

Village of Chipman
Regular Council Meeting
October 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm

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

Media: Kelly Bishop, Grand Lake Mirror

Presenter: Jody Brown, President of the Snowmobile Club

NSP: Leah Stevenson

RCMP: No member present

Calling to Order

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 Shaun Ward to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Deputy Keith West to adopt the minutes of the September 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adopt the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Special Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Conflict of Interest

None that was stated.

RCMP Report

There was not an officer present, however the Clerk read the written report that was provided by Cst. Brannon.

- 15 complaints for the month of September 2019.

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

NSP Report

Leah, NSP Manager, gave a detailed monthly report.

- She has mailed out 1500 flyers to the residents of Chipman and surrounding areas inquiring if there was any interest in a Daycare/Preschool facility. She stated she has received very little interest.
- Julie McNeil will be teaching ESL training for the next 12 weeks.
- A first time Club and Leisure night was held at CFAS with approximately 23 tables and over 100 people in attendance.
- Three Brazilian men will be arriving in November and their families will join them in April/ May 2020.
- Community cooking class was held at CFAS, and was a great success. This will be a monthly planned event.
- NSP midterm report is due on October 15, 2019. This is a report that is submitted to secure funding for the NSP program.
- Community Pot Luck on October 11, 2019 from 5-8 pm at the Chipman Fish & Game Club. Everyone welcome!

Presentations

Jody Brown, President of the Snowmobile Club, came to Council requesting permission to go on Village property behind Armstrong Communications and fix the bridge. The area is being dammed by beavers causing the bridge to be unsafe.

Mr. Brown would like to see the bridge repaired as it is the only trail that connects us from NB to Quebec. The estimated cost would be \$2500.00. Mr. Brown would like to see a three way partnership between the Village, the ATV club and themselves.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to give \$850.00 to the Snowmobile Club out of Parks and Recreation to help fix the bridge that connects the trail system. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Atkinson thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation - A very strategic plan to fix the bridge as it is a vital part of our community that attracts, and brings new people to the area through the trail system.

Permit Applications

0 Building Permits and 1 Development Permit for September 2019.

Correspondence

- A thank you card was read from Marilyn Marcellus that has recently moved to the Village. She has been overwhelmed by the Village's hospitality.
- A thank you card from Service NB was received thanking the Village for the partnership. Customer Appreciation week is Oct7-11.
- Jayne Smith, president of the J.O.Y. Club submitted requests to see if the Village has volunteers to drive seniors to doctor appointments, shovel walkways , rack leaves, pile wood, etc.

The Village Council asked the Clerk to make a call to Emily Shapiro, Community Developer for Grand Lake, to see if she could help the J.O.Y. Club with their request as the Village does not have these types of resources.

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to donate \$220.00 plus tax from the Bingo Account to Fire Prevention Week advertising a thank you from the Village to the Chipman Fire Department for their courage and commitment. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Atkinson made Council aware that the Municipal Designated Highway Program 2020-2024 was sent back with two streets that are not eligible for funding as they are not provincially designated highways. The two streets were Forest Avenue and Maple Street.

Councillor's Reports

Mayor Atkinson thanked Council for their hard work and ongoing dedication while he was on a 2 week vacation.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept the Public Works report as circulated. **Motion carried.**

Deputy Mayor Keith West reported that work has started at the Northrup Drive Lift Station.

Deputy Mayor Keith West attended many special events this month. He gave a speech to the Christian Life Center men's group on how the Municipal world works. He also attended the first Club and Leisure night and had a table on bingo events, in which he gave away a door prize to attend a free bingo night.

September sewer arrears collected were \$804.00. September sewer current collected were \$10,748.50. Outstanding arrears for the year are \$55,634.62.

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

Councillor Lindsey Fraser requested a donation to purchase candy for the Village Halloween Spooktacular event that is being held at Camp Wegesegum on Saturday October 19, 2019.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to donate \$300.00 from the Bingo Account for the purchase of candy for the Village Halloween Spooktacular event. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Fraser would like to see the Village have a Halloween decorating contest. The top three winners will receive Village swag bags. They must live within the Village limits and register by calling the Village Office. Judging will take place on October 28.

Councillors thought this would be a great contest.

No animal report.

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

In Councillor Frenette's absence, the Clerk reported that Logan Briggs will be hired for a week to help put the ice in at the Arena.

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

Councillor Ward reported that the Fire Department had 2 calls in September.

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-11, 2019. Councillor Ward expressed his thanks to the Chipman Fire Department on their dedication to our Community.

Councillor Ward reported that the Chipman Fish & Game Club is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year.

Councillor Ward reported that the Chipman Youth Centre received two \$20,000.00 grants. The CYC would like to see heat pumps installed in the centre.

CFAS hosted their 1st Bernie Sisk Memorial Soccer Tournament. Congratulations to Minto on placing first.

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to accept his reports as read (see reports attached). **Motion carried.**

New Business

The grand opening for the new storage building will be October 19, 2019 at 11:30 am. Everyone welcomed.

The Clerk gave a brief explanation on how the Village and the community could work together, and be more time efficient in the beautification of our Village.

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept the budget from RSC 11. **Motion carried.**

The Clerk advised Council that both 2014-2018 and 2019-2023 Gas Tax Applications have been submitted.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to transfer \$120,711.70 from the Sewer Capital Reserve to the Sewer Operating Account that is being funded from the Capital Assets 2014-2018 Gas Tax Funds. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills


Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to approve the General Bills in the amount of \$173,107.64. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Lindsey Fraser to approve the Sewer Operating Bills in the amount of \$41,383.20. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:40 pm. **Motion carried.**

Next Special Meeting will be October 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting will be November 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm.



Carson Atkinson, Mayor



Michelle Dickinson, Clerk

