

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM'S VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2018**

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

**Also Present:** Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

**Absent:** Yolande Gallant

**1. Called to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Budget Consultation Public Meeting**

The public was invited to review and submit any questions or concerns on the budget until 7:30pm. There were no issues or concerns raised.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Colette Gallant that the Minutes of January 24, 2018 be accepted as presented, with it noted that the scheduled meeting for February 21<sup>st</sup> was subsequently re-scheduled to February 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Meeting on Regional Incorporation**

Roger Gallant reported that there was another committee meeting on Regional Incorporation held a few weeks ago. There, it was decided to proceed with getting a management strategy in place by hiring a consultant to put one together.

**Motion:** To support the Regional Incorporation Committee proceeding with completing a funding application for hiring a consultant to draft a Municipal Growth Management Study.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**b) EMO Planning**

Nothing to report.

**c) Bellevue Subdivision Extension**

Nothing to report.

**d) Canada Summer Jobs Application**

Roger Gallant reported that no application was submitted.

**e) Sidewalks**

Roger Gallant reported that he met with the Provincial Engineers to go over the preliminary plans for completing sidewalks on Rte 124. The Province has agreed to pay for the design and construction of this project under their Capital Project program for 2018. The plan is to tender the project in mid-March and begin construction in May, with the work anticipated to be completed by June. The sidewalk is to be extended on the south side of Rte 124 up to the *Evangeline Regional High School*.

**f) Congres Mondiale 2019**

Roger Gallant reported that he attended an information session a few weeks ago. There, it was explained that the Congres Mondiale organization would be looking for future confirmation from the Rural Municipality on Agreements to use local infrastructure during the 2019 events. This would involve the community coming to agreement with mainly the *Centre Expo* and *Evangeline Recreation Center* for their facilities, which is not foreseen to be a problem.

**6. Financial Update**

An update for the year-to-date period to December 30<sup>th</sup>, along with the 2018-19 Budget, was presented and reviewed. There were some questions and discussion on a couple of items, but no significant changes were proposed.

**7. New Business / Other**

**a) Community Newsletter**

A drafted French version of information to include in a mail-out was reviewed and discussed. It was noted a bilingual newsletter could be sent-out with the sewer invoices at no additional cost, and perhaps a 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter could go out later in the year. The newsletter is to be re-worked a little.

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**b) Community Name Change**

Roger Gallant reported that with the Province's proclamation of the new *Municipal Government Act*, the official name of the community was changed to "Rural Municipality of Abram's Village". It was noted that the community name spelling should actually be Abram-Village with a hyphen.

**Motion:** To change the official name of the community from "Rural Municipality of Abram's Village" to "Rural Municipality of Abram-Village".

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

**Motion Carried.**

**c) Winter Carnival Feb 23-25, 2018**

Roger Gallant reported that the Evangeline Winter Carnival is to be held between February 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**d) Beautification Plan**

Roger Gallant reported that the issue of community beautification should be revisited. Several years ago there was a Committee to look at ideas and projects for community enhancements, but no plan was formalized or forwarded to Council. It was recommended to revive this Committee or start a new one up and have a report submitted, including rough budgets, for Council to look at whether it could implement some or all of it in the next few years. Roger Arsenault, who had sat on the old Committee, agreed to follow-up on this. Roger Arsenault noted one of the improvements that was previously suggested was the addition of sidewalks, which was now in the process of being completed. Ann Arsenault also mentioned there was work needing to be done at the community park and Rink, so hopefully a new or updated plan would list all the items that could be done so Council could then prioritize and plan how to getting them done.

**e) Annual Review Meeting on March 20, 2018**

Roger Gallant reported that with the adoption of the new *Municipal Government Act*, there was no requirement to hold an Annual Meeting since Council would now have the power to adopting budgets. It will therefore not be necessary to have the auditing firm of *BDO Canada* come to present the Financial Statements at this meeting. The community will nevertheless host an informal Annual Review Meeting to inform residents of the happenings in 2017 and updated financial status. The meeting could be announced in community newsletters and posters.

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**f) FPEIM Annual Meeting on April 30, 2018**

Roger Gallant reported that the annual meeting of the *Federation of PEI Municipalities* is to be held on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in Cornwall. He asked if anyone else was interested to attend it and said he expected he would be going.

**g) Other**

There was a donation request from the *Evangeline Figure Skating Club*.

**Motion:** To donate \$25 as per last year to the *Evangeline Figure Skating Club* for their Ice Show.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

Phil LeBlanc also brought-up a possible future donation request for the new playground at the Evangeline School.

**8. Correspondence**

**a) Shelley Thorne**

An E-Mail was received from Shelley Thorne on February 8<sup>th</sup> regarding a review of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**b) Canada Winter Games 2023**

An E-Mail was received on February 12<sup>th</sup> regarding information meetings being held for the Province to host the *Canada Winter Games 2023*.

**c) FPEIM**

An E-Mail was received from FPEIM on February 13<sup>th</sup> regarding an upcoming *Local Prosperity for Rural Atlantic Canada* report being launched in Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

**d) Municipal Affairs**

An E-Mail was received from Municipal Affairs on February 21<sup>st</sup> regarding an upcoming information session on Cannabis to be held in Summerside on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**9. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 8:00 pm following the Public Annual Review.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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