

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2020**

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

Also Present: Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Absent: Colette Gallant

1. Called to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Roger Arsenault that the Minutes of November 20, 2019 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Beautification

Roger Arsenault reported that the gates at the Park were not removed to prevent damaging them, and they would be monitored to see if the snow plow was pushing snow near them before making this decision.

b) Sidewalk Crosswalk

Roger Gallant reported that the Province advised they would not cover doing engineering plans for a sidewalk crosswalk connection, but there might be an upcoming financial funding program that would qualify for this.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

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6. New Business / Other

a) Bell Tower At Festival

Roger Gallant reported that *Bell Atlantic* was considering to put-up a communications tower on the grounds of the Acadian Festival. They would be coming to do a site visit in the next few days to see if the location would be suitable.

b) Club 50 Building Roof

Roger Gallant reported that the back side of the Club 50 Building roof should probably be re-done, as there are leaks coming through the upstairs women's bathroom when raining. The roof will be checked this Spring to determine if this should proceed or if it could be patched instead to prevent these leaks.

c) Regional Incorporation Extra Costs

Roger Gallant reported that an invoice was received for \$1,800 from the *Rural Municipality of Wellington* cover extra charges paid in last year's Regional Incorporation study. A break-down was provided showing extra costs also incurred and paid by the other partners. Roger will follow-up to confirm if this must be paid and whether some of it can be deferred to next fiscal year.

d) Bylaws Update

Roger Gallant reported that Council had to adopt a couple more Bylaws as a result of the new *Municipal Government Act*. Two new Bylaws were therefore introduced for review and first reading.

Motion: That the # 2020-10 Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

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Motion: That the #2020-11 Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Paul Gallant.

Motion Carried.

e) New Official Plan

Roger Gallant reported that the Gas Tax Project Review Committee approved the municipality's project funding application for doing a new Official Plan & Zoning Bylaws. A proposal was also received from *Brighter Communities Planning & Consulting*, outlining their schedule and cost for a doing a new plan.

Motion: To enter into an agreement with *Brighter Communities Planning & Consulting* for doing a new Official Plan & Zoning Bylaws for the quoted \$21,550 plus HST if no other proposals are received for a lesser amount.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Yolande Gallant.

Motion Carried.

f) Chez Nous Donation

Roger Gallant reported that a donation letter request was received for an Equipment Drive. It was also reported the senior assisted-housing complex recently completed new units, but were having difficulty in recruiting nurses.

g) Other

Roger Gallant reported that the unsafe and unsightly property was recently demolished.

Paul Gallant reported that several houses on Cannontown Rd. had a lot of topsoil blown on their properties last fall from a potato field owned by *Urbainville Farms Ltd.* The land was being prepared for planting next Spring, but there was a lack of covering so that much of loose topsoil blew across the road onto the residential properties. They should be notified so as to prevent this from happening again.

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7. Correspondence

a) Municipal Affairs

An E-Mail was received on January 2nd regarding an update on the implementation of the National Building Code.

b) EMO Training

An E-Mail was received on January 10th regarding an EMO training course to be held in O'Leary on Wednesday January 22nd, from 2-4pm.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday February 19th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated