

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2019**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Colette Gallant, Yolande Gallant

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Paul 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 Phil LeBlanc that the Minutes of November 21, 2018 and December 4, 2018 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Regional Incorporation Study Proposal

Roger Gallant reported that the consulting firm, *Brighter Community Planning and Consulting*, had started doing research and were coming to PEI to meet the working group and other partners. There will then be information sessions held in February for the general public and to gather further input. The final report is anticipated to be ready in March 2019.

b) Canada-PEI New Infrastructure Program ICIP

Roger Gallant reported that an Expression of Interest submission was sent for the ICIP program for a renovation to the Club 50 building. Funding for this program is 40% from the Federal Govt, 33.33% from the Provincial Govt, and 26.67% from the municipality in the event it is approved.

c) Club 50 Issues

Roger Gallant reported that new fire extinguishers and alarms were installed in the building to bring it up to code. There were issues with the water being dirty when turned-on in the kitchen, so a water filter was installed and it appeared to be better. If the problem re-occurs, the submersible water pump might have to be lifted from the well.

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d) Jeux de L'Acadie 50+

Roger Gallant reported that the municipality received a cheque for \$6,046.60 from the organizing group, which represented the proceeds from the event split between the hosting partners. The municipality had contributed \$2,500 towards event, therefore it generated a profit of about \$3,500 for the community.

5. Financial Update

An update for the period to December 31st was presented and reviewed.

6. New Business / Other

a) Subdivision

Roger Gallant reported there no interest generated yet for the purchase a new lot. There was a discussion if the price should be reduced or to list lots with Realtors, and it was noted in general that it was getting very expensive for residential construction.

b) Gas Tax Funding 2019-2024

Roger Gallant reported that the municipality should be looking towards identifying projects for the next round of Gas Tax funding. There was a discussion on doing further sidewalks beyond the school and for hooking them up with a crosswalk for students.

c) Other

Ann Arsenault asked for an update regarding beautification for the community. Roger Gallant replied there was a meeting last night by the *Association Touristique Evangeline* (ATE) that was looking into this for the PEI host communities of the *Congres Mondiale* 2019. Ann also asked about the displays at the school which needed to be re-painted, and the school committed to taking them down so they could be brought to the painter.

Paul Gallant reported that a streetlight was shutting-off, so he was to call *Maritime Electric* to let them know about it.

Roger Arsenault had nothing to report further on the design for Park Upgrades.

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There was also a discussion on what the municipality should do during the Congres Mondiale 2019. It was pointed-out there would be lots of visitors on opening day and afterwards, so perhaps the Club 50 building should be made available with food services. Several individual names of caterers were suggested to approach if they were interested in renting the Club 50 facilities for this.

7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM

An E-Mail was received from *FPEIM* on Jan 3rd regarding the Semi-Annual Meeting to be held in Kinkora on Saturday, January 19th. Roger Gallant will be attending.

b) Age-Friendly Town Hall Meeting

An E-Mail was received from *Age Friendly PEI* on January 7th regarding Town Hall Meetings being held throughout PEI to discuss senior-friendly initiatives. There is a meeting planned for January 22nd between 6:30-8:30pm at the Evangeline School.

c) EMO

An E-Mail was received from *EMO Training* advising of a new Basic Emergency Training Course to be held Saturday, February 23rd at the Miscouche Fire Dept. from 8:30-4:30pm.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday February 27th, 2019 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated