

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Colette Gallant that the Minutes of May 16, 2018 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Meeting on Regional Incorporation

Roger Gallant reported that there was a couple of public information meetings held at the Evangeline School on June 5th & 7th and there was approximately 40-45 people at the first meeting, with 30-35 at the second. The feedback was overall positive, so the committee will proceed with doing a growth management / feasibility study.

b) EMO Planning

Roger Gallant reported that the committee was going ahead with a new plan, which needs to be in place by 2020.

c) Congres Mondiale 2019

Roger Gallant reported that the municipality is to be responsible to host a welcoming activity on August 15th, 2019 but funding may be available from the Congres to offset the costs for this. There is to be a memorandum of understanding signed between the municipality and Congres, but it is not ready yet. There was a discussion on renting the Club 50 Building during the Congres to a private operator to serve food. The yearly fee to increase the insurance requirement to \$5,000,000 liability is an extra \$2,145. Roger also reported that the *Association Touristique Evangeline* agreed to pay for a second large promotional sign to be placed at Days Corner.

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d) Jeux de L'Acadie 50+

Ann Arsenault reported that someone will need to open, set-up, and clean the Club 50 Building on September 13, 14, and the 15th for the planned activities. There should be someone available for doing this.

e) Beautification Plan

Roger Gallant reported that he spoke with Lynne Gaudet and she said she is willing to do sanding and painting touch-ups to the display at the Evangeline School, which should not cost more than \$1,000. Ann Arsenault said there should be a contract with Lynne to ensure the work is done on time within a quoted rate. There was also a discussion on adding benches along the sidewalk, but it was not deemed to be a high priority at the moment.

f) Unsightly Property

Roger Gallant reported that the Province's letter to the estate of the abandoned house at civic #9006 on Rte 11 was returned as the address was no longer valid.

g) Park Work

Roger Arsenault reported that there were several good products available from a catalogue supplier at reasonable prices, such as park benches. He also spoke to contractors about putting-up a gate or fence around the park and got a preliminary estimate of \$11,850 from one contractor. Ann Arsenault said any new fence should not have pointed rails on top to avoid injuries. Roger also reported he managed to get a matching basketball hoop replacement at no cost from someone doing renovations who did not want it. Roger will work on a proposed budget for a park improvement project to have this covered under the Gas Tax. Roger Gallant also reported a new slide from *Kangaroo Playgrounds* was ordered, at a cost of about \$500 plus taxes and shipping.

h) Elections in November

Roger Gallant reported that there was an extension to September 5th to adopt a new elections bylaw.

i) New Sidewalks

Roger Arsenault reported that he was impressed with the work done around the new sidewalk.

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j) Club 50

Roger Gallant reported that he is to meet with James Ryan, the Fire Dept. chief, next week to go over the requirements for new fire alarms and fire extinguishers at the Club 50 Building.

k) Asset Management

Roger Gallant reported that he attended a seminar in Linkletter on Asset Management and that there should be an asset management plan and manager in place in the future.

l) Summer Student

Roger Gallant reported that a student has still not been hired for the summer, but it was expected to find someone to start early next month for the eight-week project.

m) Website

Roger Gallant reported that he spoke with someone local who was willing to work on a new website, but they did not commit to a price. Yolande Gallant said bilingual text could be added on some pages instead of translating the website into a French version.

5. Financial Update

An update for the period to June 14th was presented and reviewed.

6. New Business / Other

a) Sewer Maintenance

Roger Gallant reported that he will take a look to determine how many manholes need work done, as it was reported a few had problems with them. He also reported there was a failure at the lift station near the Evangeline School, so that one of the pumps was needing to be rebuilt.

b) Outstanding Sewer Invoices

Roger Gallant reported that there were four outstanding accounts three years in arrears. Disconnection notice letters are to go out to advise them to pay.

c) Club 50 Upgrades

Roger Gallant reported that there would not be Gas Tax funding available for upgrades, but there might be other programs available which would most likely require the municipality to contribute a portion.

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d) Other

Roger Arsenault reported that some people were cutting across the top soil leaving ruts next to the sidewalk near the subdivision road. Roger Gallant will talk to the Province if they can install crushed asphalt there.

Colette Gallant asked about a construction vehicle parked at the Club 50 Building, and it was reported that they were doing work in the area for the Province and would be gone shortly.

Colette Gallant also reported that there were potholes in the Club 50 driveway. Roger Arsenault said he would check with the Provincial Government Garage or *Curran & Briggs* if they could supply crushed asphalt.

Phil LeBlanc commented that there was no side-road shoulder to part of the new stretch of road on Rte #124, although it was nice to have the sidewalk now for people to walk beside.

7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM

An E-Mail was received on May 30th calling for a municipality to host the 2019 Semi-Annual Meeting in January.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Thursday July 19, 2018 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated