

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 2019**

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

**Also Present:** Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

**Absent:** Yolande Gallant

**1. Called to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant that the Minutes of February 27, 2019 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Regional Incorporation Study Proposal**

Roger Gallant reported that the consultative group met again and explained that the new proposed municipality would consist of 4 electoral wards, which would have 2 councilors each. This would give an equal weighing of about 420 voters per wards. A newsletter is to go out to notify residents of another public meeting to be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**b) Club 50 Issues**

Roger Gallant reported that the plumber came to drain the water tank to remove sediment from its bottom.

**c) Sewer Back-Up**

Roger Gallant reported that the sewer line near the blockage appeared to be flowing fine now, but that chunks of asphalt were found in it and removed. The sewer operator is to have the sewer line video-taped this summer to see if there are any further issues that might cause problems in the future.

**5. Financial Update**

Roger Gallant reported that the municipality had received its MCEG grant from 2017 and that the loan from the *Evangeline Credit Union* for the subdivision had been renegotiated.

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**6. New Business / Other**

**a) FPEIM**

Roger Gallant reported that Council needed to nominate him to serve for a new term on the board of the *Federation of PEI Municipalities*.

**Motion:** To nominate the mayor, Roger Gallant, to serve on the Federation of PEI Municipalities board of directors for a four year term.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

**b) 2019-20 Budget**

Roger Gallant reported that there were no comments submitted against the 2019-20 Financial Plan, which was presented to residents in a public meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** To adopt the proposed 2019-20 Financial Plan.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant.

**Motion Carried.**

**c) CMA Agreements**

Roger Gallant reported that there were 4 separate Agreements which needed to be signed by the municipality for the *Congres Mondiale Acadien (CMA)* in order for the event to take place this August in the community. The municipality is in effect signing Agreements with the *Evangeline Rink Commission, Centre Expo, and Festival Acadien* to satisfy conditions required by the CMA, since the CMA will not enter into agreements with these private entities. A fourth document is then to confirm the terms between the municipality and CMA. Roger read-out many of the drafted terms from the Agreements and reported he will bring them to Council when finalized prior to actually signing them.

**d) Other**

Roger Gallant reported that he met again with the *Association Touristique Evangeline (ATE)* and that they were expecting to have funds for beautification for 6 areas in the Province, including Abram-Village. They were thinking of putting-up a large sign on the highway at Days Corner and doing-up banners and installing banners and perhaps solar lights along the sidewalk.

Ann Arsenault asked for a follow-up on the re-painting of the school cut-out figures. It was answered that the school had tried taking-down the figures from its brick façade but

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were having difficulty from the way they were attached. There was a further discussion on having a committee or individuals dedicated to looking after beautification issues this summer to co-ordinate ideas and ensure they were carried-out for the benefit of residents.

**7. Correspondence**

**a) Provincial Community Development Office**

An E-Mail was received from the Provincial Community Development Office on Mar 11<sup>th</sup> regarding the call for applications for the ICIP Funding Program prior to April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**b) FPEIM Signage Survey**

An E-Mail was received from *FPEIM* on Mar 19<sup>th</sup> regarding a survey for signage locations for the upcoming election referendum on proportional representation.

**c) Funding Request from La Palette**

Roger Gallant reported artists united under the banner *La Palette* were looking for a donation of \$1,000 to put about 40 paintings or panels spread-out in each yard along the road on Rte 124 during the CMA. There was a discussion and concerns expressed on both the proposed quantity and having them placed on both sides of the street.

**d) Funding Request from Le Festival Acadien**

Roger Gallant reported there was a donation request of \$2,000 from the *Festival Acadien* for holding the CMA on their grounds this summer.

**8. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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