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MONDAY JAN. 10 /2022
Village of Aroostook
Regular Council Meeting
7:00PM
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Minutes

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE: All present with Councilor Plant attending by phone.

DELEGATION: There were no delegations.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING WITH BUSINESS ARISING: The minutes of Dec. 13/21 meeting were read. It was moved by Councilor McLaughlin and seconded by Councilor Francis-Perley to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No conflicts were declared.

IMMEDIATE BUSINESS: The Mayor reported that he and Philip Walker had worked on locating the water leak. Philip will do further work the coming weekend to narrow it down. The group was hopeful that this leak could be found and fixed soon as it is taxing the whole system. The clerk thanked the Mayor for his assistance in this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE &/or E-MAIL: The correspondence was attached and/or circulated at the meeting. The FAQ's distributed by the Association of Municipal Administrators-NB was discussed. It seemed to paint a more positive picture regarding Village assets and current employees etc., in local governance reform. The Mayor felt once the transition teams were in place there will be more concrete answers for village residents. The clerk had received an e-mail to apply for the Canada Summer Jobs. She had been working on expanding the job descriptions. Mayor and Council were in definite agreement to apply for the student employment programs with the success of last year's employees.

REPORTS:

(1) Financial(clerk): The monthly reports and invoices for signatures were circulated. No further questions.

(2) Water Commission: Water tests were acceptable.

(3) Transportation/Tourism: Councilor Plant noted that O'Neal's had cleaned out the fire hydrants. The clerk also noted they had done extra snow removal around the community centre.

(4) Western Valley Regional Services Commission: There was a short discussion on the information provided from Katelyn McGrath regarding rural crime prevention. No one could commit to a virtual meeting with an unknown date at this time.

(5) Recreation & Beautification: Councilor Plant reported that the Christmas tree lighting and Santa Claus visit was a success. In her words, "It was so much fun!" Thanks to the organizers!


(6) COVID-19: Our Covid plan remains in effect.

BY-LAWS: No new by-laws


NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

COUNCILLOR/CLERK REQUESTS: Councilor Francis-Perley stated there was still interest in a gym/exercise set up at the community hall. At this point, all agreed with the current COVID conditions, this couldn't be a reality at this time, but still a possibility in the future. The Clerk asked that donations be made in memory of Clinton Demmings, a former clerk of the village. Councilor McLaughlin moved to donate \$25.00 each to Our Lady of Mercy Church and Southern Victoria Cancer Assistance fund. It was seconded by Councilor Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.



Mayor Darryl Demmings



Clerk/Treasurer

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MONDAY FEB. 14/2022
Village of Aroostook
Regular Council Meeting
7:00PM

Minutes

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE: All present.

DELEGATIONS: There were no delegations.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING WITH BUSINESS ARISING: The minutes of Jan. 10th meeting were read. It was moved by Councilor McLaughlin and seconded by Councilor Plant to accept those minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously. The clerk noted that she had gotten the link to apply for the SEED Program and that application was completed as well.

DECLARATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST: There were no conflicts of interest.

IMMEDIATE BUSINESS:

Entity 77 update: Councilor Plant gave an overview of the Zoom meeting on Mon. Feb 14th for final recommendation for the composition of the council and election by wards and/or at large. Perth-Andover had done a great presentation of all the options. The Advisory Committee, after some discussion agreed on a combination of wards and at large. Going forward, naming the entity, financing and budgets will be next on the agenda for the Committee and staff representatives.

Asset Management Plan: Louis Ruest of Englobe had expressed his interest in coming to the March council meeting to discuss the Asset Management Plan. The clerk said that she had forwarded the Public Sector Accounting Board figures from 2012 regarding the village assets. The generator purchased in 2018 would have to be added to this list. The group agreed to extend the invitation and to hopefully get this project moving forward.

Sani-way bill: [REDACTED] had given the clerk a [REDACTED] bill for the Village to pay. [REDACTED] felt that the water break repair in front of [REDACTED] house contributed to the water having to be pumped from [REDACTED] septic tank. After some discussion, on septic systems, location of [REDACTED] tank behind the house and no water getting into the basement, based on these factors the group decided against paying this bill. The Mayor agreed to speak with [REDACTED] regarding this decision.

