

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 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 7:03 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Colette Gallant that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Phil LeBlanc that the Minutes of July 19, 2018 and July 26, 2018 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Meeting on Regional Incorporation

Roger Gallant reported that there was to be a Request For Proposals (RFP) for specialized consulting firms to do a feasibility study to look at the issue of regional incorporation for the area. The RFP was not finalized yet, however, and any feasibility study would likely not be completed until next year.

b) Congres Mondiale 2019

Roger Gallant reported that there was to be an official launch of *Congres Mondiale 2019* in Moncton on Friday, September 28th, but it was not necessary for Council or the Mayor to attend this event.

c) Jeux de L'Acadie 50+

Ann Arsenault reported that the games went well, with approximately 270 participants over the course of events. The municipality received a nice plaque in appreciation of being a co-host. Ann Arsenault was thanked by the Mayor and Council for having served on the committee to make this event a success.

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d) Unsightly Property

Roger Gallant reported that the Province is to demolish the abandoned house at civic #9006 on Rte 11. It is to try to schedule the demolition later this year, although it could be put-off until next year depending on their budget and schedules.

e) Gas Tax Project Changes

Roger Gallant reported that it appeared the two new Gas Tax projects for the Park and Sewer Utility would be approved by the Province. Roger Arsenault said the Park project planning should be finalized in the next few months, with the work completed by next Spring. Roger Gallant also reported there were problems in getting the slide fixed in the park, as *Kangaroo Playgrounds* sent the wrong slide and had to back-order for a replacement.

f) Elections in November

Roger Gallant reported that Councillors would need to decide soon if they were to run again for Council, and asked if there were any other candidates they could see as being interested to serve. Completed nomination forms are due in October, with an election to be held on November 5th if there are more candidates than positions open. Roger Gallant reported that he would be willing to continue to serve as Mayor if no one else was interested in the position.

g) Summer Student

Roger Gallant reported that the summer student had performed satisfactory over the summer and was now finished for the season.

h) Website

Roger Gallant reported that a new website was set-up under www.abramvillage.ca and had both English and French versions, making it fully bilingual. There was currently only basic content listed, but it could be updated for further information when gathered.

i) Subdivision

Roger Gallant reported that the subdivision road had received the final coat of asphalt, but there was not yet any interest in lot purchases.

5. Financial Update

An update for the period to September 13th was presented and reviewed.

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6. New Business / Other

a) Evangeline School Crosswalk

Roger Gallant reported that he received an E-Mail from the Province indicating they would not be allowing a crosswalk across the school to the new sidewalks.

b) Detour

Roger Gallant reported that the Province finally put detour signs to warn residents of a detour around Abram-Village for those intending to go to Egmont Bay. The Province is working to replace a bridge there and the work is anticipated to last for about five weeks.

c) Capitalization Policy

Roger Gallant reported that a capitalization policy was needed to be adopted to access the Province's MCEG grant program.

Motion: To adopt a new Accounting and Capitalization Policy as attached and dated September 19, 2018.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Paul Gallant.

Motion Carried.

d) Club 50 Wheelchair Accessibility

Roger Gallant reported that an option to add wheelchair accessibility in the Club 50 building could perhaps be worked into adding a new door entrance next to the current entrance instead of re-doing the whole entrance. There seemed to be a new funding program that could allow spending on community buildings next year, so modernization upgrades to the Club 50 building should be looked at under this program.

e) Other

Doing a new sidewalk from the school to the eastward residents was discussed. Roger Arsenault is to look for a generalized quote from *Curran & Briggs Ltd.* on how much it could cost.

The annual get-together supper for Council was discussed and it was proposed to have another pot-luck at Roger Gallant's house on Saturday, November 3rd.

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7. Correspondence

a) Rally of Communities

An E-Mail / letter was received notifying that there will be a Rally of Communities at CU Place in Summerside on Monday September 24th from 9-3pm.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated