

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held October 26, 2020 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Keating presiding. Councillor Bartlett joined the meeting via video technology (Cisco Webex). All other members of Council and Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No conflict declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell that '*The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on October 13th be approved.*' MOTION CARRIED

BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

MANAGER OF WORKS REPORT

No report from Manager of Works this meeting.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS & LEISURE REPORT

No report from Director of Parks & Leisure this meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Erosion

Efforts continue to be made to secure funding for next year's Phase 2 of the riverbank erosion mitigation project.

HR Services

Nothing to report.

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Nothing to report.

Municipal Plan & Zoning By-Law Review

The process of adopting the revised Village of Salisbury Municipal Plan and Zoning By-

Law is now in the midst of the advertised period for public submissions, which must be in writing to the attention of the Clerk at the Village Office (vilsalisbury@nb.aibn.com). These submissions will be copied for Planner Lori Bickford, who has also extended an offer for anyone to phone her at Southeast Regional Service Commission (SERSC) with any questions. This is leading up to a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 PM. The Public Hearing will be administered by SERSC using Zoom video conferencing technology, and the link for it has been posted in the online advertising located at www.salisburynb.ca (<http://www.salisburynb.ca/VillageOfSalisbury/index.php/village-news/299-public-notice-of-intention-to-amend-the-municipal-plan-and-zoning-by-law-oct-14-2020>) and at www.nbse.ca (www.nbse.ca/media-planning/library/PublicHearing-adOct14.pdf). The timeline for this process will give Council the option to hold first and second readings of the by-laws at the November 23rd Council Meeting and hold third and final reading at the December 14th Council Meeting.

Halloween

Council had previously asked that residents of the village follow any Provincial guidelines with respect to Halloween. With the Moncton region/Zone 1 now in Phase 3/Yellow of the Province's Coronavirus Recovery Plan, door-to-door activity is now permitted by New Brunswick Public Health. With this in mind, the Village requests that its residents use the long running outdoor light on/off method of signalling to trick-or-treaters whether or not their home is participating in Halloween this year.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Local Planning Revenues, July-September 2020

SERSC has submitted a third quarter payment of \$1,802.74 to the Village. Year-to-date, local planning revenues for Salisbury from SERSC have totalled \$4,840.79.

NB Justice & Public Safety, Attorney General Hugh Flemming – Re: 2021 RCMP Billing

Letter received from Attorney General Hugh Flemming states that RCMP billing for 2021 for Salisbury will total \$432,596.

Salisbury Beautification Program – Annual Report for 2020 & 2021 Budget Request

In its submitted report, the Beautification committee is requesting an increase in its annual budget from the current \$8,000 this year to \$10,000 for 2021. Work this year included planting commemorative trees, planting flowers, the expansion of existing flower beds, and the purchase of banners for the Village.

Sears Insurance – (for Budgeting Purposes) Projection of Rate Increase for 2021

Projected insurance rate increase in 2021 for the municipality is between 8 and 10 per cent.

Service New Brunswick – Property Assessment Services – Cost of Assessment for 2021

Received from Service New Brunswick/Property Assessment Services, the billing to the Village of Salisbury for assessment services in 2021 will be \$35,704. This is calculated from a rate of \$0.0194 per \$100 of Municipal Tax Base. This rate is unchanged from a 2010 amendment to the formula.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report this meeting.

RCMP REPORT

No report this meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Meeting with MLA – On October 15th, took part in a conference call with Albert MLA.

2021 Budget – On October 22nd, took part in 2021 municipal budget deliberations with Council and staff.

COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Councillor Bartlett

Salisbury Public Library – Library board met previous week to discuss its budget request for 2021, which is similar to its 2020 budgetary needs. Information has since been submitted to Clerk.

Councillor Campbell

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Erosion – On October 16th, joined Village staff in meeting with riverbank erosion project partners, including Fort Folly Habitat Recovery.

2021 Budget – On October 22nd, took part in 2021 municipal budget deliberations with Council and staff.

Councillor Kitchen

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Director of Parks & Leisure – extended appreciation to outgoing Director of Parks & Leisure for her commitment to bringing recreation services to the community. Added that she will be missed.

CLERK’S REPORT

Legion Christmas Party – Royal Canadian Legion Branch 31 has decided to proceed with holding its annual Christmas party for children. It will be held differently this year due to safety restrictions imposed by government during the COVID-19 pandemic. Village Council has been asked to consider its annual funding for this event.

It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that ‘*the Village of Salisbury donate \$300 to the Legion for its annual Kids Christmas Event.*’ MOTION CARRIED

Salisbury Public Library – Library’s annual report has been submitted for Council’s consideration during 2021 budget deliberations. Library manager would like to meet with Council to present her report in person.

JDI Invitation – JD Irving Limited has invited Salisbury Council and staff to visit their Maritime Innovation Limited Lab and Tree Nursery, a Sussex-based research facility. Mayor Keating strongly recommended that Council and staff take advantage of the invitation to tour this world-class operation, having done so himself in recent years.

2021 Budget – Council was asked to decide upon a date for a followup working session for the 2021 municipal budget.

Director of Parks & Leisure – Mayor Keating explained that Village Council and staff, following the meeting, planned to meet with the outgoing Director of Parks & Leisure, who on October 13th announced that she would be resigning her position with the Village of Salisbury, effective October 30th. Mayor Keating said it would be their opportunity to thank her for her six years of service, during which she did a tremendous job, adding that she would be missed.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 9, 2020

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Bartlett to ‘*Adjourn the meeting.*’ MOTION CARRIED (7:35 PM)