

## **MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2020**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of Council was held August 24, 2020 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 Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that *'The Agenda be approved with the addition of presenter Mike Holland, the Progressive Conservative candidate for the Albert riding for the September 14<sup>th</sup> New Brunswick election.'* MOTION CARRIED

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

No conflict declared.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on July 27<sup>th</sup> be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

### **RCMP REPORT**

Council welcomed Corporal Tamara Patterson of South East RCMP-Riverview detachment to the meeting. Discussed were responses by the RCMP in the Village since April 1<sup>st</sup>, including 22 crimes against persons, which cover assaults, uttering threats or harassment, resulting in six charges being laid; 37 driving complaints, predominantly to Highway 2, leading to nine charges of impaired driving; 47 property crimes, including thefts and mischief, resulting in seven charges being laid; and 26 false alarms. Local vandalism in the school zone area has been a recent issue. It was noted by Cpl. Patterson that the majority of calls to police have been made between Wednesday and Friday during the daytime, leading to speculation that the calls were actually weekend-related calls being made days later. Stressed was the importance of calling RCMP at the time events happen, not waiting until a day or days later following discussion on social media. It was noted that every call results in a file being opened and as more files are opened, patterns are identified.

The coming weeks will include police ATV patrols, which will include the Salisbury area, as well as school zone patrols.

Among issues raised by Council was the excessive and illegal use of fireworks in the village this Summer, which has resulted in complaints. It was noted that the unauthorized use of fireworks is not only a by-law violation in the Village of Salisbury, it is also a violation of the New Brunswick Fire Prevention Act. Corporal Patterson pointed out that when it comes to fireworks, the RCMP seeks to be proactive, not necessarily enforcing through charges but through education. It was explained that the difficulty in these cases is proving exactly who is setting off the fireworks due to the extreme unlikelihood of catching a violator in the act. Nevertheless, she stressed the importance of contacting police at the time an offence is occurring, not later. And if someone announces on social media their intention to set off fireworks, perhaps indicating when, a call to the RCMP would prove helpful.

Mayor Keating and Council thanked Corporal Patterson for coming to the meeting and invited her back, pointing out that Council most often sits on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

**PRESENTATIONS - Mike Holland, PC candidate for Albert**

Joining Council for a discussion of various issues was Albert Progressive Conservative candidate, incumbent Mike Holland. Topics of discussion included: the desperate need for a new elementary school to serve the village and surrounding area; municipal access to higher government funding in relation to COVID-19; the need for the provincial transportation department to proceed with its previous commitment to roadway patching on routes 106 and 112; the need for provincial action on repairs to the road culvert located at Route 106 and Reeder Road; and the importance of tourism-promotion to the village, including signage near the highway interchange to coax travellers down Fredericton Road. It was stressed that there is great tourism potential with the waterfowl at the Wetland Trail off Highland Park.

Mayor Keating and Council thanked Mike Holland for joining the meeting.

**BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

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

**MANAGER OF WORKS REPORT**

No report from Manager of Works this meeting. Councillor Kitchen noted the projects taking place throughout the community under the Manager of Works' watch, noting the department has been very busy.

**DIRECTOR OF PARKS & LEISURE REPORT**

No report from Director of Parks & Leisure this meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Erosion

Access for any upcoming work on the riverbank erosion file has been made possible through an arrangement made with a private property owner on MacDonald Road.

HR Services

Nothing new to report.

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Councillor Bartlett pointed out that the surface boards, which were installed previously by an all-terrain vehicle group that had secured funding from a non-municipal source, are very noisy when all-terrain vehicles pass over the span. Councillor Campbell stressed that any of the Village's future plans for improvements to the trestle, in order to have a vision carried out correctly, must also involve the ATV groups and the MLA for Albert, as provincial funding may be needed.

Municipal Plan & Zoning By-Law Review

The process remains on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Council expressed its eagerness to get it going again and asked the Clerk to reach out to Southeast Regional Service Commission for a status update.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

New exterior doors with remote-entry capabilities are installed. This will control access to the Municipal Building (Village Office, Department of Works and Maintenance, Salisbury Fire Rescue) which is necessary given the demand on social distancing inside, in particular at the front counter of the office.

Gas Tax Funding - Horsman Street Reconstruction Project

Construction is underway.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Hospice Southeast New Brunswick – Letter/Update Re: New Hospice SENB Facility

The Coronavirus pandemic has slowed progress, but the project to build a new Hospice SENB Residential Facility is ready to break ground either this month or next.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Development & Building Permit List, July 2020

Three development and building permits were issued by SERSC in July to residents of Salisbury for: replacing siding and windows, removing and replacing a deck, and new accessory buildings.

Tim Hortons Camp Day – Request for donations (Camp Day was held Aug. 12th)

The Village donated three items to Tim Hortons Camp Day to use for prize giveaways.

NB Transportation & Infrastructure – Maintenance Agreement 2020

No changes to kilometrage with regards to NBDTI Maintenance Agreement.

Moncton Wildcats – Confirmation of 2020-2021 season and reduced capacity

Due to public gathering and social distancing requirements because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the upcoming Quebec Major Junior Hockey League season will be much different. There will be eight fewer games, including four fewer home games for the Moncton Wildcats at Avenir Centre; and regular-season competition will be intra-division, meaning Moncton will only play its Maritime Division rivals.

As for the Wildcats' home games, they will be reduced to 25 per cent capacity. Every second row will be empty, and three seats on either side of seats that are purchased together will be kept empty. In the concourse area, gathering will not be permitted and must proceed in specific directions.

Season ticket holders from the previous season will be contacted in the week ahead regarding renewals for the 2020-2021 season. Each ticket will cost an extra \$75 + HST. The two seats that the Village purchased for the 2019-2020 season would cost approximately \$1,272 now.

Council discussed at length the merits of renewing the Village's two seats. It was eventually decided that it would be positive to continue to be in a position to give away tickets for free to volunteers and village residents during these stressful times.

It was moved by Councillor Bartlett and seconded by Councillor Campbell that *'the Village of Salisbury purchase two season tickets for the Moncton Wildcats' 2020-2021 season.'*  
MOTION CARRIED

Emailed concern – re: use of fireworks escalating in the village

Council continued with discussion of this topic that was also touched on during the earlier RCMP report. It was noted that municipal fireworks bans through by-laws are very common throughout New Brunswick. While there was discussion about the effectiveness of the existing by-law and whether or not changes are warranted given the absence of a by-law enforcement officer, Councillor Kitchen opined that having the municipal rule in place as it gives weight to the RCMP enforcing the overruling provincial Fire Prevention Act, which specifically restricts the unauthorized use of fireworks. The difficulty faced by police in successfully enforcing this, due to the timing of incidents and the burden of proof, was again noted.

Emailed concern – re: street parking taking place on MacDonald/Braemar

An emailed letter raised concern about street-side parking taking place along MacDonald Road and Braemar Street, saying the roadway becomes too congested making it dangerous, especially at the corner. Council agreed to take it under advisement with the Department of Works and Maintenance. A key factor is successful passage by fire trucks, ambulance, and police.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No report this meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Various – Has been on the phone a number of times in recent weeks regarding a number of different issues.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Councillor Kitchen**

Various-Works – Had discussions previous Monday with Manager of Works regarding ongoing projects in the community.

**Councillor Bartlett**

Social Media – Complimented Councillor Campbell on his social media presence of late. Very positive posts.

Community Days - Regrets not having been able to be involved in Community Days this year, but was spending time with his family travelling within the Atlantic bubble.

**Councillor Campbell**

Erosion Project – On August 6<sup>th</sup>, met with Manager of Works and landowners regarding access to Highland Park via MacDonald Road for work on erosion mitigation project.

Lobster Roll Supper – On August 14<sup>th</sup>, volunteered at very successful lobster roll supper drive-thru held by Department of Parks & Leisure during Community Days.

Lions Breakfast – On August 15<sup>th</sup>, attended Salisbury Lions Club Pancake Breakfast drive-thru during Community Days. Also congratulated Salisbury Community Days Committee for its work this year on its virtual activities; the virtual parade, for example, as well as the promotional videos.

Crossroads for Women - On August 17<sup>th</sup>, met with Melissa Godin-Belliveau of Crossroads for Women regarding their need for office space in Salisbury for one day per month outreach to the Salisbury region. They are also planning some outreach in the schools.

Memorial Trees - On August 17<sup>th</sup>, met with Salisbury Beautification Committee. Discussion included its annual memorial tree program. Tree-planting will take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> with a dedication ceremony planned for September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sunflower Festival - On weekend of August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, attended Sunflower Festival at Green Pig market. Very impressive turnout.

Bike Park - Noted that Steeves Excavating performed landscaping at Josh Damery Memorial Bike Park. Nice to see bike park used as intended.

Woodland Trail – There has been a request regarding the newly created woodland trail located south of the school property. The Beautification Committee is asking for a donation to help with signage. Trail is 80 per cent complete. Representatives of Horizon Health Authority, through which a funding grant for the trail was secured, to attend eventual grand opening.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Bartlett that *'the Village of Salisbury donate \$500 towards signage for new woodland trail.'* Councillor Kitchen inquired as to exactly where the new trail was located. It is behind the schools. MOTION CARRIED

First Responders - Received and forwarded Thank You cards from a visitor to Salisbury Fire Rescue and St. John Ambulance first responders regarding their appreciated response to a recent traumatic event during a gathering held in the Salisbury area.

Council briefly recessed.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

Volunteer Gifts – Confirmed with Council what to purchase for volunteer gifts and related specifics.

Community Days – Community Days went well considering it was a virtual festival this year. There was not as much participation in the online events as was hoped for. Council expressed appreciation especially for the videos created by the Village Office Summer student employees.

Climate Change Adaptation Plan – Creation of a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Village will begin with a kickoff Skype session with Crandall Engineering on September 1st. Council is invited to take part. At some point in the process, a community stakeholders committee must be created.

Council Meetings - Council was asked about the schedule for Council Meetings going forward. It was confirmed that Council would return to meeting twice each month on the evenings of the second and fourth Mondays. However, due to the New Brunswick election on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to move that particular meeting to the evening of Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**August 24, 2020**

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell to '*Enter into a closed meeting.*' MOTION CARRIED

**CLOSED MEETING - Land**

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell to '*Return to the regular meeting.*' MOTION CARRIED

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Councillor Campbell to '*Adjourn the meeting.*' MOTION CARRIED  
(10:05 PM)