

Village of Chipman
Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2019

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

Media: Kelly Bishop (Grand Lake Mirror)

Presenter: Roxanne Reid, Manager of Scotiabank Minto Branch

NSP: Leah Stevenson

RCMP: Cst. Phillip Brannon

Mayor Carson Atkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mayor Atkinson expressed his condolences on behalf of Council to the family of the late Robert "Bob" Demmings.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adopt the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Dan Frenette and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to adopt the minutes of the August 15, 2019 Special Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to adopt the minutes of the August 29, 2019 Special Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Conflict of Interest

No conflicts stated.

RCMP

Mayor Atkinson expressed his concerns that community policing services have declined significantly in the last 30 years; this encouraged him to write a letter on behalf of Council to the Minister of Public Safety. The two main concerns that the Village is facing is that we are no longer receiving monthly written incident reports, and a greater need on community based policing.

RCMP Cst. Phil Brannon reported that the RCMP received 21 complaints in the month of August.

NSP (Newcomer Settlement Program)

Leah Stevenson, NSP Manager, gave a very detailed report on all the events, and daily activities that have been taken place the last month. She advised Council that several new residents have been welcomed to the community in the last 6 weeks (see attached report).

Mayor Carson Atkinson thanked Ms. Stevenson for all her hard work with the new families.

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

Presenter

Mayor Atkinson welcomed Roxanne Reid, Scotiabank Manager of the Minto branch on behalf of Council to the meeting.

She provided Council with an overview of her banking experience and knowledge. She advised Council that she puts clients first, and wants to get to know the people she is dealing with. She is here in the community because she wants to be. She is looking forward to working with the Village Council in the future.

Permit Applications

1 Building Permit and 0 Development permits for August 2019.

Correspondence

A thank you letter was read from J.D. Irving, thanking Council for their kind words and the strong partnership the Village demonstrated with the 2nd Annual Fishing Derby.

A thank you card was read from the Chipman Youth Centre for the Village's donation to their summer program.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to donate \$65.00 from Bingo to the Annual Children's Fire Safety Journal. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Dan Frenette to allow the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to attend a seminar on October 4, 2019 on Building an Effective Council and Senior Staff Working Relationship in the amount of \$50.00 each. **Motion carried.**

Councillor's Reports

Mayor Carson Atkinson expressed thanks to all the summer students for all their hard work and welcomed Village employee, Dylan Chase, who will be working with the Village staff for the next 12 weeks.

Mayor Atkinson will send a letter to the Minister of Public Safety regarding a crosswalk in front of Robin's and the United Church. There is a lot of traffic in these two areas of the Village, and Council expressed their concern on safety due to no crosswalk present.

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

Deputy Mayor Keith West advised that the retrofit of the pumping station on Northrup Drive will take place on October 7, 2019. The work will be completed by Thomas Industrial.

August sewer arrears collected were \$805.00. August sewer current collected were \$24,165.25.

Bingo has been very well attended.

Deputy Mayor Keith West attended all meetings in August, and will be attending the Harvest Fest on behalf of Council on September 28, 2019.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward the acceptance of his verbal report. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Lindsey Fraser has had a very busy month with Summer Festival. Summer Festival was very well attended this year and she was happy to report that she came in under budget. She thanked all the volunteers that worked together to make it a very successful Festival.

Bowling is well underway with league bowling starting September 9, 2019.

Councillor Fraser expressed a sincere thank you to the life guards at Camp Wegesegum, the community for making use of the pool, and JDI for purchasing 500 pool passes.

Animal Report

Councillor Fraser reminded the public that when they see a dog at large to call the Dog Constable Jason Leblanc. This process ensures that the animal gets back home safely.

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

Councillor Dan Frenette reported that the Village is still looking for proposals for the operation of the Arena canteen for the upcoming season. Councillor Dan Frenette advised Council that all the issues at the Arena have been completed and the ice will be in on schedule.

The Arena roof painting has been completed.

Councillor Frenette thanked Cst. Andrea Gallant for all her dedication while she was posted in Chipman. Cst. Gallant has accepted a position at headquarters. Councillor Frenette welcomes Stg. McDougal to the Village and looks forward to working with him.

Councillor Dan Frenette and Mayor Carson Atkinson will be meeting with Minto Council on September 23, 2019 to discuss Arena ice rates for 2019-2020 season.

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

Fire Department

There were 4 fire calls for the month of August 2019.

Councillor Shaun Ward will be attending the Fire Department meeting on September 18.

Councillor Shaun Ward has had a very busy month. He thanked all the volunteers that made all these events a huge success. Without all the hard work of all the volunteers these events such as the Fishing Derby and Summer Festival would not be made possible.

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

New Business

Moved by Councillor Lindsey Fraser and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept the new Retirement Policy for staff. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to table the Scotiabank proposal on the new rates until the new year. **Motion carried.**

A tentative date for the Grand Opening of the new Village Storage Building will be October 19, 2019 at 11:30am.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to accept the only tender that was submitted for the Chipman Community Recruitment and Retention Centre planning and design from Brendan Bates of the architectural firm Toss in the amount of \$33,867.50 less the 71.42% HST rate. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to approve the General Bills in the amount of \$95,606.93. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Keith West and seconded by Councillor Shaun Ward to approve the Sewer Operating Bills in the amount of \$8,981.58. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Shaun Ward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Keith West to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:30pm. **Motion carried.**

Next Special Meeting will be September 23, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting will be October 7, 2018 at 7:00pm.


Carson Atkinson, Mayor


Michelle Dickinson, Clerk

