

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held February 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Keating presiding. All members of Council and Assistant Clerk were present.

THE LORDS PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - January 24, 2011.

It was moved by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Kitchen to '*Approve the minutes of January 24, 2011.*' Motion Carried.

PETITCODIAC/SALISBURY MINOR HOCKEY CLUB

Kevin Bannister, President of the P/S Minor Hockey Association joined the meeting to discuss the Minor Hockey Association. This year they saw a growth of about 22 kids which is an increase of about 10%. Around 8% of that increase is from the Salisbury area. When we speak of the Salisbury Area, we mean anyone with a '372' phone number. Each hour of ice time cost the Association \$105, but we do have the lowest ice fees in the Province of NB. Minor hockey pays approximately \$80,000 a year in ice time. Registration cost \$375 per child and we have been trying to keep it the same. We also have helped parents find funding or cover the cost to allow their kids to play.

We will be holding Day of Champions for the Adams division and hosting the Provincial Bantam Tournament March 25-27, 2011. We will have teams from all over New Brunswick attend and we feel the Village of Salisbury can help.

We are currently asking several organizations to support the Petitcodiac/Salisbury Minor Hockey. This is not about Petitcodiac or Salisbury, it is about the kids and we would appreciate your support.

Councillor Ayles pointed out that money from council comes from those tax payers who live in the village. As mentioned, anyone with a '372' number is considered to be from Salisbury. It is a little tough to expect the Village Council, who represent the people of the Village and who pay taxes to us, to use their money to pay for everyone who has a '372' number. Second of all, I feel very much that we are being bullied. People from Petitcodiac are saying that we don't care about our kids and we don't help when in fact we do. They want us to pay the Village of Petitcodiac for their arena. We are already paying more than they are with our tax money and through the grant system and it is their arena. If they need more money, they should charge for it. We can help your Association, which we always used too through the Salisbury & District Recreation Council. It is gone too far and it is very difficult to give our tax money after what has happened in the last year because of this issue.

Kevin Bannister stated he realizes there is animosity between the two villages, but this is about the kids. He is requesting support for the kids who want to play hockey.

After more discussion, Mayor Keating thanked Kevin Bannister for attending. Council will discuss this issue later and will advise him of their decision.

RCMP/FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cst. Cyr joined the meeting and introduced himself to Council. Cpl. Larose has been promoted and Cst. Cyr will be acting in his position for the next little while. Cst. Cyr gave a report for the last thirty days. After some discussion, Mayor and Council thanked Cst. Cyr for joining the meeting and invited him to attend any future meetings.

BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

It was moved by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Kitchen to '*Pay the bills for the month of February.*' Motion Carried.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing to report.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:Trueman Street

Nothing to report.

New Library

Meetings are scheduled for March 8th at 9:00 A.M. with Daniel Goguen and at 10:00 A.M. with the library representatives and Architect.

CORRESPONDENCE**The following items were discussed by Council and remaining correspondence placed on file**Letter from Betty (Saunders) Priddle regarding the website

_____ Letter from Betty Priddle, a former resident, stating how she enjoyed looking through the website.

Letter from Gary Ward regarding snowmobile trailLetter from Betty Chapman regarding snowmobile trailLetter from Jason Chapman regarding snowmobile trailLetter from Judy Doucette regarding snowmobile trail

All of the above letters have requested permission to allow the Southeast NB Snowmobile Association to groom the old railway line from Main Street to Fredericton Road. After much discussion, a meeting will be scheduled with the SENBSA and ATV Club to discuss this request, insurance, and extending the agreement.

GMPDC - Building Permit Report of January

There were no permits issued in the month of January.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Heritage Luncheon - February 16th I attended the Heritage Day Luncheon at the Villa. There was a great turn out, a great meal, and I think everyone seemed very excited.

School District Meeting - February 17th, the Manager of Works, the Clerk and myself met with School District 2 representatives to discuss work to be done on Douglas Street. There is no money available for the walkway.

