

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2020**

**Present:** Roger Gallant, Ann Arsenault, Roger Arsenault, Colette Gallant,  
Paul Gallant, Yolande Gallant

**Also Present:** Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

**Absent:** Phil LeBlanc

**1. Called to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Ann Arsenault and seconded by Yolande Gallant that the Minutes of January 15, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Bell Tower At Festival**

Roger Gallant reported that the project to install a communications tower on the Festival grounds would be proceeding.

**b) Bylaws Update**

Roger Gallant reported that Council had to pass second reading and adopt the two Bylaws from the last meeting.

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

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Paul Gallant.  
**Motion Carried.**

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**Motion:** That the # 2020-10 Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Roger Arsenault and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Paul Gallant.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** That the #2020-11 Records Retention and Disposition Bylaw be adopted as read.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Paul Gallant.

**Motion Carried.**

**c) New Official Plan**

Roger Gallant reported that there was another Official Plan proposal submitted by *Upland Planning and Design Studio* for a higher fee of \$24,000 plus HST, therefore the municipality would be moving forward with the *Brighter Communities Planning & Consulting* proposal. There was a preliminary phone call with *Brighter Communities* to confirm acceptance and schedule a quick time-line. It was proposed they would come for a site-visit on March 30-31, with a public meeting to be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Club 50 building from 5-7pm to solicit residents for their input. The public is to be advised through the Annual Newsletter going-out to all residents at the beginning of March. It is anticipated there would be a further visit from the consultants in May to present the final draft.

**5. Financial Update**

A drafted budget for 2020-21 was presented and reviewed, including a 5-year plan Capital Budget. Actual costs incurred to date for the current fiscal year were also present for comparison. It was agreed to hold a public consultation session on Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> to present it to the public for input, and then vote to adopting it afterwards during the regular Council meeting. The public is to be advised through the Annual Newsletter and on the website.

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**6. New Business / Other**

**a) Immigration Committee Meeting**

Angie Cormier and Diane Arsenault came to make a short presentation to Council on a new immigration pilot-project to look at incorporating immigrants in the Evangeline area. Housing needs was one of the primary challenges when finding suitable people, who would primarily be coming here for working opportunities.

**b) Newsletter**

Roger Gallant presented a drafted Newsletter to be sent-out to all residents with their annual sewer bills. There would be notice of the upcoming public meeting dates for the budget consultation session and official plan review.

**c) Other**

Roger Gallant reported that a donation request was received from the Acadian Festival.

**Motion:** To donate \$100 to the Acadian Festival as per previous years.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

Roger Gallant reported that the *Association Touristique Evangeline* sent a letter asking for support by joining the organization, either as a friend or full member.

**Motion:** To join the *Association Touristique Evangeline* as a friend for \$10 per year.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

**7. Correspondence**

**a) FPEIM**

An E-Mail was received from the *Federation of PEI Municipalities* on January 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the Annual Meeting to be held in Summerside on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Any resolutions for the meeting would need to be submitted by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**8. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00pm or following the public consultation meeting at 7:00pm.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Dated

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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