

The regular meeting of the Village of Chipman was called to order by Mayor Edward Farris at 7 PM at December 7, 2015. Councillors present were Councillor Carol Boyd, Councillor Faith Kennedy and Councillor Robin Wasson. Councillor Keith West was unable to attend the meeting as he was sick.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2015 and special meeting of November 2, 2015 be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

Eugene McGinley presented Council with the corporate minute book of the Chipman Community Vault Inc.

Corporal Brian Villers gave the RCMP report for November.

Mayor Farris attended the Grand Lake Growth Committee meeting on November 25, 2015. Only 50 attended the Job Fair. Next meeting will be held on January 20, 2016 in Chipman Council Chambers.

A thank you was received from the Dog Park Committee.

Mayor Farris attended the MINLAK meeting and Forestry meeting. Mayor Farris also attended the Memorial Tree Lighting at Chipman Funeral Home.

One of the flower boxes on Main Street was destroyed.

Deputy Premier Horseman presented Council a cheque for \$10,000 for playground equipment for Hamilton Baird Park.

The trees have been cut beside the Heritage Centre to make ready for a parking lot.

There is something wrong with the motor on pump station on Bridge Street. Thomas Industrial will be down tomorrow to check it.

Collection on overdue accounts is on-going.

Mayor Farris gave the Fire Department report for November.

Councillor Robin Wasson attended Remembrance Day activities on behalf of Council.

Councillor Wasson stated that he was very disappointed in the lack of participation in this year's Santa Claus Parade. We will have to look closely as to whether the parade will continue.

Councillor Carol Boyd gave the W.G. Bishop Nursing Home report and the Chipman Outreach report.

Christmas Bingo will be December 22, 2015 and we will be having a New Year's Bingo on December 31, 2015.

Councillor Boyd thanked Rogers, Bell Aliant and Scotiabank for a successful telethon. There was approximately \$16,400 raised.

Councillor Faith Kennedy gave the Library report.

The library held a magic show on December 5, 2015 with free hot dogs. Then participants walked to the United Church for a movie and dessert.

An EMO meeting was held on November 9, 2015. The plan was reviewed.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that the following Helmet Policy be adopted effective December 7, 2015:

**WEARING HELMETS ON ICE SURFACE AT THE CHIMAN CENTENNIAL ARENA**

**Policy No. VOC – 02**

**Adopted: December 7, 2015**

**All** patrons of the Chipman Centennial Arena must wear a CSA approved helmet during all activities on the ice surface. **Bicycle helmets do not provide the same protection and will not be permitted on the ice.**

Patrons may be described as:

1. Competitors for sporting events (hockey, ringette, figure skating, etc.)
2. Participants at all public and private skating sessions
3. Coaches (when on ice surface)
4. Arena personnel and all other persons while on the ice surface

Motion carried.

One of the VON nurses who ran a foot clinic in our building would like to continue this service in the building. Council agreed that this service could be continued in this building.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that payment of General Fund Bills in the amount of \$190,980.63 and Sewerage Fund Bills in the amount of \$25,502.72 be approved. Motion carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

A special meeting of the Village of Chipman Council was called to order by Mayor Edward Farris at 9 AM on December 11, 2015. All Councillors were present; namely, Councillor Carol Boyd, Councillor Faith Kennedy, Councillor Robin Wasson and Councillor Keith West.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss budget figures for 2016.

The Community Funding and Equalization Grant has decreased this year from \$337,957 to \$324,176. RCMP cost for 2016 has decreased from \$140,651 to \$128,105. Fire services funding from the local service districts has decreased from \$74,008 to \$48,476.

The Library has requested the same budget as last year.

Community Care has requested a yearly grant from the Village.

Moved by Councillor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Faith Kennedy that \$1000 be included in the budget each year as a grant to Community Care. Motion carried.

The budget will be sent in with a decrease in the tax rate from 1.3600 to 1.3400 and an increase in sewer user charges from \$330 to \$350 per year per unit.

Moved by Councillor Carol Boyd and seconded by Councillor Robin Wasson that the sum of \$1,447,001 be the total operating budget of the municipality of Chipman, that the sum of \$910,840 be the warrant of the municipality for 2016 and that the tax rate be \$1.3400. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Keith West that the total budget for the sewer operating for 2016 consist of total revenues of \$249,350 and total expenditures of \$249,350. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Faith Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that \$41,430 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that \$65,000 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve. Motion carried.

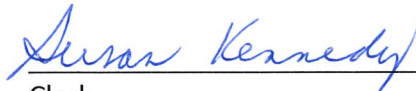
Moved by Councillor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Faith Kennedy that \$19859 be transferred from the General Capital Reserve to the General Operating Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Faith Kennedy that \$11,000 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve. Motion carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

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Clerk