

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM'S VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2018**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc that the Minutes of February 22, 2018 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Public Annual Review

Roger Gallant reported that there were 12 residents in attendance, in addition to Council members. He distributed copies of the 2017 Financial Statement and gave a brief presentation of the 2017 community highlights. He also distributed copies of the 2018-19 budget and explained some changes and challenges coming for 2018.

b) Meeting on Regional Incorporation

Nothing to report.

c) Congres Mondiale 2019

Roger Gallant reported that he received an E-Mail from the *Congres Mondiale 2019* asking if the community had a preferred location for them to place a 5'x10' sign this summer to promote the coming event. They also asked if the community wanted to get a second or third sign, although it would likely have to pay for them. There was a discussion regarding having the sign placed at the Exhibition or on Route 124 near Urbainville for those driving into the community to see it from afar. Roger will try to get more information.

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d) Beautification Plan

Roger Gallant reported that he received an E-Mail on a local project to build wooden benches for \$100 each or six for \$550 and he thought it might be an option for placing next to the sidewalk. There was a discussion and it was pointed out homeowners would need to give their permission if any were to be placed in their yard. Ann Arsenault also asked about the community sign located on the *Urbainville Farms* warehouse that was originally to be purchased and placed at the Rink, with the community placing a larger sign on the barn. Roger Arsenault also mentioned about adding the Figure Skaters to the display at the Evangeline Rink and some boards should be repainted. Roger Arsenault is to bring these items to the attention of the Beautification Committee.

5. Financial Update

An update for the period to March 15th was presented and reviewed. There were no significant issues.

6. New Business / Other

a) Fire Department Report

James Ryan, the Fire Chief of the *Wellington Fire Dept.*, came to report for the Annual Review that there were a total of 128 calls in 2017 compared to 143 calls from the previous year. He gave an overview of the breakdown, with 64 calls being for medical, 18 for motor vehicle accidents, 12 for structural fires, and several other miscellaneous calls.

b) 2018-2019 Budget Approval

Roger Gallant reported that there should be a motion to adopt the 2018-2019 budgets and tax rates.

Motion: To approve the 2018-2019 budgets for the Community & Sewer Utilities with the same tax rates as per the previous year of \$0.30 per \$100 for non-commercial and \$0.40 per \$100 for commercial assessments.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Yolande Gallant.

Motion Carried.

c) New Streetlight

Roger Gallant reported that there was a dark stretch of road on Route 11 with a gap between the streetlights, so that a new one should perhaps be installed. Maritime Electric does not charge for installing streetlights, but there will be a monthly electric charge although the rate should be low given it will be a LED light.

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Motion: To approve adding a new streetlight on Route 11 heading towards the Fish Plant, near civic #8799.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Paul Gallant.

Motion Carried.

d) Website

Roger Gallant reported that the new *Municipal Government Act* required the posting of Council meetings through an electronic medium such as a blog or website. An E-Mail proposal was also received to design, build, and host a website for the community for \$600 plus HST for one year. There was a discussion and Phil LeBlanc reported his daughter might volunteer to create a website.

e) Jobs For Youth

Roger Gallant reported that the deadline for the application was April 30th. A position similar to last year is to be applied for at minimum wage, although the rate might be increased slightly later. The minimum wage for this summer will be \$11.55/hr. plus \$0.46 for the extra 4% vacation pay.

f) La Grande Traversee 2018

Roger Gallant reported that an E-Mail was received on a bicycle tour from BC passing through the community on June 12-13th. This is a group of francophone youth who will be staying at the school overnight, and they just wanted to ensure they had permission. There would be no issue refusing them, and Roger Gallant said he would try meeting with them this summer.

g) Other

Ann Arsenault asked what Council would charge the *Jeux de l'Acadie 50+* for the use of the Club 50 over 2-1/2 days in September. It was noted this would be a donation in kind, but there should be a dollar value attached to it.

Motion: To charge the *Jeux de l'Acadie 50+* a fixed rate of \$250 for the use of the Club 50 facilities between Sept 13- 16th.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Roger Arsenault.

Motion Carried.

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Roger Gallant reported that he was contacted from a representative from *Kangaroo Playgrounds Ltd.* who wanted to get in touch with Roger Arsenault regarding parts for the Park equipment. There was also a discussion on other work needed to be done at the Park this summer, and it will be discussed further next meeting.

7. Correspondence

a) Jesse Hitchcock

An E-Mail from *EfficiencyPEI* was received February 23rd on financial incentives for the construction of energy efficient homes.

b) FPEIM

An E-Mail from *FPEIM* was received on March 5th asking for pictures of the community for them to host on their website. If any good pictures are found, they are to be forwarded to them.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday April 18th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated