

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 25, 2020**

**Present (via Zoom):** 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 teleconference meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**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 Roger Arsenault and seconded by Paul Gallant that the Minutes of February 19, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) New Official Plan**

Roger Gallant reported that the planned site visit and public meeting is being canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. A conference call will be held instead on the internet between Council and *Brighter Communities Planning & Consulting* in the near future to discuss changes in the timeline and process.

**5. Financial Update**

Nothing extraordinary to report.

**6. New Business / Other**

**a) Covid-19 Pandemic**

Roger Gallant reported that the Province suspended governmental requirements of public meetings and gatherings due to the coronavirus pandemic currently affecting the country. This Council meeting was therefore organized by teleconference using Zoom software, with any required documentation being distributed by E-Mail.

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**b) 2020-21 Budget Adoption**

Roger Gallant reported that no one from the municipality showed-up at the scheduled public consultation meeting, so the meeting was cancelled. There were no other received submissions of comments or questions from the public after having all been informed through the newsletter, therefore it was proposed to adopt the budget.

**Motion:** To adopt the proposed 2020-21 Financial Plan with the same tax rates as the previous year.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

**Motion Carried.**

**c) Administrator Notice**

Roger Gallant reported that the Administrator gave notice of resigning as soon as a replacement could be found.

**d) Sidewalk Extension**

Roger Gallant reported that he met with an Engineer, Larry MacQuaid, who gave a rough idea of the costs to extend sidewalks in the community. The three options looked at were about \$100,000 for a small section that needed a storm drain, another \$125,000 for a crosswalk section near the school, and \$375,000 for an extension beyond the school – totaling about \$600,000 altogether. There was a discussion on areas of priority and it was decided to limit any work done for this year to the first two options.

**e) Jobs For Youth Application**

Roger Gallant reported that an application was ready to be submitted, which had a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**f) Other**

Roger Gallant reported on the response from *Urbainville Farms Ltd.* on the problems with blowing soil last fall, which was primarily caused by a delay in planting a cover crop due to the wet season after the harvest.

Roger Gallant reported that he received two enquiries on purchasing subdivision lots for sale.

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Roger Gallant reported that Justin Arsenault volunteered to clear the snow off the sidewalks to facilitate its melting this Spring.

Yolande Gallant reported that she created a Facebook page for the municipality and invited anyone who had any information to post to forward to her.

**7. Correspondence**

**a) FPEIM**

An E-Mail was received from the *Federation of PEI Municipalities* on March 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the postponement of the April 27<sup>th</sup> scheduled Annual Meeting due to the coronavirus pandemic.

**8. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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