

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 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 7:01 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Colette Gallant 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 October 24, 2018 be accepted with it being noted that the Pot Luck was held at Roger Arsenault's house instead of Roger Gallant's house. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Congres Mondiale 2019

Roger Gallant reported that they were still working on an agreement for hosting next year's event and that when ready, he would present it to Council for approval.

b) Elections in November

Roger Gallant reported that there were no other candidates who presented themselves for the positions of Mayor or Council, therefore the existing Council that had filled nomination papers were acclaimed. The required Oath of Office is to be administered in early December at the next meeting.

c) Canada-PEI New Infrastructure Program ICIP

There was a discussion on possible upgrades to the Club 50 building that could be done under this program, therefore an application should be submitted for it to qualify.

d) Cannontown Road

Roger Gallant reported that the fill from the Cannontown Road was moved to the land next to the subdivision by *Curran & Briggs Ltd.*

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5. Financial Update

An update for the period to November 15th was presented and reviewed.

6. New Business / Other

a) Regional Incorporation Study Proposal

Roger Gallant reported that the working committee had received 3 proposals for doing a Municipal Growth Study for the area, which is to be primarily paid for from a provincial government grant. The proposals were graded on a points system and the consultant with the highest number of points awarded was *Brighter Communities* from Nova Scotia, which had also submitted the lowest bid. The working committee recommended hiring them.

Motion: To accept the proposal from *Brighter Communities* for \$56,700 plus HST to conduct a Municipal Growth Management Study for the Evangeline region.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Roger Arsenault.

Motion Carried.

b) Snow Removal

There was a discussion on snow clearing at the Club 50 and for the sidewalks. A local firm expressed interested in bidding for the Club 50 parking lot, but it was pointed-out another contractor had already been doing the work satisfactorily. It was also a possibility to have the snow cleared on the new community sidewalks, but there was no money in the budget for this in 2018-19. A tender should go out next year for the snow clearing to confirm the contractor and rates.

c) Club 50 Issues

Roger Gallant reported that there had been a leak in the women's washroom from the roof, which may have been a result of high and unusual winds. The asphalt roof on the rear side of the building still appeared to be in good shape, so there may just need to be some caulking or touch-up done. The water from the tap in the kitchen was also reported dirty, so the plumber should come check it out. There was also a discussion on the need to purchase a new bucket and mop, which should be acquired as soon as possible.

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d) Other

Ann Arsenault reported that the *Jeux d'Acadie 50+* committee were not ready yet with the final amount to be distributed to the co-hosts.

Phil LeBlanc reported that the new speed warning flashing sign was nice, but appeared to be set at the wrong speed. The sign flashes warning as if the speed limit is 50km/hr, while the actual speed limit is 60km/hr. Roger Gallant is to follow-up with the Dept. of Transportation on this.

Roger Gallant reported that the *Congres Mondiale 2019* committee is encouraging residents to display many Acadian flags to promote pride in the area for next year's event between August 10th – 24th.

7. Correspondence

a) Councillor Municipal Orientation

An E-Mail was received from the *Dept. of Municipal Affairs* on Nov 15th advising of a training session to be held on Saturday, December 1st between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the North Shore Community Centre for new and returning Councils on the roles and responsibilities of elected officials.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Tuesday December 4, 2018 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated