

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

6:30 PM WELCOME

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Keating presiding. Clerk was absent. All members of Council and Assistant Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No conflict declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor McNeil and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that '*The Minutes for the Council Meetings held on August 12th and August 26th be approved.*' MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION OF VILLAGE OF SALISBURY BY-LAW NO. 20 (NOISE) -

Deborah Somers

Deborah Somers, a resident of Salisbury, appeared before Council. She has been having issues with an individual at a neighbour's residence who sometimes uses loud power tools in the late night and overnight hours, making it impossible to sleep. She has been advised to phone RCMP with her complaints. However, after reading the Village of Salisbury By-Law No. 20, the Prevention of Excessive Noise by-law, she is concerned about the absence of a time restriction in it. She fears that this may limit the by-law's effectiveness, and asked if Council had ever penalized an individual under this by-law. Councillor Campbell suggested the absence of a time reference could make the by-law more effective in that there are no restrictions on when noise complaints could be acted upon, although Mayor Keating added that if the RCMP feel that the by-law would be more enforceable with a time limit written into it, then that could be considered. Following further descriptions of her particular situation, Councillor McNeil said he would reach out to Southeast District RCMP concerning both the by-law and this matter and get back to her.

Mayor Keating and Council thanked Deborah Somers for coming before Council with her concerns.

MANAGER OF WORKS REPORT

Manager of Works gave the following report:

Bleakney Road Culvert Failure - Manager of Works was alerted Sunday morning to a Storm Dorian-related washout at the McNaughton Brook culvert. Sometime overnight, after it had been already checked at midnight and was working as it should, the culvert-intake buckled and restricted water-intake, causing the water to churn against the road alongside the culvert and burrow its way under the road and through, a process called "piping." Trent Blakney Towing & Excavating was called in Sunday morning following the discovery of a vehicle in the collapsed roadway and the initial response by Salisbury Fire Rescue. There was no one inside the vehicle when it was discovered. Once the vehicle was freed from the scene, Manager of Works started on

restoration of the culvert and road with Trent Blakney, which all took place while traffic was diverted on the Albert Trail to either Fredericton Road to the West or Main Street/Route 106 to the East. To open up the trail to vehicle traffic, the gates on either end were opened and some posts were cut off, and the trail was graded by Manager of Works. By 2:00 PM that same day, Bleakney Road was passable once again, the culvert re-set and the fill restored. Councillor McNeil raised the point that it is believed that the New Brunswick government has funding available for disaster mitigation. Therefore, the Province will be approached for assistance in covering the cost of these emergency repairs.

In the big picture, an elaborate Bleakney Road Culvert Replacement Project was, in fact, the subject of an application filed by the Village of Salisbury on June 28th of this year under the Integrated Bilateral Agreement infrastructure funding program. A response to that application has not been received.

In the meantime, Manager of Works recommended, supported by Council, a more thorough short-term repair of the existing location by way of installation of new twin-culverts, also noting that time is a pressing concern. It is hoped that the permitting process with the New Brunswick and federal governments can be fast-tracked due to the urgency of the matter. The Province will also be approached for financial assistance with this.

Five-Year Prioritized Plan, Provincially Designated Highways - With the resurfacing of Route 112/Fredericton Road north to the highway being done this year, as well as the extension of curb, gutter, and sidewalk to Twilight Avenue, the remaining items from the previous prioritized plan for Provincially Designated Highways are: the resurfacing of Route 112/River Road, the continuation of storm sewer north of Sunrise Avenue, and the continuation of curb, gutter, and sidewalk north of Sunrise Avenue. Council has been asked to finalize its list of priorities for the 2020-2025 plan, which must be submitted to the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (NBDTI) no later than September 30, 2019. Following discussion of this, there was also mention of the poor condition of NBDTI's bridge deck on Route 112 over the Petitcodiac River. They also made note of NBDTI's patching program this year and how it was incomplete in the Village, but also appears to be finished.

Route 106/Reeder Road Culvert - Mayor Keating has been in contact with NBDTI representative regarding responsibility for replacing the deteriorating culvert on Provincial Route 106 at Reeder Road. No answers yet. Mayor Keating will continue to reach out to NBDTI in collaboration with Manager of Works.

Route 112 Sluice-Box Installation - Three linked sluice-boxes were installed on August 30th in front of a residence on Route 112/Fredericton Road. The Village was given no advance-notice of this contracted work by NBDTI that directly affects municipal storm sewer infrastructure. Manager of Works does not believe that this work should have been given higher priority than the Route 106/Reeder Road culvert.

Route 112/Fredericton Road Resurfacing Project - It was hoped that, following a two-week delay, paving work that had begun this morning would be completed by September 11th.

Municipal contracted-out curb, gutter, and sidewalk work to follow.

Questions or Comments -

Railway Trestle (Bridge) - Councillor Bartlett expressed his appreciation over the recently-installed guide-rail. Called it impressive.

Mayor Keating and Council thanked Manager of Works for his report, and for his efforts getting Bleakney Road repaired so quickly on September 8th.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS & LEISURE REPORT

Basketball - Councillor Campbell noted that minor basketball registration is up 20 per cent from 80 registrations to 102 so far. Online registration has proven to be a very popular option with 79 online registrations.

Terry Fox Walk - Assistant Clerk, on behalf of the Assistant Director of Parks & Leisure, spoke of how the Department is holding a Terry Fox Run/Walk/Bike event on Sunday, September 15th, beginning at 10:00 AM, at the Highland Park Wetlands Trail. Donations are not necessary, although forms are available at Parks & Leisure and at the Village Office. They are hoping for a large turnout.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Erosion

Councillor Shawn McNeil led discussions on Thursday and Friday of last week with government and community partners with regards to finding and funding a solution to riverbank erosion in Salisbury that was worsened in recent years. The Thursday session included federal and provincial representation, as well as the participation of a consulting subject matter expert; while the Friday talks also included a provincial representative along with Fort Folly Habitat Recovery (FFHR). Councillors McNeil, Bartlett, and Campbell were also at the meetings. It was noted that FFHR came with news that it has obtained 50 per cent funding through a federal grant for any resulting project. Earlier today, a letter containing the meetings' discussion points and a timeline was distributed via email to all participants in the meetings, as well as those invited who were unable to attend.

HR Services

Nothing new to report.

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Nothing new to report other than what was covered in Manager of Works Report.

EMO Exercise Brunswick Bravo

As was confirmed at the August 26th Meeting of Council, the province-wide emergency measures training event Exercise Brunswick Bravo is scheduled to take place on October 23rd. Nothing new to report.

Subdivision By-Law

Not ready yet.

Public Library Accessible Restroom Upgrades Project

As was announced at the August 26th Meeting of Council, the tender for this project was awarded to DFC Electric (\$27,296.80 plus HST). The project has not begun; however, some site-preparation has been performed by Manager of Works, including removal of the air conditioning unit.

Route 112 Curb & Gutter and Sidewalk Extension Project

There have been some delays due to delays by NBDTI on its Route 112 resurfacing project. It's because the Village contractor has to be in and out at specific times to allow for the DTI work which, again, has seen delays on a couple of occasions so far.

Horsman Street Reconstruction Project

Council approved the removal of this item from the agenda until the 2020 construction season.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were discussed by accommodated and remaining correspondence placed on file:

Deborah Somers - Letter re: By-Law No. 20 (Noise) (see 6. PRESENTATION)

This was the letter that accompanied Deborah Somers' presentation to Council earlier in the meeting.

Sears Insurance Ltd. (formerly Hamilton Insurance) - Request for consideration as broker

Sears Insurance has written the Village asking it to consider using Sears Insurance (formerly Hamilton Insurance) as the broker of record with Frank Cowan Insurance Company for the Village's Insurance needs. Council asked that the Clerk, at the next meeting, clarify the technicalities of Village-insurer arrangement.

Communities in Bloom - Invitation to attend Symposium/Awards - Sep. 25-28, Yarmouth

Addressed to Mayor Keating is a letter from the Town of Yarmouth inviting him to attend the 25th Anniversary edition of the Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards, September 25th to the 28th in Yarmouth.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councillor McNeil stated he has received a proposed fire station needs assessment for Salisbury prepared by Fire Rescue Atlantic. Issue will be the subject of a presentation to Council in either late October or early November.

RCMP REPORT

Councillor McNeil has been reaching out to Southeast District RCMP asking for an update on occurrences in the Village. No response to report on.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Southeast Regional Service Commission (SERSC) Meeting - On August 27th, attended SERSC Meeting.

Beautification Committee Tree Dedication - On September 8th, due to work commitments, was unable to attend Tree Dedication Ceremony.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Kitchen

Nothing to report.

Councillor McNeil

Erosion - Erosion talks were held on September 5th and 6th. Both sessions were well-attended. More to come in the future.

Beautification Committee Tree Dedication - On September 8th, attended annual Tree Dedication Ceremony.

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Hurricane Dorian - On September 8th, was in the monitoring phase from an Emergency Measures perspective concerning Hurricane Dorian.

Councillor Bartlett

Erosion - On September 5th and 6th, attended Erosion talks. Learned a lot. Will report back to Council regarding a letter that he suggested the Village consider sending out to riverside landowners that could contain important pointers regarding erosion-prevention practices.

Councillor Campbell

Erosion - On September 6th, attended Erosion talks, which went great.

Beautification Committee Tree Dedication - On September 8th, attended annual Tree Dedication Ceremony, bringing greetings from Council. Very impressed with attendance, noting that approximately 75 people were there. Offered his congratulations to Beautification Committee, which, this year, doubled its number of memorial trees planted.

CLERK'S REPORT

Jordan LifeCare Centre Fundraising Golf Tournament - Offered a reminder for Council participants on the Village of Salisbury entry that this fundraising event takes place on Tuesday, September 10th in Petitcodiac.

Village of Salisbury Volunteer BBQ - A reminder that the Village's annual barbecue to honour its many volunteers will take place on Sunday, September 22nd from 1:00-3:00 PM, not noon-2:00. Council to grill, greet, and express gratitude.

Golden Age Club - Regarding the request at the August 26th Meeting of Council from the golden age club for assistance in purchasing star-shaped hand-exercisers, or stress balls, the Clerk's Office costed the items for \$1.90 each plus HST for a minimum order of 150. Clerk's Office, following consultation with a member of the golden age club, recommended gold for a colour with Village logo printed in black. Council approved of the purchase with the intention of donating to the golden age club whatever number of these hand-exercisers it requires for its members.

Rural Rides - The manager of Rural Rides has confirmed that she will attend the October 28th Meeting of Council.

Neighbourhood Watch - The Village's contact person with Neighbourhood Watch has expressed informally that their Neighbourhood Watch funding will run out after the 15th of this month. She noted that donors have been cutting back on what they give. She also noted that they have not seen much happening in their patrols. Council asked that a funding request be formally made in writing.

CLOSED MEETING - No closed meeting held as there was nothing to discuss.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - September 23, 2019

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor McNeil to 'Adjourn the meeting.' MOTION CARRIED (8:27 PM)