

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2019**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Paul Gallant

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:58pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault 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 March 20, 2019 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Regional Incorporation Study Proposal

Roger Gallant reported that a public meeting was held on April 15th and there were approximately 130 people present. The overall mood was negative, with many questions regarding the tax implications and possible restrictive bylaws which the Consultants were unable to adequately answer.

b) CMA Agreements

Roger Gallant reported that the final agreements were still not ready.

c) Beautification

Roger Arsenault reported on progress with the Park Update plans. There was a discussion on several options for a new gate and quotes were to be solicited. The issue of lighting around the sidewalk was raised, which would need to be installed on new poles. Costs per light quoted were between \$2,500 and \$2,900 each, plus taxes. Maritime Electric also have lights available to install on their poles, but there were questions on how sturdy they would be and how it would look. The issue of damages on the shoulder of the roads was also raised, with Roger Gallant to ask Brent MacAlduff from the Province regarding fixing them this summer. Roger Arsenault also reported there were difficulties in taking the school cut-out painting figures down for re-painting.

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d) Funding Request from Le Festival Acadien

Roger Gallant reported that a motion should be brought forward regarding whether to make a donation to the Festival Acadien.

Motion: To donate \$2,000 to the Festival Acadien to help with the Congres Mondiale Acadien events this summer.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

6. New Business / Other

a) Jobs for Youth

Roger Gallant reported that an application should be prepared soon and asked whether a second application should be sent to help with the Congres Mondiale. It was decided to only apply for the regular maintenance Jobs For Youth position as per previous years.

b) Cannontown Rd. House

Roger Gallant reported that he was asked by the new owner of a house on Cannontown Rd. just outside the sewer lines and municipal boundaries if it could be hooked-up on it. It was determined the grade was not sufficient to allow for this.

c) La Palette Presentation

Roger Gallant reported that Theo Theriault requested to make a presentation to Council, and welcomed him for this. Theo Theriault gave a quick overview of their project, objectives, and budget. He said that essentially the goal was to promote local culture through artists, by engaging tourists in the Community between July 1st to September 30th. All home owners in the proposed locations are to approve locating the panels or paintings for public display, and the reception to this was positive for their 40 or so placements.

Motion: To donate \$500 towards the La Palette promotional project in the community.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Yolande Gallant.

Motion Carried.

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d) Other

Roger Gallant reported that he was approached by someone from Shediac N.B. if there was any interest in buying decorative wreaths for the community. It was decided it was not something ideal at this time.

Roger Gallant reported that there was some opposition from the Congres Mondiale regarding allowing the RDEE group to allow a community market to be held during the *Congres Mondiale Acadien 2019* celebrations in the village. It was pointed-out this should operate during different hours from the regular Congres festivities, to allow for vendors serving the needs of tourists prior to the opening of the official events.

Roger Gallant reported that he received a letter for a donation request from Le Festival Acadien for promotional purposes, where the Community is listed as an official sponsor.

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

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Colette Gallant.

Motion Carried.

Phil LeBlanc reported that a listed mortgage sale property for 1728 Rte 124 would not be going through, as the owner ensured to have the balance owing paid. There are still outstanding sewer dues owing on this property as well, which is now anticipated to be paid in the near future.

Colette Gallant reported that the Club 50 building driveway was in poor shape, and a discussion was held on whether some asphalt millings should be hauled and spread on it.

Ann Arsenault asked regarding the large Abram-Village sign on the barn welcoming people to the Community, and it was replied that it was something the *Association Touristique Evangeline* was looking at as part of their beautification planning.

Roger Arsenault reported that the extra fill which was placed in the Community field across the school should maybe be spread further and more evenly, and perhaps this should be done with the goal of allowing for extra parking during the Congres Mondiale.

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7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM Annual Meeting Reminder

An E-Mail was received from FPEIM on April 16th regarding the Annual Meeting on Monday April 29th in St. Peters if anyone was interested or available to attend.

b) PEI Dept. of Land and Environment

An E-Mail was received from Ben Lanigan from the Province regarding a Lagoon Review that was conducted in July of last year. A report was included that generally found the Community Wastewater System in great shape.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday May 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated