

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2020**

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 Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Paul Gallant that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Paul Gallant and seconded by Phil LeBlanc that the Minutes of October 7, 2020 and October 28, 2020 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Follow-up to Minutes

a) New Official Plan

Roger Gallant reported that a 2nd reading and adoption motion was required for final municipal approval of the new Official Plan and Zoning Bylaws.

Second Reading:

The *Rural Municipality of Abram-Village Zoning and Development Bylaw* was **read a second time** at the Council meeting held on the 18th day of November, 2020.

Motion: Whereas Council has requested its Planning Board review and revise the Community of Abrams Village 2003 Zoning & Subdivision Control Bylaws according to the *Planning Act*, and whereas they have done so with a new document titled *Rural Municipality of Abram-Village Zoning and Development Bylaw*, be it resolved that the *Rural Municipality of Abram-Village Zoning and Development Bylaw* second reading be approved.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Yolande Gallant.
Motion Carried.

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Official Plan Adoption:

The *Rural Municipality of Abram-Village Official Plan* was read at the Council meeting held on the 18th day of November, 2020.

Motion: Whereas Council has requested its Planning Board review and revise the Community of Abrams Village 2003 Official Plan according to the *Planning Act*, and whereas they have done so with a new document titled *Rural Municipality of Abram-Village Official Plan*, be it resolved that the *Rural Municipality of Abram-Village Official Plan* be approved.

Motion moved by Phil LeBlanc and seconded by Roger Arsenault.

Motion Carried.

b) Ride-On Lawnmower

Roger Gallant reported that a new Husqvarna lawnmower was purchased.

c) Club 50 Rental

Roger Gallant reported that someone wanted to rent the upstairs of the Club 50 building for the month of January for limited musical entertainment purposes. There was a discussion on the restrictions due to COVID-19 but there were no objections as long as the rules would be followed. Large private family gatherings would need to be cancelled, however, due to the limitations on the number of people allowed at one time. The other interested party looking to rent the upstairs for a food catering business was to work on a business plan before reporting back on his interest.

Roger Gallant also raised the issue of possibly renting the downstairs in the future for residential purposes. The Acadian Supreme fish factory expressed an interest to lease it for approximately 20 temporary foreign workers for 12 months of the year. The vacant space would first need to be retro-fitted to allow for this, but the fish plant would be ready to commit to a 3-year rental agreement. The space would only need a communal configuration with 5 bedrooms holding 4 bunk beds and a shared common area for the other areas. There was a discussion on the technical feasibility of converting the approximate 1,600 sq. ft. space for this and the costs to do so, so an architect or engineering consultant would be required to put together a preliminary plan to determine this.

5. Financial Update

Nothing extraordinary to report.

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6. New Business / Other

a) Safe Restart Agreement

Roger Gallant reported that the Province entered into an agreement with the Federal Government for a new program aimed at providing financial assistance to municipalities to cope with the COVID-19 virus.

Motion: Whereas the Safe Restart Agreement will provide financial assistance for reopening municipal services in PEI to support critical needs for transit, protection of public health and safety, prepare for potential future waves of the COVID-19 virus, and further support the safe reopening of economies across Canada.

And whereas a signed agreement to participate reflects the municipality's understanding on shared objectives and terms established by the Safe Restart Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of PEI.

And whereas the Safe Restart Agreement requires a formal resolution outlining participation in the program;

Be it resolved that the Council authorizes the Rural Municipality of Abram-Village to execute the "Confirmation of Municipal Services and Agreement to Participate.

Motion moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Yolande Gallant.

Motion Carried.

b) Christmas Tree

Roger Gallant reported that it was suggested the municipality help with lighting-up an outside Christmas tree on the Acadian Festival grounds. There will be a small public social gathering on December 4th to witness the event.

c) Cat Complaint

Roger Gallant reported that a resident had issues with several feral cats constantly going on their property and causing problems. There was a discussion on what could be done to prevent or control this, but there seemed to be limited options. It was suggested calling the SPCA as a last resort.

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d) Other

Roger Gallant reported that a No Trespassing sign was needed at the lagoon gate, so one would be purchased and placed.

Roger Gallant reported that the issue of lack of affordable housing for new arrivals in the Evangeline region was highlighted again at a meeting of a regional Welcoming Committee.

Roger Gallant reported that the generators for the sewer utility lift pumps had arrived and would be installed in the near future.

Roger Gallant reported that there was another enquiry on purchasing a lot for sale in the Wendell Gallant subdivision.

Roger Arsenault reported on the new streetlights at the Wendell Gallant subdivision extension and on some work being needed around the manholes.

Ann Arsenault asked if there was further work required at the community park and it was answered that only the gate needed to be opened for the winter to allow for the snow to be pushed there.

Paul Gallant asked if the Evangeline Rink could have a bigger sign indicating its civic address on the building or elsewhere, as the current 911 civic address sign was hard to see.

Colette Gallant asked about issued building permits for the month.

7. Correspondence

a) Evangeline School Yearbook Ad

A letter was received November 5th on a restructured cost structure for the annual yearbook advertising.

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Motion: To do a half-page ad in the Evangeline Year-Book this year.

Motion moved by Yolande Gallant and seconded by Ann Arsenault.

Motion Carried.

b) ATE Annual Meeting

An E-Mail was received on November 12th advising that the annual meeting was to be held on Saturday Nov 21st at Centre Musicale at 9:30am with light lunch following it.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Wednesday December 16th, 2020 at 8:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Roger Gallant, Mayor

Dated

Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

Dated