

Village of Chipman
Regular Council Meeting
April 4, 2016 7:00pm

Regular Council Meeting of April 4, 2016 was called to order by Mayor Edward Farris at 7:00pm.

In attendance: All councillors were present, namely, Councillor Robin Wasson, Councillor Carol Boyd, Councillor Keith West, Councillor Faith Kennedy.

Media attendance: Kelly Bishop, Grand Lake Mirror

RCMP: Cpl. Brian Villers

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Keith West that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2016 and special meetings of March 14 and 31, 2016 be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

The RCMP report for March 2016 was presented by Cpl. Brian Villers. RCMP responded to 118 calls for service, 24 of which were in the Village of Chipman. Of note, a male was arrested on March 26th for assault and released on conditions and a court date. Four (4) seatbelt tickets were issued. Cpl. Villers told Council that they have made changes to their scheduling and will now have 4 members on duty at all times.

Mayor Edward Farris reminded Council that Canada's 150th Birthday is in 2017. Suggestions and plans for any special celebrations should be considered as any funding must be requested a year in advance. Councillor Faith Kennedy suggested that a quote from Ron Sajak be obtained for a mural painted on the side of the Heritage Centre now that the trees have been removed.

Regarding the closure of Scotiabank Chipman Branch on Oct 6th, Mayor Farris advised Council that he had made calls to major banks and credit unions in hopes that one would consider locating in Chipman to replace Scotiabank. No positive response was received. The credit unions in this area met with their boards but did not want to expand into the rural areas. He also met with Darcy Kelly, Manager of Chipman branch and had spoken with Scott Allen a couple of times. They told him that a Scotiabank Cash Only machine was being put in to Robert's Independent location in May. This is a cash only machine, no deposits or transferring between accounts can be done.

The future of the bank building was discussed with Mr. Allen. That will be looked after by the realty department of Scotiabank. The approx. cost of taking ownership and maintaining that building as vacant is being reviewed by staff and will be considered should Scotiabank offer to transfer ownership to the Village.

Mayor Farris asked Council for suggestions regarding if fees should be charged for the docking of boats at the Marina in 2016. In 2015, a boat stayed connected to the power source of the pump house for an extended period of time, leaving an extension cord on the walkway of the dock. Councillor Faith Kennedy commented that security would be a draw for boat owners to leave their boats there for a fee. A student could be hired for security watch at night. Councillor Carol Boyd commented that a summer student would too young for that type of work.

Mayor Farris stated that five of nine pump stations have been retrofitted for removal of floatable materials.

By-Law 29 A By-Law to License Transient Traders will be reviewed with regard to disallowing any food vendors in the Marina area unless it is during Summer Festival events or other community planned events.

Mayor Farris and Councillor Boyd attended a reception at Minlak in Minto to celebrate Rudi Kennedy-Mills gold medal at the Special Olympics. The reception was sponsored by Minlak and Village of Chipman. Mayor Farris presented Rudi with a gift bag of Chipman items.

Councillor Robin Wasson attended the Festival meeting in March and the NB Forest Safety Assoc meeting in Miramichi NB.

Staff have cleaned the street drains and the pumping stations have been pumped out.

Councillor Wasson stated that NB Power have been contacted by staff and have agreed to fix the cement sidewalk on Main Street by Armstrong's Convenience. This should be done in May.

Councillor Wasson advised that an application was made to the Federal AED Program and the Heart and Stroke Foundation for an AED to be placed in the Heritage Centre. A letter was received on March 21, 2016 stating that our application will not be awarded at this time as the number of applications has exceeded the funds available. However, the application will be kept on file should funds become available in the future.

Councillor Faith Kennedy stated that she attended the meeting Scotiabank held on the closure of the bank branch.

The Festival calendar is filling up fast. The next meeting will be April 18th.

The Library held an evening with author Daryl Branscombe who gave each attending a copy of his new book. The Library Foundation will be holding their annual fundraiser at the Heritage Centre on April 8th. Tickets are \$10.00.

There was no Community Action meeting held in March.

Councillor Kennedy stated that the Chipman Youth Centre will be hosting "Ladies Night" on May 6th at the Heritage Centre. There will be a turkey dinner and a fashion show by JaySet (Fredericton).

Councillor Kennedy also reminded citizens to shop local, use local services and that Council must lead by example.

Councillor Carol Boyd gave the Community Care report. There were 164 people in to the clothing bank and 70 clients served by the Food Bank.

Outreach has 56 clients and 47 aids. The W.G. Bishop Nursing Home is full with no waiting list.

Councillor Boyd stated that the Arena ice is out and the plant shutdown will take place next week. There are no major repairs to equipment at this time.

A Spring Cleanup Day for the Village streets is planned for May 7th, 8:30am-Noon (rain date May 14th). Volunteers are asked to sign up by calling the Village Office by April 29th. If enough volunteers register to hold the supervised cleanup, the Village will provide a pizza lunch at the Heritage Centre. Councillor Wasson will ask Irving for a donation of safety vests and gloves.

On June 4th from 2pm-4pm, an official opening of the Little Church at the Marina will be held as a joint effort with Queens County Heritage.

On April 20th, the Anglophone Rights Association of NB will be holding a Public Information Session at the Heritage Centre. All are welcome.

Councillor Boyd gave the web site reports for February and March.

Councillor Keith West attended a meeting of the Vault board members on March 31. He, Eugene McGinley and Murray Doherty were the only attendees. Another meeting will be scheduled by Mr. McGinley and all members are urged to attend as directors have to be named.

Oromocto and Fredericton SPCA, in conjunction with our local veterinarian will be holding microchipping and rabies shot day at the Arena. This will be held on a weekend day and the cost and date is to be announced later. Local and LSD dog tags will be sold on site.

Councillor West gave the Fire Dept report. 107 hours were recorded for 5 calls. 176 training hours are recorded for those taking Level 1. An air brakes course was also attended by several firefighters in at the Minto Fire Hall.

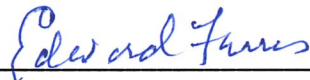
Complaints have been received again regarding a dog on Elm Street and the owner contacted by the Dog Constable.

A thank you letter was received from Minlak for the grant and sponsorship of the reception for Rudi Kennedy-Mills. A thank you card was received from Gary & Susan Kennedy and family.

There were no building permits issued in March.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$142,750.67 and Sewerage Fund bills in the amount of \$12,587.03 be approved. Motion carried.

On Motion, meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Assistant Clerk