

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 23, 2019

6:30 PM WELCOME

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held December 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Keating presiding. All members of Council and Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor McNeil and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that *'The Agenda be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Councillor McNeil to declare a conflict during 2020 Wages under 2020 General Operating Fund Motions.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor McNeil that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on December 9th be approved.'* In reference to the RCMP Report contained in the Minutes, Councillor McNeil alluded to a noise complaint, adding that he followed up on it with the affected resident and that it is his belief that the noise by-law will need to be revisited. MOTION CARRIED

BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell to *'Pay the bills for the month of December.'* MOTION CARRIED

Councillor McNeil left the meeting at this time.

2020 GENERAL OPERATING FUND MOTIONS

2020 Wages - Council agreed that no separate motion is required regarding wages, as wages are included within the 2020 General Operating Fund Budget.

Approval of Budget and Set Tax Rate - It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that *'THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on the 23rd day of December, 2019 the Council of the local government of Village of Salisbury RESOLVED that the sum of \$2,360,746 be the total operating budget of the local government, that the sum of \$1,810,331 be the Warrant of the local government for the ensuing year, and that the tax rate for the local government be: 0.9998. The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the local government of Village of Salisbury Adopted this 23rd day of December, 2019 by the Council of the local government of Village of Salisbury.'* MOTION CARRIED

Councillor McNeil rejoined the meeting.

2020 UTILITY OPERATING FUND MOTIONS

Set 2020 Sewer Rate - It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell that *'The Village of Salisbury set the sewer rate for 2020 at \$305 per unit.'* MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Budget - It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor McNeil that *'THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on the 23rd day of December, 2019 the Council of the local government of Village of Salisbury RESOLVED that pursuant to subsection 117(4) of the Local Governance Act, the total budget for the Wastewater Disposal utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of \$393,880 and total expenditures of \$393,880 Adopted this 23rd day of December, 2019 by the Council of the local government of Village of Salisbury.'* MOTION CARRIED

Transfer to Utility Capital Reserve Fund - It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell that *'Be it resolved that the sum of \$10,000 be transferred to the Utility Capital Reserve Fund.'* It was clarified that it is \$10,000 and not the usual \$30,000 transfer, due to capital expenditures. MOTION CARRIED

CLEAN WATER WASTEWATER FUND

In an effort to use up a portion of the Village of Salisbury's remaining funds from the Clean Water Wastewater Fund, it has been suggested that the Village request of the New Brunswick government a project amendment to include the Bleakney Road Emergency Culvert Replacement Project.

Despite a previous denial for an extension to the CWWF funding window, for which the current deadline is March 2020, there was debate among Council over whether or not to shift the funding focus away from the Route 106 McNaughton Brook Culvert to a different project within the McNaughton Brook network, namely the recently-completed culvert under Bleakney Road. Again, the funding in question is surplus money from prior Village of Salisbury projects along McNaughton Brook starting with the MacWilliam Road and Albert Trail Number 2 culverts, and also including the Albert Trail Number 1 and Larsen Lane culverts.

After more debate, it was decided to defer the matter to the January 13, 2020 meeting of Council where the Manager of Works will make a presentation to clarify the situation.

2020 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TENDER

It was moved by Councillor McNeil and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that *'The Village of Salisbury accept the tender for Animal Control Officer from Jill Hunwicks-Hopper for the year 2020 for the amount of \$5,000.'* It was noted that she was the only bidder for the position. MOTION CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 13, 2020

Council was also reminded of the Christmas Eve Open House to take place at the Village Office the following morning. Mayor Keating and Council took the opportunity at this point to wish one another a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen to *'Adjourn the meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED (7:40 PM)