



# VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

## Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Village Office – 41 Front Street, Gagetown  
Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - Regular Meeting of Council

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1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pleadwell at 6:35 pm. This meeting was held in person and via teleconference for guests. Mayor Pleadwell welcomed those present and those on the teleconference. Present were Mayor Pleadwell, Deputy Mayor Whipple, Councillor Ryan, Councillor Plaster, Councillor Murphy and Clerk White.
2. Call for Motion to Approve Agenda:
  - The agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Whipple and seconded by Councillor Plaster to approve the agenda. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Presentation – Claude Legere
  - Claude Legere from Shannon & Buffett presented the results of the Draft 2021 Financial Audit for The Village of Gagetown. The audit went well this year. The General Account has a \$1,650 deficit and the Sewer Account had a \$177 surplus for the 2021 year. Much of the unbalance between the two funds was cleared up this year. The remaining balance will be resolved in the 2022 Fiscal Year. Council thanked Claude Legere for the presentation. Council accepted the audited results as presented. The final version of the audit will be posted on the Village Website and will be available for review at the Village Office once finalized.
4. Approval of Minutes:
  - Regular Meeting of Council – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - It was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Councillor Ryan that the minutes of the meetings be accepted. With no questions to the motion and all in favour, the motion was passed.

#### 5. Correspondence:

- There were no Building Permits issued for February 2022.
- Letter From Brenda Knight – Brenda wrote a letter to both Village of Gagetown Council and Village of Cambridge Narrows Council. The letter encourages both Villages and the LSD's involved to work together to make Entity 66 the best community it can be. A copy of the letter is available for review at the Village Office.
- Girl Guide Request – The Gagetown Units of the Girl Guides of Canada requested financial assistance for the 2022 year. Council agreed to donate the amount allocated in the 2022 budget. Staff to prepare the payment.
- SEED Funding – Gagetown received notice that our application for SEED Funding for one person has been approved. The student must be a returning university student or a high school student who is attending university in the fall.
- Urban/Rural Rides is expanding to serve the communities of Cambridge Narrows, Hanwell, Kingsclear and Oromocto. An official launch will happen March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hanwell.

#### 6. Local Governance Reform:

- Jon Taylor has written to the member communities of Entity 66. Mr. Taylor wanted the member communities to be aware of the number of wharfs that are in our new Entity. The wharfs present a tourism opportunity for us and should be explored. A copy of the letter and a map of the wharf locations is available for review at the Village Office.
- A copy of the latest Q&A provided by the staff at ELG was circulated. A copy of the Q&A is available for review at the Village Office.
- A copy of the presentation Ignite made to the RSC Committee was circulated for information as well as a copy of the presentation ESIC made to the RSC Committee. Both presentations are available for review at the Village Office.
- Mayor Pleadwell updated the Council on the progress of the Mayors & Charis Committee. They committee met once since the last council meeting. There has been a Facebook Post and a mailout asking people to make name suggestions for the new community. The list of names will be shortened by the Mayors & Charis Committee and a final name will be suggested to the Transition Facilitator. Grand Chief Tremblay will address the Committee to provide the First Nations perspective on the area. Cheryl Haines will also be consulted to get the perspective from the Elm Hill Community. The next step after the naming is resolved will be the budget. The information has to be collected before there is anything to present to the Mayors & Charis.

- Clerk White gave an update on the CAO's Committee. The Committee is trying to get more information from the Transition Facilitator to build the budget format, which will later provide the actual numbers. There is still a lot of work being done at the CAO Committee for the Entity 66 process.

7. Mill Road Upgrades Project:

- The contract documents are being forwarded for our signature.
- There will be a pre-construction meeting held soon.
- The contractor intends to start in May 2022.
- We are still waiting for Bell Aliant to move the wires to the new poles.
- Information will be posted on our website and Facebook Page.

8. By-Law 37E Amendment to the Village of Gagetown Rural Plan

- The third and final reading of By-Law 37E was completed.
- The By-Law will now be sent to the Registry Office to be registered.

