

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2018**

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

**Also Present:** Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

**Absent:** Paul Gallant, Yolande Gallant

**1. Called to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Phil LeBlanc 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 Roger Arsenault that the Minutes of April 18, 2018 be accepted with the following change: that under **6 e)** Other the *CSCE* was not re-doing the tennis courts, but rather turning them into pickleball courts. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Meeting on Regional Incorporation**

Roger Gallant reported that at their last meeting they decided to hold a couple of public information meetings at the *Evangeline School* on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> to inform all residents on what the committee was doing.

**b) EMO Planning**

Roger Gallant reported that at the last meeting there were several new positions selected for a new committee. Dave Redmond will be the overall director, with Paul Cyr his assistant; Phil LeBlanc will be in charge of operations; Gilles Painchaud will be the finance co-ordinator; Doug Bryson will take care of logistics; and Desmond Arsenault will take care of liaison with the Fire Dept.

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**c) Congres Mondiale 2019**

Roger Gallant reported that he attended a meeting in Moncton for all the *Congres Mondiale 2019* participating municipalities to get an overview how the event is coming along. They are taking care of most of the planning and will assist with some of the events. There will be a large 10' x 10' sign placed at the *Centre Expo*. Municipalities must also ensure they have sufficient liability insurance, up to \$5,000,000 in coverage.

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

Ann Arsenault reported that the municipality will have to pay for hosting the reception at the Centre Expo, which will be a part of its financial commitment.

**e) Beautification Plan**

Roger Gallant reported that a consultant came from New Brunswick to look at improvements for the municipality. He spent about two hours and submitted 3-4 recommendations, such as having a website to promote the area and to do social media outreach. He did not make concrete suggestions for beautification. Lynne Gaudet also replied that the signs at the school should just be re-painted with the paint on-file at *Callbeck's Home Hardware* every 3-4 years. The municipality would therefore need to find someone to do this, and they may require staging to reach up to do so.

**f) Park Work**

Roger Gallant reported that he got in touch with Kangaroo Playgrounds regarding parts for fixing the slide. Ann Arsenault said the Beautification Committee could maybe look at beautifying the park. There was a discussion on several ideas and it was suggested to get a local youth involved. Interested parties are to go take a look at the park to come-up with suggestions. Roger Arsenault said that a plan should be ready as soon as possible in order for the work to begin this summer.

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

Roger Gallant reported that he attended the Annual Meeting in Cornwall. There were discussions on funding for projects and it was announced money would be available for solar energy projects. The Evangeline Rink could benefit from this, and a Support Letter is to be sent promoting it.

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**h) New Bylaws**

Council moved to support the adoption of several new Bylaws.

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

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** That the #2018-02 Tax Rate Group Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** That the #2018-03 Procedural Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** That the #2018-04 General Borrowing Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** That the #2018-05 Fees Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Motion moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** That the #2018-06 Remuneration Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

**i) Elections in November**

Roger Gallant reported that a motion will be needed for adopting a new Elections Bylaw and to enter into a Service Agreement with *Elections PEI* for establishing a list of electors. This is to be done in time for the November elections.

**j) New Municipal Name**

Roger Gallant reported that the municipal name was officially changed on April 3, 2018 to the *Rural Municipality of Abram-Village*.

**k) Meetings Efficiency**

Roger Gallant reported that he spoke with Giselle Bernard and it was decided that it was not necessary for her to come make a presentation to Council on how to effectively run meetings.

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**5. Financial Update**

Nothing significant to report for the period to May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**6. New Business / Other**

**a) New Sidewalks**

Roger Gallant reported that work had started with the new sidewalks and it was going well.

**b) School Graduates**

Roger Gallant reported that there were 6 graduating students this year from Abram-Village, and 5 of them were going to post-secondary institutions. A scholarship will be made for \$200 per student pursuing their post-secondary studies as per previous practice.

**c) Club 50**

Roger Gallant reported that the Food License for the Club 50 was renewed at no charge this year since the facilities were only used part-time. The *Acadian Festival* asked to rent the hall on Wednesday August 29 for holding a social event and dance, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm for youth and then 8:30pm – 11:00pm for older participants. The hall is to be offered at no charge as a contribution in support of the Festival. Roger Gallant also reported the hall will need new fire extinguishers and perhaps new smoke alarms.

**d) Summer Student**

Roger Gallant reported that the grass will need to be cut before a summer student is hired, and that Tanner Gallant who cut it last year should be willing to do it.

**e) Other**

Ann Arsenault asked about the old sign in the Evangeline Rink and Roger Gallant replied he has yet to discuss with Cedric Gallant, the rink manager.

Roger Arsenault reported he was asked how long someone was allowed to leave garbage lying around their property. It would depend how unsightly it is.

A letter was received to nominate someone for Acadian of the Year.

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**7. Correspondence**

**a) AED Registry**

An E-Mail was received on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from the Province regarding an information session on the Defibrillator Registry, to be held at the Wellington Fire Dept. hall on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> between 7-8pm.

**b) Alzheimer Walk**

An E-Mail was received on May 9<sup>th</sup> from the Alzheimer Society advising of a Walk event held at Credit Union Place on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**c) Asset Management**

An E-Mail was received on May 11<sup>th</sup> from the Province regarding an information session to be held in Linkletter on Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> between 9am – 2pm. Roger Gallant and the Administrator are to attend.

**8. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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