

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM'S VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2018**

Present: Roger Gallant, Ann Arsenault, Colette Gallant, Paul Gallant,
Phil LeBlanc

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Roger Arsenault, Yolande Gallant

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Colette Gallant that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Ann Arsenault that the Minutes of November 22, 2017 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Meeting on Regional Incorporation

Roger Gallant reported that there was meeting on December 11th to follow-up on the issues raised in the previous meeting regarding preparation for having a public meeting. Another planning meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night.

b) EMO Planning

Roger Gallant reported that he attended an all-day training seminar at the Wellington Fire Hall on Saturday January 20th for the Basic Emergency Course.

c) Bellevue Subdivision Extension

Roger Gallant reported that a motion was needed to secure the funding for the Province to take ownership of the road.

Motion: To get a certified cheque and/or a Letter of Credit for a total of \$57,775 from the *Evangeline-Central Credit Union* made out to the Province of PEI to provide security and maintenance for the Province to take ownership of the subdivision road so that it becomes a public road.

Motion moved by Paul Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.

Motion Carried.

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d) Club 50 Repairs

Roger Gallant reported that he found a contractor willing to install steel roofing on the Club 50 for a cost \$7,700 plus HST. The work was performed before Christmas and it looks great.

e) EMO Bylaw

The drafted EMO Bylaw was reviewed again.

Motion: That the revised EMO Bylaw document be accepted as read for the second reading.

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the revised EMO Bylaw document be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

f) Sidewalks

Roger Gallant reported that the Provincial engineers were working on the sidewalk extension plans and were scheduled to meet with him soon to discuss progress. They are expecting everything could be ready and tendered so that the sidewalks are completed by August 1st.

g) Congres Mondiale 2019

Roger Gallant reported that he is to attend an information session next week to look at planning in Abram-Village for next year's event.

5. Financial Update

An update for the period to December 30th was presented and reviewed.

6. New Business / Other

a) Annual Meeting

Roger Gallant reported that a date should be selected for the Annual Meeting. It was decided to have it on Tuesday March 20th at 7:00pm, with a storm date of March 21st.

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b) 2018-19 Budgets

Roger Gallant reported that there needs to be public consultation before Council adopts the 2018-19 budgets. It was decided to have this before next month's regular meeting between 7:00-7:30pm on Wednesday February 21, 2018.

c) Canada Summer Jobs Application

Roger Gallant reported that the Federal Summer Jobs application would need to be in by February 2nd. It was pointed-out, however, that it was only for 50% funding so it would cost the Community to hire a student through this program.

d) Other

Edgar Arsenault and Cecile Arsenault from *Le Chez Nous* came to make a presentation to Council to inform it of their intention to request a license from the Province for 12 long-term nursing care beds. It was pointed-out there was a need for this in the community and the infrastructure currently exists at *Le Chez Nous* to accommodate these residents. Council expressed its support and is willing to send a Support Letter if required.

Ann Arsenault talked about the *Jeux de L'Acadie 50+* having some events in the Club 50 building this September. She questioned if we could get wine through the existing Club 50 license for a hosting event, but it was suggested it might be easier to apply for a Special Events license from the Province for this.

Paul Gallant asked if the Province came to take a look at the road shoulder on Route 124 and Roger Gallant said he would ask the Provincial Engineers to take a look when they come down to meet him.

7. Correspondence

a) Municipal Affairs

An E-Mail was received from Samantha Murphy stating that the *Municipal Government Act* was proclaimed as of December 23, 2017.

b) Municipal Affairs

An E-Mail Memorandum was received from Samantha Murphy advising that there may be conflicts of interests with some community Official Plans with regards to the *Architect Act* when it comes to approving development permits.

c) Provincial Economic Advisory Council

An E-Mail was received from the *Economic Advisory Council* looking for input into local community economic development.

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d) North Cape Coastal Drive New Strategy Meeting

An E-Mail was received from Zachary Robson regarding a meeting to review the new *Strategic Plan for Regions and Areas* on January 24th at the Village Musical Acadien

e) Crime Stopper Month is January

An E-Mail was received from Don Reid to highlight that January is considered Crime Stopper Month.

f) Nature Conservancy Announcement

An E-Mail was received from Kathryn Morse of the *Nature Conservancy of Canada* on a public announcement being held on Friday January 26th for the acquisition of property just outside the boundaries of the *Rural Municipality of Abram's Village*.

g) BlogPEI News Event Postings

An E-Mail was received from Stephanie at *BlogPEI* on a new website available to post community events on.

h) Ski-Doo Issue Near Rink Residence

An E-Mail was received from a residence with concerns of ski-doo's crossing their property on the way to the Evangeline Rink. Roger Gallant reported that he met with the local Ski-Doo Club President and they were looking to mark a trail area for ski-doo's to use behind the residences.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated