



VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

Minutes

Date: January 15, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council

1. Called to order by Mayor Blaney at 6:31 pm with a welcome to guests. Mayor Blaney, Deputy Mayor White, Councillor Pleadwell, Councillor McNamee, Councillor Massoeurs and Clerk Johnson were present.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Call for Motion to Approve Agenda: It was moved by Councillor McNamee and seconded by Councillor Massoeurs to approve agenda as presented, with no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – December 18, 2017: After time for review, it was moved by Deputy Mayor White to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Councillor Massoeurs. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
4. Guests
 - a. Bernie Hoganson – PRAC meeting – December 19, 2018: A total of 4 items were addressed, the approval of two private right-of-ways, one here in the Village of Gagetown and the other within Hamtown Corner. The 3rd item up for consideration was the approval of a lot-width variance for a single lot subdivision within Taymouth and the 4th was the approval of the terms and conditions for a automotive sales establishment within Nashwaak Village. Details of above can be found in the attached report, or from Regional Service Commission 11's office at 860 Prospect Street, Fredericton, phone 506-453-2956. The next PRAC meeting is scheduled for 27 Feb 2018.
 - b. Municipal Environmental Rights Declaration – The Blue Dot Movement:

Whereas the Mayor and Council of the Village of Gagetown understand that people are part of the environment, and that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the well-being of our community,

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Gagetown believe, in principal, that all people should have the right to live in a healthy environment, including:

The right to breathe clean air, the right to drink clean water, the right to consume safe food, the right to access nature, the right to know about

pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment, the right to participate in decision making that will affect the environment,

The Mayor and Council of the Village of Gagetown believe that every level of government - municipal, provincial and federal - has the responsibility, within its jurisdiction, to respect, protect and promote these rights.

With this declaration the Municipality adds its voice to the David Suzuki Foundation's blue dot movement and declares their support for effective provincial and/or federal environmental rights legislation.

Therefore, I as the Mayor, hereby declare that the Village of Gagetown supports the blue dot movement.

5. Correspondence:

- a. Building Permits: No building permits were issued in December 2017;
- b. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – 2018 Membership: After discussion, it was decided not to renew the membership for the upcoming year as there is no value added in continuing with this particular membership. Moved by Councillor Pleadwell to forgo the 2018 FCM membership, seconded by Councillor Massoeurs. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried;
- c. RCMP National Review Guide: A representative of the RCMP will be at the Village Office on January 18, 2018 to conduct a customer satisfaction survey, attached is a copy of the survey, if the Mayor or any of the Councillors have any points after reviewing the document, please forward to the Clerk or Councillor McNamee;
- d. Horizon Board of Directors Community Networking Reception: Mayor Blaney indicated he may attend the reception;
- e. Thank You Letter – Dr Haines wishes to thank the Village for its support of the Clinic over the past year with a special thanks to Ryan McNally in particular for all he does;
- f. Grant Requests – GDRC: Letters soliciting grants from vendors in support of the ball field. The Toronto Blue Jays Foundation has increased their pledge to \$10,000, but initial discussions regarding the drainage of the field have come in higher than expected at \$20,000. The Village fully supports this initiative, and will assist financially as required.

6. Staff Reports

- a. VGVFD – Chief John Thomas: There was a total of 14 calls over the past 30 days, 4 calls were medical and 1 mutual aid request.
 - i. Deputy Fire Chief Ian Sullivan will be stepping down at the end of the month as he has purchased a house outside the Fire Departments service area. Many thanks to Ian for all his hard work over the years. The position will be filled by Ryan McNally until the next election. Deputy Chief Sullivan will stay on as a firefighter until the closing date of his new home and continue as a consultant until the Village takes delivery of the new fire truck.
 - ii. Fire Marshalls office has a big push on appointing a Fire Marshall Assistant. VGVFD is opposed to appointing an assistant and may have to push back. Councillor Pleadwell asked if we would be in contravention of any act by not

appointing an assistant? The Chief responded that he was unsure of the consequences but it should go on record we will not accept liability for the actions or lack of due to the lack of training a volunteer would have. The Mayor agreed and will raise the question at the next UMN meeting to get a feel for where the other municipalities stand.

- iii. Metalfab pre-build meeting: The pre-build meeting was held earlier today. Everything is moving forward and the truck is on track for an August delivery. Metalfab will advise the Village Office one month in advance of completion of the chassis. The first planned visit to the factory will be held in the Apr/May timeframe.
 - iv. There are 2 new volunteers which brings us to 20 at current time, the cap is tentatively being set at 24. FF Tanya Gordon has been appointed as Admin Asst and will be inputting the data into the new personnel and tracking software (Fire Station) recently purchased;
 - v. Upcoming expenses: There will be upcoming costs for new tires and hose testing;
 - vi. Regional Fire Dispatch: No info as of yet with regard to set up, the system will interface with the new software as will the Fire Q software. The Chief will get in touch with the appropriate offices to ask about the way ahead; and
 - vii. EMO: The storm response was great, all the right elements were in place.
- b. Public Works - Ryan McNally: Have been kept busy clearing snow on the Village properties and keeping the storm drains clear for drainage. Have also been assisting the Rec Center with the recyclables and the maintaining the rink. Report is attached detailing activities over the past month.
 - c. Village Office – Jay Johnson: The goal of this report is to keep council updated on the day to day workings of the Village Office and maintain transparency to them and the public. The main functions performed, purchasing, accounting and payroll, continue without issue. Attended meetings for VGVFD Executive, a pre-construction meeting with Metalfab and one regarding construction of the ball field. Detailed activities can be found in the attached report.

7. Councillors' Reports

a. Councillor McNamee

- i) Policing: There were 5 calls for service over the month of December: 4 under the motor vehicle act and one vehicle rollover on the TransCanada; and
- ii) Recreation and Youth: The monthly report submitted by the Rec Director is attached, the calendar from January to April is out and attached as well.

b. Councillor Massoeurs

- i) Buildings and Properties: planning for a new roof on 68 Babbit in the upcoming year.
- ii) Human Resources: Nothing to report
- iii) Animal Control: Nothing to report

c. Councillor Pleadwell

- i) Tourism and Beautification: Nothing to report
- ii) VGVFD: as reported on by Fire Chief John Thomas, many thanks to Ian Sullivan for all his hard work for the Fire Department over the years. He will be sorely missed by all.
- iii) Finance: payables were presented for payment as follows:
 - a. General payables: \$ 26,284.57
 - b. Sewerage payables: \$ 254.75
 - c. Line of Credit: \$205,287.03

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

Motion to approve Sewerage payables by Councillor Pleadwell and seconded by Deputy Mayor White. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.

Motion to approve Line of Credit payables by Councillor Pleadwell and seconded by Councillor McNamee. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.

d. Deputy Mayor White

- i) EMO: there will be a meeting of the EMO Committee before end January to discuss and plan for the upcoming province wide exercise. The response during the storm on 13 January was very good, it shows the system works. One area to improve is the passage of information between DTI and EMO – although we were told when roads were closed, we were not told when they were re-opened. Overall the Village infrastructure held up well.
- ii) Sewerage: nothing to report
- iii) Roads and Transportation: Problem spots in the Village roads have been identified and roadwork for the upcoming year has been prioritized. We will need to update the 5 year plan for DTI, now that the Dr's Hill work has been completed.

c. Mayor Blaney

- i) Solid Waste: Discussed at the last Board meeting was a growing issue in Nova Scotia of a private company taking contracts to remove commercial solid waste. This could impact New Brunswick as a private company is able to offer service at a lower cost than the Solid Waste Commission which would have a financial impact on municipalities. The Board has resolved to draft a letter to the Minister of ELG requesting that the department forbid the export of garbage from New Brunswick and to undertake any additional lobbying efforts as staff deems necessary; and
 - ii) Mayors Report: The town of Sackville make public approved budget items by uploading them to their webpage, this is something the Village should look into doing the same.
8. Ongoing Business – A By-Law Respecting the Village of Gagetown Recreation Committee – a first draft of subject by-law has been received, it is attached and available online for Councillors to review, changes and returns to Village Clerk.
9. Closed Session - The public was excused at 8:03 pm, it was moved by Councillor McNamee and seconded by Councillor Massoeurs to enter Closed Session.
10. It was moved by Deputy Mayor White and seconded by Councillor Pleadwell to resume council meeting at 8:17 pm.
11. Motion to adjournment – it was moved by Councillor Massoeurs to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

M.L. Blaney, Mayor

H.J. Johnson, Clerk/Administrator