CORRESPONDENCE &/or E-MAIL: Correspondence was attached and/or circulated at the meeting. Councilor Francis-Perley was particularly interested in "Earth Day" on April 22/22. She noted we could possibly plant some trees and look at the website for other ideas to promote this day. The clerk will check out the site and report back.

REPORTS:


- (1) Financial(clerk): Monthly Reports & Invoices for signatures.
- (2) Water Commission: Water tests acceptable.
- (3) Transportation/Tourism: No report.
- (4) Western Valley Regional Services Commission: Mayor Demmings will be attending the meeting on Thursday Feb. 17/22.
- (5) Recreation & Beautification: The group will set a date for the Village clean-up day at the next meeting as the special garbage pick-up day is on May 20th this year.
- (6) COVID-19: Our Covid plan remains in effect.

BY-LAW: No new by-laws.


NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

COUNCILLOR/CLERK REQUESTS: There were no requests

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:55



Mayor Darryl Demmings



Clerk/Treasurer

**MONDAY MARCH 14/2022
Village of Aroostook
Regular Council Meeting
7:00PM
Minutes**

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE: A full quorum was present. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

DELEGATIONS: The Mayor gave the floor to Louis Ruest & Genevieve McIntyre from Englobe Corporation. They gave a presentation on an Asset Management Plan for the Village of Aroostook. This was followed by a question-and-answer period. The group thanked them for their presentation.

It was moved by Councilor McLaughlin to engage the services of Englobe Corporation to complete an Asset Management Plan for the Village of Aroostook. Seconded by Councilor Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING WITH BUSINESS ARISING: The minutes of the February 14th council meeting were read. It was moved by Councilor McLaughlin and seconded by Councilor Plant to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST: There were no conflicts of interest declared.

IMMEDIATE BUSINESS:

Entity-77: Councilor Plant let the group know that we would be having another Advisory Committee meeting on March 15th, which she and the clerk will be attending. The clerk had distributed the information received from the transition facilitator, Don Fitzgerald. The topics for discussion were community type (Village, Town etc.), naming the new entity and public communication plus the future steps. Councilor Plant and the clerk will keep the group apprised of the ongoing process. Councilor Francis-Perley suggested a public meeting be held for village residents regarding this subject. The group will glean further information and keep this idea in mind.

Hopkins Subdivision: The clerk stated that she had received an informal request to sell the Hopkins Subdivision in its entirety. All agreed that it wasn't out of the question, but they would have to base their decision on an official offer. The clerk suggested that "lots for sale" sign could be posted this spring to possibly generate interest in these properties.

Emergency Response Plan/Standing Committee: Emergency Measures Organization had requested a copy of the village's Emergency Response Plan and the members of the Emergency Action Committee. There had been no update to this committee since the recent election. As per our By-law No. 2015-EMO this committee consists of a Coordinator and/or their assistant, the Mayor and at least two additional council members. Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Francis-Perley agreed to serve on this committee and Councilor Plant will be available as well, if the need arises.

6. CORRESPONDENCE &/or E-MAIL:

The correspondence was attached and/or circulated at the meeting. There were no further questions.

7. REPORTS:

- (1) Financial(clerk): There no questions about the monthly reports and invoices were circulated for signatures.
- (2) Water Commission: Water tests were acceptable.
- (3) Transportation/Tourism: No report.
- (4) Western Valley Regional Services Comm: Mayor Demmings commented the latest

meeting consisted of the Commission's reform and the many unknowns in this process as well.

(5) Recreation & Beautification: There was further discussion on ideas for Earth Day. Lois thought she could get seedlings donated from Juniper Tree Nursery. The council will continue to promote this day. The Village Clean-up day was discussed. Also, reviving the Village wide yard-sale was discussed as well. Councilor Plant suggested Councilor Francis-Perley could do a poll on our Facebook page to get a feel for interest. Dates for these events will be set at the next meeting.

(6) COVID-19: The village will keep their Covid plan in place at this time and see how the dropping of the restrictions by province plays out.

BY-LAWS: No new by-laws.


NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

COUNCILLOR/CLERK REQUEST: There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.



Mayor Darryl Demmings



Clerk/Treasurer