

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2019**

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

To be approved next meeting.

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) Congres Mondiale Follow-up

Roger Gallant reported that overall the *Congres Mondiale Acadien 2019* was a success in the municipality. He reported the biggest challenge in seeing it organized was the difficulties in communication, as there were several people from the *Congres* that were involved and who seemed to have over-lapping responsibilities when dealing with municipal issues.

b) Beautification

Roger Gallant reported that signage was up and the Gazebo had been stained. There was a discussion on perhaps blocking gaps in the fence, and Roger said he would check with Brent MacAulduff from the Province regarding whether the gate should be left open in the wintertime so as to not cause problems for the snow plows. It was also reported that the Acadian banners and posts were removed after being damaged in the recent storm, with 3 of them missing or stolen.

c) Conseil Consultatif Immigration Meeting

Colette Gallant reported that she attended a meeting to set-up a new community-based committee tasked with welcoming and helping recent immigrants. The funding for this committee would only come in March of next year, but the committee would meanwhile work to determine how to organize or configure itself, and what kind of focus it should have once funding arrives.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

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6. New Business / Other

a) Sidewalk Crosswalk

Roger Gallant reported that the issue came-up again with students starting to walk to school again. It was pointed-out the Province would not allow a crosswalk from the existing sidewalk to the other side unless there was another sidewalk there. There was a discussion on how long of a sidewalk would need to be built on the side of the school, and Roger said he would check if the Province could pay for some engineering plans to do this. There was also a discussion on another stretch of road with a deep ditch that should perhaps be filled and that could have a short sidewalk installed.

b) Dorian Storm Emergency Measures

Roger Gallant reported that the joint EMO group set-up a reception center in the *Wellington Legion* for 3 days after the storm when there was no electricity in the area. It was advertised on the radio and operated between 2-6pm, with around 70 people using the facilities to power-up their cell phones, taking showers, and having something hot to eat or drink.

c) Building Codes Act

Roger Gallant reported that the new *Building Codes Act* requires a new building permit to be issued for future developments, starting in January 2019 for commercial permits and January 2020 for residential permits. The municipality would continue to issue development permits, but in addition to this a new building permit would need to be issued. The Province offered to administer and enforce this if the municipality doesn't have a certified Building Inspector to ensure the buildings are built according to the mandated *National Building Code*, therefore Council needed to pass a motion to transfer this responsibility to the Province.

Motion: To enter into an agreement with the *Province of Prince Edward Island* to provide for the administration and enforcement of the new *Building Codes Act*.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

Motion Carried.

d) Official Plan Update

Roger Gallant reported that Council would need to approve a motion to allocate monies from the Gas Tax to support updating the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaws.

Motion: To allocate \$100,000 of new Gas Tax funding towards updating the municipality's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaws.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Paul Gallant.

Motion Carried.

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e) Bylaws Update

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

Motion: That the # 2019-08 Conflict of Interest Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Phil LeBlanc.

Motion Carried.

Motion: That the #2019-09 Code of Conduct for Council Bylaw be accepted as read for the first reading.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Yolande Gallant.

Motion Carried.

f) Social Gathering

There was a discussion on when and where to hold Council's annual get-together supper social. It was proposed to have it again at Roger Gallant's house on Saturday, October 5th, at 6:00pm.

g) Other

Roger Gallant reported that there was another leak in the Club 50 roof during the recent storm, so that the other half of the roof should likely be replaced with steel over the next year.

Roger Gallant reported that there was an issue with a Lift Pump Station that wasn't working properly, but that it should cost less than \$100 to have fixed.

Roger Gallant reported that a sinking sewer manhole was fixed by *AJL Contracting Ltd.* for \$250 plus tax.

Roger Gallant reported that there might be up to 3 new sewer hook-ups on the line on Route 11 within the next year, with two of them being on properties across the road. It would be the municipality's responsibility to run the line lateral to the owner's property, so perhaps all three could be done at the same time.

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Roger Gallant reported that there was no barrier on the sidewalk to prevent vehicles from crossing behind into the land of the subdivision. There was a discussion and it was decided to not bother putting up a barrier unless there are problems with this later.

Phil LeBlanc reported that he was asked if there was any issue about the land subdivision since it was not completed yet. It was answered that a surveyor was hired by the property owner to perform the survey work and that he would need to work-through any difficulties if they arose before it would be approved.

Paul Gallant reported that he heard complaints about an abandoned house at 8741 Route 11, as the property was getting unsightly. The owner moved out of the municipality, so he should be contacted to ask him to clean it up.

Paul Gallant reported that he heard complaints about the house at 1787 Route 124 burning fires in its yard in the evenings without a firepit. It was answered that fire burning conditions and permits were issued by the Province

7. Correspondence

a) FPEIM Health Promotion

An E-Mail was received on September 6th regarding grant funding for wellness promotion.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday October 23rd, 2019 at 7:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated