

**Village of Chipman
Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

Attendance: Mayor Carson Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Keith West, Councillor Lindsey Fraser, Councillor Dan Frenette, Councillor Shaun Ward.

Media: Kelly Bishop, Grand Lake Mirror.

RCMP: No member present.

Special Guests: Peter Haddon, Maintenance & Utility Supervisor, Jason Leblanc, Maintenance & Utility Assistant.

Call to Order

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council was pleased to present long service awards to Jason Leblanc for 15 years and Peter Haddon for 40 years of dedicated service to the Village. Mayor Atkinson on behalf of Council thanked them for their continued hard work that they perform each day.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to approve the agenda with only one change of removing the presenter from the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette to adopt the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adopt the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to adopt the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Special Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Special Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Conflict of Interest - N/A

Presenter - Cancelled

RCMP Report – No Report. This is the 10th month that the Village has not had a representative present at a Council Meeting.

NSP Report – No report

Correspondence

1 Building Permit valued at \$35.00 and 1 Development Permit valued at \$50.00 for July 2020.

A thank you card was received from Chipman Youth Centre thanking the Village for their continued support.

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to table the request for a donation from the NB Police Association until more information is given. **Motion carried.**

Councillor's Reports

Mayor Atkinson encouraged all residents of the Village to attend the Public Meeting regarding the Chipman Arena on August 31, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Mayor Atkinson stated that Council is looking to the public for feedback on reopening or repurposing the Arena.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept the Mayor's Report (see attached). **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to accept the Public Works Report (see attached). **Motion carried.**

Deputy Mayor Keith West reported that the Sewerage Treatment Plant Project tenders were received and opened on July 16, 2020. The tenders came in higher than the budget allows. Without additional funding from the Federal and Provincial government's the project is at a standstill.

Deputy Mayor Keith West reported no major problems with the plant. He reported to Council that \$12,715.50 has been received in sewerage arrears and \$51,003.58 in current accounts.

Deputy Mayor Keith West attended all meetings as well as a BBQ at Camp Wegesegum celebrating Rev. Betty-Jean Friedman's retirement. He also attended a beautiful picnic enjoyed by all the newcomers hosted by Leah Stevenson, RSN Coordinator for Grand Lake Region.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept his verbal report as well as the written report by Elwood Wishart, Utility Worker.

Motion carried.

Councillor Fraser reported to Council that Camp Wegesegum is going very well with the pool being used daily. Day Camp will be at Camp Wegesegum the week of August 17-21, 2020.

Councillor Fraser advised Council that the Bowlarama is now open on Friday afternoons.

Councillor Fraser attended all regular and special meetings.

Animal Report

Councillor Fraser had a few dog complaints that she has forwarded on to the Dog Constable. She also reported that a couple of dog tags have been purchased.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to accept her verbal report. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Dan Frenette reported that the Village will only receive quarterly reports from the RCMP. The reports will be the whole district in one report so it will not give a true picture to what coverage the Village of Chipman is receiving. Cameras will soon be installed in 6 locations within the Village. All materials have arrived to start the prep work.

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to accept his verbal report. **Motion carried.**

Fire Calls

There were 3 fire calls in July 2020.

Councillor Ward extended a thank you to the Village Staff for painting the lines so that practice could be set up at the Arena to have a safe place for residents to practice for their road test.

Councillor Ward also reported that Mr. Blake Clark will install the new generator at the Heritage Centre. Part of the cost will come from the EMO budget and in the event of an emergency, the Heritage Centre can be used as a second warming shelter. The Heritage Centre now has fiber op.

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to accept his verbal report. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept the Clerk's report (see attached). **Motion carried.**

New Business

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to have RSC 11 proceed with the Notice to Comply with 7 Hillcrest. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to have RSC 11 proceed with the Notice to comply with 152 Main Street. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to award the paving job at HB Avenue to Brown's paving in the amount of \$22,979.22. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to hire Blake Clark to install the new generator at the Heritage Centre in the amount of \$5175.00. \$3000.00 will be reallocated from the EMO budget to help cover the cost. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette to transfer \$1109.48 from the General Operating Account to the General Capital Reserve as per the 2019 Audit. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to have RSC 11 tender the sidewalk work from Freshmart to Hamilton Baird Park. The cost of this project will come out of the Gas Tax Account. **Motion carried.**

Tim Thorton, President of the ATV Club, presented to Council if they could put up speed signs on Village property.

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to allow the speed signs to go up on Village property and that the speed would be set at 40km. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to table if the Village will allow ATV access on Elm Street and Hillcrest Avenue until the Clerk gets a copy of ownership from the Province. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to table the purchase of a new Village truck for Public Works. **Motion carried.**

Council had a great deal of discussion regarding the Chipman Arena and what the future looks like for this facility during COVID-19. Council decided to hold a Public Meeting on August 31, 2020 to ask the public their thoughts. The Office Staff will

prepare a flyer to go out to all residents of the Village with the demographics and the financial impact it will have on the Village.

Council requested the Clerk compile all the info from EMO if Bingo can resume if everyone wears a facemask and bring the information back to the next meeting.

Approval of Bills


Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that payment of General Fund Bills in the amount of \$264,281.68 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that payment of the Sewerage Bills in the amount of \$81,464.63 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. **Motion carried.**


Carson Atkinson, Mayor


Michelle Dickinson, Clerk

