

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABRAM-VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2022**

**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 Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Colette Gallant and seconded by Yolande Gallant that the Minutes of April 20, 2022 be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**4. Follow-up to Minutes**

**a) Official Plan Update**

Roger Gallant reported that the updated 2022 municipality's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaws were officially approved by the Province.

**b) Jobs For Youth Employment**

Roger Gallant reported that there was no word yet if the Jobs For Youth application was approved, although it is expected.

**c) New CAO Contract Offer**

Roger Gallant presented an updated draft of the Shared Service Agreement to be signed by the three partners hiring a new CAO. There were questions on the liability of the Municipality of Abram-Village if it wanted to opt-out prior to the 3 year contract term while the other parties might want to continue, but it was not clear so clarification will be needed, along with obtaining a copy of the signed CAO Contract with the new employee.

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**d) Club 50 Rental Space**

Roger Gallant reported that the Club 50 rental space to the Music Group was still being used during the daytime. It was previously explained that someone had been given permission by the group to use the facilities during the day, but that they would no longer do so. It was discussed that the original terms of the contract was to allow 3 evenings per week for the musical group members to use the facilities for personal purposes at the rate of \$200 per week, plus HST. As the original rental contract was expired and the terms were now not being adhered to, a new 6 month contract is to be prepared with the original conditions restored and have an option included for additional rental charges in the event of using the rented facilities during the day.

**5. Financial Update**

Nothing extraordinary to report and no new Development Permits issued since last meeting. It was also reported that the accounting files and records were nearly ready to be sent to the auditor for the Year-End.

**6. New Business / Other**

**a) Sidewalk Water Run-Off**

Roger Gallant reported that he met with Roger Arsenault and 2 individuals from the Province regarding the problem of water run-off from the Cannontown Road unto Rte 11 along the new sidewalks. There was a discussion on a few improvements that could be done to hopefully address the issue better. The Province indicated they did not want to pave between the sidewalk and road, as it would give the appearance of an enlarged road.

**b) Sewer Utility Lift Station Pumps**

Roger Gallant reported that there were problems with repairing some lift station pumps that were now not being serviced due to being obsolete, despite being new in 2007. The Sewer Utility Operator were recommending to purchase new pump housings to be able to refurbish some. The 3 lift stations each have 2 pumps, and unfortunately the 3 lift stations all used different pumps. The Sewer Utility Operator would like to meet with some Councilors to explain the requirements further, as there should be at least 1 spare pump available for each lift stations in the future.

**c) Sewer Utility Dues From Rink**

Roger Gallant reported that the sewer dues were increased for the Evangeline Rink from \$1,200 to \$2,400 for this year. He explained that when the new rink was rebuilt over 10 years ago, the municipality had agreed to not raise the sewer dues to reflect the increased units for a period of 10 years. That period has now ended, so the rink was now billed at an annual rate of \$2,400.

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**d) Other**

Roger Gallant reported that a letter was received asking for financial support to the Acadian Festival. A donation of \$100 is to be given according to previous years practice.

Roger Gallant reported that an interior designer went to take a look at sprucing-up the Club 50 entrance. She recommended installing pot lights, new paint, and new stair treads.

Ann Arsenault reported on a problem with a culvert that apparently the school was going to get fixed.

Colette Gallant asked if there was an update on the FPEIM annual meeting and Roger Gallant reported there was nothing significant or new discussed there with implications for Abram-Village.

Phil LeBlanc reported that a picnic table at the Park was broken and needed to be hauled-away.

Paul Gallant asked for an update on the sidewalk crossing lights installation near the school, which was not installed yet. It was reported the preparation work was done last year, so they must be ready to install the lights this summer.

Roger Arsenault reported on some Park issues that should be addressed, with the installation of the Climbing Wall that should be done this year.

Yolande Gallant reported that the extra street light on Wendell Gallant Road was installed.

**7. Correspondence**

**a) PEI Privacy Office**

An E-Mail was received on May 11<sup>th</sup> from James Hatton on a Freedom of Information Request to release the 2018-22 Tax Assessments for Abram-Village.

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**8. Next Meeting**

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

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Roger Gallant, Mayor

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Pierre Arsenault, Administrator

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