

Village of Chipman
Regular Council Meeting
July 14, 2014 7:00pm

(July 7th Regular Meeting was postponed due to widespread power outages after Tropical Storm Arthur)

Regular Council Meeting of July 14 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: not in attendance

Public attendance: Rev. Betty Jean Friedman, United Church

Moved by Councillor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Robin Wasson that minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2014 and special meetings of June 10, June 11 and June 17 be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

Mayor Edward Farris read the emailed documentation received on July 8th (copy attached) from Rev. Betty Jean Friedman regarding the planned Board Meeting for Camp Wegesegum on August 9th.

Rev. Betty Jean Friedman explained that the board will be bringing forth a motion to dissolve Camp Wegesegum Incorporated. This would dissolve the Board. She felt it was important to forward this information to Council as the Camp is a vital piece of community history and to make Council aware of the situation. She asked for Council and community support for what may need to be done to keep Camp Wegesegum. She requested Council's presence at the Board Meeting on July 9th to help form a partnership.

Mayor Edward Farris reported that he has been in contact with a representative of Robin's Donuts regarding franchise opportunity availability in Chipman. They are very interested in making a franchise available to someone with land and the interest in being a business owner. Mayor Farris remarked that this could be a very positive addition to our community.

Chipman Forest Avenue School 2014 Graduates Keon Day, Madison Clark and Troy Drost were presented with cash gifts from the Village of Chipman by Mayor Farris at the graduation ceremony.

Mayor Farris asked all Council to give their UMN Conference registrations to the office staff. The conference is in September in St. Andrews.

The Zone meeting will be August 27th and will be hosted by Upper Miramichi.

The Marina washrooms have been painted and cleaned for the season. They will be open during Museum operating hours.

Chipman Council attended the Minto Coal Mining Days Parade. They were judges and also participated in the parade.

Council attended the Fundraising Dinner at the Senior's Hall in Minto on June 26th. This was put on by the Grand Lake Growth Committee and guest speaker was Frank McKenna. Funds were raised for Minto Resource Centre and Chipman Youth Centre.

Council will be meeting with Don Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Regional Service Commission #11 to update the Council on what the commission has done during the last 18 months.

Mayor Farris thanked Canada Day Chairperson Faith Kennedy for organizing the Canada Day events in the Village. It was well attended.

The sewerage July invoices have been mailed. A team of engineers visited the treatment plant with the Mayor and staff to give a quote on upgrades that will be needed in the future.

The marina docks were damaged during Tropical Storm Arthur. Mayor Farris and Deputy Mayor Wasson inspected all the damage and it was decided that the safest way to fix it would be to remove it completely, make necessary repairs and wait until the water level receded to the level that welding and installation could be done.

Mayor Farris expressed thanks to the EMO committee for the work they did implementing the reception centre during the aftermath of the storm on July 5th. Everyone worked together well.

Mayor Farris recognized Cole Boudreau for his accomplishment in winning a Pro Stock race at Speedway 600 recently.

Councillor Robin Wasson thanked the staff that worked on Saturday, July 5th to get debris off the streets during the storm.

He stated that a No Parking sign was put up on Spruce Street.

The asphaltting was started when weather allowed. Dump truck repairs were needed and an asphalt tarp was purchased and installed for hauling asphalt from Frederickton. The asphalt plant in Hardwood Ridge did not open this year.

He stated that Jim Lawless from J. D. Irving advised that Irving would help to repair the bridge on the trail however the snowmobile club should look at the trail as it is washing out.

The ballfield was damaged in the storm.

He gave the Community Care report.

Councillor Keith West gave the Fire Department report. There were 15 hours with 2 calls in June.

An application for volunteer fireman was received from Michael Darrah. It was moved by Councillor West and seconded by Councillor Wasson to accept Mr. Darrah as a volunteer fireman. Motion carried.

Councillor West commended the EMO and Fire Department for their work during the week after the storm.

The Dog Park Committee is continuing fundraising activities. They have had a donation of fencing and posts.

There were no animal control incidents in June.

Councillor Carol Boyd gave the Chipman Outreach and W.G. Bishop reports.

The Museum is open regular hours and student Katlin Copeland is doing a great job and has a great interest in the museum.

The arena is being painted and readied for festival. The canteen, operating as Mama Dee's is opened and she has set her own hours for takeout.

An art gallery is open in the Caboose for the summer and is operated by the Joy Club.

Two new family visits were made and there are three more to do.

The community garden is doing very well. Gwen Watson has done a great job and we extend our thanks to her.

Unightly premise letters were sent out but no improvements have been made. These will be followed up.

Councillor Boyd said she will attend the Camp Wegesegum Board Meeting on July 9th as Council representative.

Councillor Faith Kennedy gave the Library report.

She attended a Queens County Heritage meeting in Chipman on June 19th. At the August meeting a branch of the Queens County Heritage may be established in Chipman. There was a very good turnout and interest.

She thanked all of the volunteers and supporters of the Canada Day events and Charlie Tyler for raising the flag.

She thanked the EMO committee, Fire Dept, Red Cross and local businesses and volunteers for their many hours of volunteer work during the storm and power outage. Premier Alward and MLA Pam Lynch visited the reception centre setup at the Fire Hall. Communications were a problem early in the week as the lines were down. NB911 communication was also down for a period of time. Communication alternatives will need to be looked at.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that payment of General Fund Bills in the amount of \$90,950.70 and Sewerage Fund Bills in the amount of \$35,646.73 be3 approved.
Motion carried.

On motion, meeting was adjourned.



Mayor



Assistant Clerk