9. Staff Reports:

- Fire Department – Chief Ryan McNally was not available as he was attending a Fire Chiefs Meeting. A copy of the Fire Department report is available for review at the Village Office.
- Public Works – Ryan McNally was not available as he was attending a Fire Chiefs Meeting. A copy of the Public Works report is available for review at the Village Office.
- Village Administration – CAO White gave the report for the administration of the Village. I have been continuing to work on the Municipal Reform process. Worked with Shannon & Buffett to finalize the draft of the financial audit. Completed a Statistics Canada survey. Finalized the annual report to the NBMEPP. Completed the RCMP Survey. Still working on the locks for the Recreation Centre and Medical Clinic. The 2021 Annual Gas Tax Funds Report was presented. Council approved the report as presented. Staff will rewrite the Capital Investment Plan to include the project at the Village Green. A copy of the report is available at the Village Office.

## 10. Councillors Reports:

- Deputy Mayor Whipple –
  - i. The newsletter will be put out once we have more information on the name for the new entity.
  - ii. Gary Brown wants Gagetown to participate in a program called Giant Steps Wellness Program that builds heart-shaped rock formations. Deputy Mayor Whipple will investigate further.
  - iii. The general appearance of the Village is looking tired. We are looking at ways to inspire people to beautify their properties.
  - iv. There is a Black Lives Matter event being planned by the Elm Hill Community. More information to follow.
  - v. Art-In-The-Village will take place on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in conjunction with the Gagetown Farmers Market. More details to follow.
- Councillor Murphy –
  - i. Folly Fest is happening in July of 2022. They will be requesting financial assistance from the Village for the event. The organizers have indicated this event may be the last one. The organizing staff has been struggling to find volunteers to take over the event.
  - ii. Missed the last GDRC Board meeting. AGM is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There has been a good response to the posting for the Rec Director's position.
  - iii. Can we install some more garbage cans around the Village for dog walkers? Staff to review and report back.
- Councillor Plaster –
  - i. There was an issue with our By-Law #33. It was never signed, sealed or registered. Therefore, the Village reverts back to By-Law 29, which was properly registered. The NBSPCA will act as our Animal Control Officer. However, they will not enforce breed specific exclusions. It goes against their mandate. We will create a new By-Law that will resemble the by-law that Entity 66 will have in place. This will ensure we don't have two changes to the by-law in a short period of time. Staff will ensure the draft is developed and advertised.
  - ii. The blowers (referred to earlier in the Public Works Report) provide oxygen to the biomass. We will need the blower replaced to ensure we keep the supply of oxygen to the biomass. The blower will cost \$4,477.00 to replace. Council reviewed the latest RPC test report for the lagoon. The CBOD is above the annual high limit and the TSS is within the limits. The remaining numbers are within acceptable limits.

- Councillor Ryan –
  - i. A resident is concerned about flooding on his property from stormwater. Staff will investigate and come up with a plan.
  - ii. Residents are concerned about getting the Gagetown-Jemseg Ferry back for more of a year-round operation. The hours of operation should be posted on the sign on the highway. Staff to follow up.
- Mayor Pleadwell –
  - i. Mayor Pleadwell gave his update during the Local Governance Reform item earlier in the meeting.
  - ii. Financial Report:
    - 1. General - \$28,290.23
    - 2. Sewer - \$1,056.29
  - iii. It was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Councillor Ryan to accept the financial report as presented. With all in favour, the motion was carried.

11. Open Floor:

- No comments.

12. Closed Session:

- It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Ryan to move into closed session at 9:00 pm.
- Matters discussed in closed session were under the Local Governance Act, Section 68 (1).
- Open Session: it was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Councillor Ryan to move to open session at 9:15 pm.

13. Next meeting will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

14. Motion to Adjourn:

- It was moved by Councillor Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.



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Mayor – Derek Pleadwell



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CAO – Robert White