

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 18, 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 7:03 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault that the Minutes of March 20, 2018 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Meeting on Regional Incorporation**

Nothing to report.

**b) EMO Planning**

Nothing to report.

**c) Congres Mondiale 2019**

Roger Gallant reported that he met with Karen Gallant and they discussed several items. They are working on a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between the community and Congres Mondiale. The *Festival Acadien* also agreed to place the large sign at the corner on their property, and the Congres was looking into being able to provide smaller signs that could be attached below other existing signs in the community to help promote the event.

**d) Beautification Plan**

Roger Gallant reported that there was funding available for *RDEE* to hire a consultant from New Brunswick to come do an overview of the community, and they are scheduled to come take a look next week. Ann Arsenault reported the painted figures on the *Evangeline School* were starting to deteriorate after four years, so Lynn Gaudet, the

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original painter, is to be asked for her opinion on how to best restore them. There was also a discussion on the future sidewalk and whether it should be cleaned in the winter. Roger Gallant will be asking the engineer more questions on the sidewalk such as adding benches next to it.

**e) Park Work**

Roger Arsenault reported he did not hear back from Kangaroo Playgrounds regarding the required parts to fix the slide. He reported there was work needed to do an entryway to the park, among other improvements that could be made. It was also asked if the Gas Tax could be used to pay for this and other Beautification work, and Roger Gallant is to check with the Province on this.

**f) New Streetlight**

Nothing to report.

**g) FPEIM Annual Meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Roger Gallant reminded Council of the upcoming FPEIM Annual Meeting in case anyone could attend. He will be attending.

**h) Website**

Phil LeBlanc reported that his daughter was still interested in doing the website, but she was currently busy so would not get to it right away. A domain name was registered as [www.abramvillage.ca](http://www.abramvillage.ca) and a picture from *La Voix Acadienne* was selected to help represent or promote the community on the website.

**5. Financial Update**

Nothing significant to report for the period to April 12<sup>th</sup>. Over half of the sewer dues have been collected to date.

**6. New Business / Other**

**a) New Bylaws**

Roger Gallant reported that Council had to adopt several new Bylaws as a result of the new *Municipal Government Act*. Five Bylaws were introduced for review and first reading.

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**Motion:** That the #2018-02 Tax Rate Group Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**Motion:** That the #2018-03 Procedural Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**Motion:** That the #2018-04 General Borrowing Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**Motion:** That the #2018-05 Fees Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**Motion:** That the #2018-06 Remuneration Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**b) Elections in November**

Roger Gallant reported that Council needed to adopt a Municipal Elections Officer and Deputy Municipal Elections Officer for the upcoming elections in November. Several names were suggested for the positions.

**Motion:** To appoint Pierre Arsenault as the Municipal Elections Officer.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant.

**Motion Carried.**

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**Motion:** To appoint Lorraine Gallant as the Deputy Municipal Elections Officer.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

**c) Club 50 Rental Policy**

A revised draft of the Club 50 Rental Policy was distributed. It was pointed-out there was no mention of having liquor available through the Club 50 organization, although they would need to agree to providing this. They are to be contacted and the draft revised again to reflect this.

**d) Jeux de L'Acadie 50+ Donation**

Ann Arsenault reported that the organizing committee of the *Jeux de L'Acadie 50+* was looking for a cash contribution. It was discussed and mentioned that there would still be some in-kind donations likely needed during the games, but the community could advance the rest of the funds now.

**Motion:** To approve a cash contribution of \$2,500 to the *Jeux de L'Acadie 50+*.

Motion moved by Paul Gallant and seconded by Yolande Gallant.

**Motion Carried.**

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**e) Other**

Roger Gallant reported that the Province came to look at the abandoned house at civic #9006 on Rte 11 to determine it as now unsightly and unsafe. They will be sending a letter to the estate owner on this, requiring them to clean it up and make secure.

Roger Gallant reported that Stephen Yeo from the Province told him they would be putting 2 flashing traffic warning signs coming into the community and cutting some groves in the road on Rte 11 to serve as a warning to motorists.

Roger Gallant reported that Giselle Bernard from *Rural PEI* offered come meet Council to offer tips on how to effectively run meetings. She will be invited.

Roger Gallant reported that the *CSCE* was re-doing the tennis courts at the school and looking for donations. The community could give them some extra some topsoil from the subdivision if they required it.

Roger Gallant reported that he was contacted by the *Evangeline School Yearbook Committee* again about doing an ad in their Year Book. A ¼ page ad like last year will be taken.

Ann Arsenault asked about an old sign inside the Evangeline Rink and whether it should be updated for the new logo. Roger Gallant is to talk to Cedric about this.

**7. Correspondence**

**a) PEI Crime Stoppers**

An E-Mail was received on April 12<sup>th</sup> on an Awards Dinner event to be held May 11<sup>th</sup>. Attendance tickets for a table would cost \$250.

**b) Acadian Festival Donation Request**

A donation request was received from the Acadian Festival.

**Motion:** To donate \$100 to the Acadian Festival as per last year.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant.

**Motion Carried.**

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**c) Bellcor Engineering**

An E-Mail was received on April 17<sup>th</sup> from Nick Sharkey advising he is starting a new engineering firm in Summerside.

**8. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday May 16th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Dated

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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