

The regular meeting of the Village of Chipman Council was called to order by Mayor Edward Farris at 7 PM on March 7, 2016. All Councillors were present; namely, Councillor Carol Boyd, Councillor Faith Kennedy, Councillor Robin Wasson and Councillor Keith West.

Also present were Stephen McAlinden RSC #11, Murray Doherty, Brian Munroe and Jimmy Brown.

Moved by Councillor Carol Boyd and seconded by Councillor Robin Wasson that minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 2016 and special meetings of January 27, 2016 and February 1, 2016 be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

Murray Doherty had several concerns about the state of disrepair the Village is in. The piece of sidewalk missing by Armstrong Convenience needs to be replaced. Something needs to be done about the empty building on Main Street with the siding torn off and Robert LeBlanc's house on King Street that is in shambles.

Mr. Doherty also stated that there needs to be a sidewalk past the tracks going out King Street. In the summer you are walking on sand and in the winter it is not even plowed.

Stephen McAlinden, RSC #11 went over the application from Martin Beers on behalf of Downey Ford for a permitted use of an automotive sales establishment at 63 Bridge Street, Chipman, N.B.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that Council adopt the recommendation that the RSC #11 PRAC set the terms and conditions for an automotive sales establishment on PID #45168861 in the Community Centre Zone of the Village of Chipman Rural Plan. Motion carried.

Brian Munroe would like to get the youth involved in clean-up of the Village. Maybe donations could be got to help out with costs such as gloves, shovels, etc.

Jimmy Brown had several concerns. One concern was a particular vendor who comes in, parks at the marina and plugs into the caboose. He takes his money and leaves and the village is paying his electrical.

Another concern was the arena canteen. This has always been seasonal. Now it is a full time business and once again the Village is paying expenses. Mr. Brown stated that he would like to have a level playing field. He has to pay for his hydro, repairs, insurance, property tax, sewerage, etc. These are all looked after by the Village for the Arena canteen. How can the Village of Chipman be subsidizing one businesses to the detriment of other businesses.

Council stated that they will discuss new policies regarding vendors coming into the Village.

Mayor Farris stated that overdue sewerage accounts are being reviewed.

Irving will not be paying wages for Dwayne Vail this year because they will be doing the sweeping.

Brent Copeland will be kept on until the upstairs office is fixed which should not take too long to do.

Council did not attend the Zone meeting due to a storm that day.

Mayor Farris and Councillor West attended the Forestry Group meeting.

There will be a vault committee meeting on March 31, 2016.

Mayor Farris received a call from Scotiabank informing Council that they will be closing the Chipman branch as of October 6, 2016. There will be a public meeting at the legion, sponsored by Scotiabank, on March 8, 2016 from 7 – 9 PM.

Mayor Farris has been in contact with several credit unions.

Nine pump stations need to be retrofitted for the removal of floatable materials. This is a requirement of our Approval to Operate.

The motor from the pump station at Elliott Brook has to be taken to Eel River to be rewound.

Councillor Robin Wasson reported on work done in the Village during the month. Councillor Wasson attended the open house for MINLAK.

Councillor Wasson will approach Irving regarding Dwayne's wages for this year.

Councillor Carol Boyd gave the Chipman Outreach report.

There will be free public skating on Wednesday and Thursday of March break.

Tentative date for shut down at the arena is April 3, 2016.

Councillor Boyd thanked the JOY Club for their help with Heritage Night.

Councillor Boyd stated that she will be re-offering for Council in the upcoming election.

Councillor Faith Kennedy gave the Library report. Their fundraiser night will be April 8, 2016 at the Heritage Centre beginning at 7 PM.

The next Summer Festival meeting is March 14, 2016 at 7 PM.

Councillor Kennedy congratulated Rudi Kennedy-Mills on his gold medal in snowshoeing 200 metres at the Special Olympics held in Newfoundland.

The next meeting date for EMO is undecided.

Canada Day celebrations will be held on July 1, 2016 at the marina and Heritage Centre.

The next Community Action meeting is April 12, 2016 at 1:30 PM.

Councillor is disappointed with Ambulance New Brunswick's decision to move out of the Ambulance Bay in the Municipal Building.

Councillor Kennedy gave the Chipman Youth Centre report.

Councillor Kennedy will also be re-offering for Council in the upcoming election.

Councillor Keith West gave the Fire Department report for February.

A letter was received with 17 complaints regarding a dog in the Village. Councillor West stated that we cannot take action against this dog unless people call in about it. People are urged to call the Village Office when they have problems with dogs.

An email was received from the manager of the Oromocto & Area SPCA regarding microchipping of pets.

Tabatha Ryan is our new spare dispatcher for the Fire Department.

Councillor West will also be re-offering for Council in the upcoming election.

Thank you cards were received from the Bowling Alley, Kelly Bishop and Carol Boyd and family.

There were no building permits issued in February.

Moved by Councillor Robin Wasson and seconded by Councillor Carol Boyd that payment of General Fund Bills in the amount of \$93,964.89 and Sewerage Fund Bills in the amount of \$12,587.03 be approved. Motion carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

Edward Funes

Mayor

Susan Kennedy

Clerk