastructure

Acknowledgement that the NB Infrastructure funding is extended. Councillor Ayles and Kitchen both read that there will also be a new program to help with infrastructure. Council would like the Clerk to gather more information on the program.

UMNB - French Language Training

French Language Training is available through UMNB again this year. Several Councillors and staff are interested. Clerk to gather more information on training.

UMNB - Meeting with Commissioner Finn

We received a second email confirming the meeting will take place, February 19th at 1:00 pm at the Crown Plaza in Fredericton. They have also decided to have a morning information session on the New Effluent Standards to be adopted and the New Requirements for Municipalities to account for capital assets. Council would like to know if the meeting with Commissioner Finn will be a repeat of the presentation they previously attended. Clerk to find out more information and see if Works Department would like to attend the session.

Relay for Life Salisbury-Petitcodiac 2009

Volunteers are needed for this year's steering committee. Flyers have been placed around the Village. Information will be placed on the web site.

Glen Letterman - Information on Lake Petitcodiac

Council has previously made a stand on the issue of the Petitcodiac River.

Local Government - Position Changes

Information on position changes in the government.

GMPDC - Building Permits for December

One building permit was issued in the month of December for a total of \$975,000.

RCMP/FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Meeting - December 23rd I attended the meeting with Council and Fire Department.

In Camera - Would like to have a In Camera later.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**Councillor Ayles**

Christmas/New Year - Happy New Year and thanks for the presents and cards.

Street Lights - We previously discussed the issue with the streetlights.

Ice Plant - I have had people asking about outdoor ice. I was told you could purchase an ice plant for \$30,000. Councillor Wilson explained that the Recreation Council is planning on fixing the tennis court so it can be used next year.

Councillor Best

Happy New Year - Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Years.

Meeting - December 23rd I attended the meeting with Council and Fire Department.

Development Committee Meeting - I have a Development Committee Meeting tomorrow.

Councillor Kitchen

Meeting - December 23rd I attended the meeting with Council and Fire Department.

Happy New Year - Happy New Year to all.

RCMP Compliment - I received a small report about how the RCMP handled an accident last evening. The member was very effective and helpful.

Councillor Lamb

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Hope everyone had a good holiday.

Fire Department - I met with the Fire Department on Monday night.

Fire Convention - Dave Bannister was in on Friday asking about the Maritime Fire Chiefs Convention to be held in July. Every year the Village sends the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and one firefighter who received the most points and their significant others. The firefighter who has the most points this year does not have a wife, so they are wondering if another firefighter could attend instead. This would mean an added cost for the registration fee and expenses. Council agreed that since it will come from the Fire Department budget, they will have to judge themselves accordingly and make sure they do not over spend.

Councillor Wilson

Happy New Year - Happy New Year.

Meeting - December 23rd I attended the meeting with Council and Fire Department.

Recreation Council - December 28th I attended the Recreation Council meeting. Yoga will be starting on January 26th. It is great to see more people are getting involved.

CLERK'S REPORT

New Accounting Program - We have been working on the getting the new accounting program up and running. The sewer bills will probably be sent out closer to the end of the month.

Donation - We received a request for a donation from the Petitcodiac District Figure Skating Club. They will be holding a provincial competition January 23rd-25th with approximately 325 figure skaters registered. Each skater is given a loot bag of items from area businesses. They are looking for anything they can get from the Village to place in these bags. After some discussion, Council agreed to give them 100 pins and as many bookmarks as we have made.

Heritage Week - Councillor Best explained that Heritage Week is February 9-16, 2009. An Oral History Presentation will take place at the library February 11, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. Looking for volunteers to tell a story.

Communities in Bloom - The Committee decided to apply for the Communities in Bloom and Jonathan completed the application. They decided to hold the event in August in conjunction with Community Days. The registration fee is \$350 and we are required to provide accommodations for two judges and transportation to and from the village. After much discussion, Council decided to not join Communities in Bloom at this time. Maybe over time, when the walking trails are created, it would be more beneficial to join.

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

IN CAMERA - Land/Legal/Personnel

Animal Control Officer - It was moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that '*Wayne Gladstone be given a 2% raise to be added to his expenses for 2009.*' Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Ayles to '*Adjourn the meeting.*' (10:05 P.M.)