

**Village of Chipman
Regular Council Meeting
May 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

Attendance: Mayor Carson Atkinson, Deputy Mayor Keith West, Councillor Lindsey Fraser.

Via Conference Call: Councillor Dan Frenette, Councillor Shaun Ward, Kelly Bishop, Grand Lake Mirror.

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette to approve the agenda with the addition of Cameras and Zoom Update. **Motion carried.**

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward that the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as read. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West that the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Special Meeting be adopted as read. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser that the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Special Council Meeting be adopted as read. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette that the minutes of the April 27, 2020 Special Council Meeting be adopted as read. **Motion carried.**

Conflict of Interest - N/A

RCMP Report -Month 7 without a report.

NSP Report - N/A

Correspondence

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to donate \$64.00 to the Canadian Council of the Blind out of the Bingo Account. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to table the CFAS awards donation until Council contacts the school to inquire on which students are attending post-secondary education. **Motion carried.**

The Clerk read a letter from resident Vernon Bishop regarding concerns of the Chipman Bridge. The Clerk will forward the letter onto Kris Austin, MLA for Grand Lake, Premier Blaine Higgs, and Bill Oliver, Minister of DTI.

Councillor's Reports

Mayor Carson Atkinson commended the Village office staff on a job well done during COVID-19.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Keith West attended all meetings and conference calls in April.

Deputy Mayor Keith West reported on April 1, 2020 a sewer line on Redbank Drive was blocked with tree roots. The resident would be responsible to hire a local contractor to remove the roots.

Deputy Mayor West also reported a blocked drain on Main Street.

Current sewerage collected accounts in April were \$2443.75, and the total arrears collected was \$2008.75.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept his verbal report. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Lindsey Fraser attended all meetings in April.

Councillor Lindsey Fraser reported that Camp Wegesegum will have smaller activities planned if the restrictions are still in place for summer events.

Canada Day activities and Summer Festival are cancelled due to COVID-19.

Councillor Fraser reported that the Dog Park is now open. All owners must practice social distancing.

Animal Complaint

There was 1 animal complaint in April which resulted in 2 residents receiving letters.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to accept her reports (see attached). **Motion carried.**

Councillor Dan Frenette attended all meetings and conference calls. RCMP meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

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

Councillor Shaun Ward attended all meetings with the exception of the April 27th Special Council Meeting.

Councillor Ward reported 7 fire calls for April 2020.

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to accept his verbal report. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to accept the Clerk's Report. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to accept Wainwright Contracting's quote dated on January 3, 2020 for \$7475.00 to repair the retaining wall in front of the Fire Hall. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to approve Erica Bryant's proposal of renovations needed for the daycare. This will be at no cost to the Village. Council recommends that Lonnie Forbes, Building inspector for RSC 11 come down, and do an inspection on the renovations that Ms. Bryant needs to have in place to open the facility. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Lindsey Fraser, Councillor Dan Frenette and the Clerk will interview Summer Students at the first of June 2020.

Casual employees will return to work on June 1, 2020.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to approve the Office Assistant, working 2 days at the office and 1 day at home while we are dealing with restrictions and COVID-19. **Motion carried.**

Robert Fawcett is looking to setting up virtual meetings for developers at the first of June.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to table the purchase of Chromebooks until all quotes come in. **Motion carried.**

EMO requested a thank you message to businesses be put in the Grand Lake Mirror. The Village already had done this in the April edition.

The Clerk will ask the Office Assistant to put a reminder on the Village Facebook and Website for residents to social distance, hand sanitize, etc.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West that the Village of Chipman will move forward with the development of a Community Recruitment & Retention Centre. This building will support the economic future of the Village. So long as the operating cost of the Centre does not negatively impact the Village of its current responsibilities. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to approve payment of Sewerage Bills in the amount of \$49,458.62. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to approve payment of General Bills in the amount of \$146,746.06. **Motion carried.**

Camera Update

Councillor Dan Frenette will order protective cases off Amazon which will help protect the cameras against vandalism. 15 cases will need to be ordered at approximately \$1000 in total.

Councillor Frenette will order the cameras from Costco.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Next Special Council meeting is on May 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm.


Carson Atkinson, Mayor


Michelle Dickinson, Clerk