



VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

Minutes

Date: December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council

1. Called to order by Mayor Blaney at 6:32 pm with a welcome to guests. Mayor Blaney, Deputy Mayor White, Councillor McNamee, Councillor Pleadwell, Councillor Massoeurs and Clerk Johnson were present.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Call for Motion to Approve Agenda – Moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Councillor Pleadwell to approve agenda as presented. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – November 20, 2017 - After time for review it was moved by Councillor McNamee and seconded by Councillor Pleadwell to approve minutes as presented. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
4. Guests
 - a. Alyssa Shupe – GDRC Update – Ball Field: The last program in 2017 will be Caroling with Santa, upcoming on December 22, 2017. The 2018 Programming Calendars are being distributed this week and the information can also be found on the website. There are 23 programs scheduled for the new year, including 3on3 basketball, Adopt a Grandparent, taekwondo and multi-sport. The rink liner has been installed and is a complete success, many thanks to the Village and an anonymous local donor for helping make it a reality. The skating schedule/regulations are posted both online and at the location. Recent fundraisers have also been a success with the Christmas in the Village raising approximately \$600 and lots of interest in our Money Tree draw. In other news, the Village has been approved for a \$7000 grant from the Blue Jays Foundation to improve our ball fields, for example putting a fence around the field and building a proper infield. We have started the process of pulling this together by putting together a committee of dedicated volunteers, pricing out supplies and allocating funds in the 2018 budget. We will try and minimize costs by using our volunteers as much as possible, seeking donations and discounts as well. The use of large construction equipment has been donated as well as telephone poles. We have the option of upgrading the current ballfield located at the Gagetown school or using the property located on Peters Road and building a ballfield from scratch, providing the village has no plans for the property and consents to allowing us to assess the cost of developing the property. The formal announcement by the Blue Jays Foundation will be made January 15, 2018.

- i. Mayor Blaney: The idea is worth exploring and gathering the finer details, ie measurements to ensure the location is appropriate, and addressing the drainage issues on that property. Absolutely, the Village consents to assessing the cost of developing the property for this purpose.
- b. Bruce Langhaus: Voices for Sustainable Environments and Communities – Proposed Declaration – Environmental Rights: Our group is a regional environmental group dedicated to a national campaign to enshrine basic rights to clean air, soil and water into Canada's constitution. It is asked that the Council prepare and approve a declaration supporting this movement. This declaration is an outcome from a video recently screened here which was produced by the David Suzuki Foundation. Attached is a package with reflects the wording adopted by the Town of Sackville, which would be a good pattern for the council to follow. The goal is to pressure Canadian Government to put into its body of laws the basic rights to clean air, soil and water.
 - i. Mayor Blaney: there won't be a lot of change from the working template provided, it can be changed to reflect our needs be ready for next meeting on January 15th, 2018.

5. Correspondence:

- a. Building Permits November 2017: no building activity throughout the month of November;
- b. Debenture Issue: Information regarding the next debenture issue on November 22, 2017, which will include the Village's issue for the new fire truck;
- c. 2017 Municipal Kilometrage Reports and Maps: Inter-office memo giving the online location of the 2017 Municipal Kilometric Report, on reviewing the site, it was noted the rate wasn't available, the Clerk will look into finding the rate;
- d. Municipal Summer and Winter Maintenance Rate: the summer and winter maintenance rates for the year 2018;
- e. Grant Request – Gagetown Pioneers: Grant in the amount of 700.00 for the Gagetown Pioneers to support upcoming activities approved in accordance with 2018 budget forecast;
- f. Brunswick Alpha 2018 – Emergency Preparedness EX: Information on the NBEMO exercise in emergency preparedness, which will take place in June 2018. The Village EMO Team will meet prior to the exercise to discuss further details and our level of participation;
- g. Schedule of MCBB Hearings 2018: for information and hold for the upcoming year; and
- h. Sculpture St John – Artists: selection of the Village of Gagetown Sculpture St John Artist, our top three choices - Radoslav Sultov, Domenico Di Guglielmo and Oliver Harwood - will be provided and we will be advised on who will create our sculpture early in the new year.

6. Staff Reports

- a. VGVFD Chief John Thomas –
 - i. Monthly report – there were 9 calls since the last meeting, 2 medical and the remainder were training. Total of 83 incidents so far this year, the annual report will be presented at the next council meeting;
 - ii. Fire Truck: there will be a pre-build meeting early in 2018, a liability letter will need to be signed and sent prior to this meeting

- iii. General: New expenses in 2018 will be new tires, which need to be replaced every 7 years regardless of wear, truck inspections and hoses – the inspection, possible replacement and the purchase of for the new fire truck. The new truck will be an asset, the availability and maintenance of the remaining vehicles will only increase this value to the communities we serve;
 - iv. Councillor Massoeurs would like the fire Department to be aware there is a line item in the new budget to replace the roof on 68 Babbit Street; and
 - v. Chief Thomas advises he will be out of the country for 9 days beginning December 20th, 2017.
- b. Ryan McNally – Performed the usual tasks over the past month. Purchasing for Village and Fire Department, potholes and road repairs and clearing ditches. Snow removal and salting/sanding is beginning to take up more time. Further details can be found in the attached report.

7. Councillors' Reports

a. Councillor Pleadwell:

- i. Tourism & Beautification – nothing to report;
- ii. Fire Department – as per Chief Thomas's report, nothing to add
- iii. Finances - Finance: payables were presented for payment as follows:

General payables: \$ 106,392.58

Sewerage payables \$ 354.75

Motion to approve General payables by Councillor Massoeurs and seconded by Councillor McNamee. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.

Motion to approve Sewerage payables by Councillor Massoeurs and seconded by Councillor McNamee. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.

A meeting for the 2018 Budget will be held January 8th, 2018. Updated worksheets will be forwarded prior.

b. Councillor McNamee:

- i. Policing – Total of 15 calls for service thru the month of November, approximately 600 were monitored during the check stop on the TCH, 1 drug seizure, a seven-day suspension (alcohol) and a suspended driver due to expired registration. There was a false alarm and 2 'failure to comply with an undertaking's. The break and enter reported on at the last meeting is still under investigation. Further details can be found in the attached report.
- ii. Recreation and Youth – nothing to add

c. Councillor Massoeurs:

- i. Buildings and Properties – as discussed earlier, funds have been allocated for a new roof on the fire hall at 68 Babbit Street;
 - ii. Human Resources – no change, nothing to report;
 - iii. Animal Control – no change, nothing to report.
- d. Deputy Mayor White:
 - i. Emergency Measures – a meeting will be scheduled for the committee to get together prior to the province wide exercise in June 2018;
 - ii. Sewerage - no change, nothing to report
 - iii. Transportation & Roads – nothing to report, the additional drainage on Harts Lake Road appears to have had a positive effect on the water flow there.
 - iv. General: the Village is purchasing a new snowblower for clearing snow in the smaller areas
- e. Mayor Blaney:
 - i. Mayor's Report – Received an invite to the Lieutenant Governor's Annual Levee has been received, I will not attend as I will be attending the Mayor's Levee at Br 71 here in the Village. Anyone else interested in attending can get the details from the Clerk; Attended the VGVFD Christmas Dinner, was a great meal and a good time was had by all;
 - ii. RSC11 - there was a budget meeting last Thursday, all areas will have a small surplus which will be moved into reserve funds;
 - iii. Solid waste and planning focused on ways to move forward on common issues, looking at issues outside the mandate given to them when they were formed.
- 8. Closed Session - It was moved by Councillor Massoeurs to enter into Closed Session. The public was excused at 7:48pm,
- 9. It was moved by Councillor Massoeurs to resume council meeting at 7:57pm.
- 10. Motion to adjournment – the next meeting will be January 15, 2017 at 6:30, moved by Deputy Mayor White to adjourn at 8:04pm.