Mike Taylor Issues - Mike Taylor is looking for his sewer damage deposit refund. The Manager of Works will not refund the deposit until some damage has been repaired. Mike Taylor mentioned that he may take us to court. He also pointed out to me that his building permit for one

of the houses was dated September 20th, the day the Manager of Works mentions the work was being done. So he says he had his permit prior to starting and shouldn't pay the fine. After some discussion, Council agreed that Mike Taylor should be speaking with GMPDC regarding the building permits, as they are hired by the village to take care of building inspection. It was also pointed out that any request such as this should come to Council in writing.

Fire Department Meeting - On behalf of Councillor Lamb, I attended a meeting of the Mutual Aid Firefighters to discuss off-road regulations for Level I Firefighters. Elgin Fire Department cannot go off-road to assist someone in need. They would need another educational course and are very upset with this legislation. Most of the training required has already been covered in the Level I Firefighters Course. They are going to try and pass legislation this spring, rewording it so that all firefighters who have their Level I can go off-road.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Ayles

Library Meeting - Attended the meetings to discuss the library.

Heritage Committee - February 16th I attended the Heritage Committee event. There was a lot of interest and it was a great event. Councillor Best should be commended for her work.

Request from Jonathan Crosby - Jonathan Crosby submitted a letter requesting relief of sewer charges as his house under construction is still nowhere near completion and there is still no well. Assistant Clerk explained that typically sewer charges are laid two months after a building permit is issued or as in this case, if the building permit was issued in September, it is not charged until the new year. Jonathan Crosby as well as others were sent a sewer bill for 2011. When he was in the office to pay his bills, he was wondering about the policy and I suggested he write a letter to Council explaining the situation. His letter, requesting relief of sewer charges for 3083 Main Street was read at this time. After some discussion, Council agreed to return his payment for sewer services in 2011 until such time as deemed appropriate. A letter will be sent along with the refund.

Jonathan Crosby Retirement - Speaking of Jonathan, Mayor Keating spoke to him a long time ago about a retirement party and/or a gift. At that time he did not want a party, but said he would let me know about a gift. It was since heard that he has mentioned to others around town that nothing was done. Does Council wish for me to approach him again to see if he has made any decisions or changed his mind? After much discussion, Council is very disheartened with how this issue ended up, but feel he should get some sort of recognition of the many years of service.

Integrated Community Sustainability - Council each received a copy of the Integrated Community Sustainability report between, Petitcodiac, Elgin, and Havelock. Council agreed to discuss this with Sherry Wilson, our MLA. Other items to discuss with Sherry Wilson was discussed.

Councillor Best

Heritage Event - I was extremely pleased with the event. We hired Judy Marshall to do the catering and it was delicious. It was very well received and we recorded some stories. One of the ladies brought us an old picture of the village she has had for years. We will definitely do this again.

Grants - I did look for grants for the Heritage Committee and could not find anything that looked like what Margaret Mayes was tell us about. We will try again and apply for the Environmental Trust Fund and I am working on another grant.

Councillor Kitchen

Meeting - I was here for the meetings on Monday.

Councillor Lamb

Meetings - I attended both the meeting on Monday and the meeting with Daniel Goguen.

Councillor Wilson

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Recreation Council - I attended a Recreation Council Meeting and at that meeting they discussed how they would like to bring ball back to where it used to be. Residents of the Village of Petitcodiac are welcome to join the ball programs, but the Recreation Council intends to ask for parents from Petitcodiac to help with coaching this year.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk is out sick with the flu today.

Meetings - Reminder of the meetings on March 8th and 9th with Sherry Wilson, Daniel Goguen and the Library Board and Representatives.

Tender Opening - Tender opening for the Douglas Street project will be March 14th at 3:00 PM.

Sewer Payment - Payments are coming in good.

Dog Tags - We have sold around 70 dog tags.

Doug Duff - Received a call from Doug Duff wishing you all a warm hello from Florida.

Whitehorse - I spoke with Colleen Chase who travelled to Whitehorse with the Flyers team for Hockey Day in Canada. She has sent us a picture of her presenting the Mayor of Whitehorse with the gifts. She will be in with more pictures this week.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Best and seconded by Councillor Kitchen to '*Adjourn the meeting.*' (9:05 P.M.)