



VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Village Office – 41 Front Street, Gagetown

Date: April 19th, 2022 - Regular Meeting of Council

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pleadwell at 6:30 pm. This meeting was held in person and via teleconference. 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. There were two additional items to add to the correspondence item. It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Deputy Mayor Whipple to approve the agenda as modified. With no questions to the motion and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Presentation – Jonathon Krieger
 - Jonathon Krieger from Orchard View Long Term Care (OVLTCH) made a short presentation about the operations of the home. OVLTCH is the largest employer in the Village with over sixty (60) staff. They are a 40-bed long term care facility. They are a non-profit organization run by a board of directors. The monthly cost of a bed is approximately \$8,625 and the cost is shared between the residents and the Province of New Brunswick.
 - OVLTCH is exploring a pilot program called Nursing Homes Without Walls. The program is essentially using the OVLTCH as the focal point for care in the community. Details of the pilot program is available at the Village Office.
 - One of the biggest issues the OVLTCH faces is staffing. It is difficult to get and maintain staff in a rural setting.
 - COVID has been a challenge for all long-term care homes. OVLTCH was one of the few homes in New Brunswick that did not have a COVID outbreak in the facility. It is a tribute to the staff and their willingness to work within the protocols set out during COVID. They will be looking for volunteers to help out at the home once COVID restrictions get removed.
 - A copy of the presentation is available for viewing at the Gagetown Office.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Meeting of Council – March 21st, 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 March 2022.
- Letter From Erma Appleby – Erma wrote a letter to Village of Gagetown Council encouraging the Village to reiterate to the public the importance of the regulations in By-Law 37 Rural Plan By-Law. In particular, Council should reiterate the importance of the sections which protect water supplies and aquifers in the Central Residential Zone. A copy of the letter is available for review at the Village Office.
- UMNB provided a summary of the federal budget specifically for municipalities. A copy of the highlights is available for viewing at the Village Office.
- Call2Recycle – the battery recycling package arrived and has been set up. We posted the information on our website and on Facebook.
- NBDTI wrote a letter indicating that they are willing to partner with the Village on two projects. The first project is on Upper Hampstead Road and the second on Doctors Hill Road. Both projects are scheduled for the 2024 construction season. The NBDTI will contribute 95% of the costs and the municipality will contribute 5% of the costs. Because of the timing, this will be a decision for the new entity.
- The Invitation – PNB is hosting a 90-minute online webinar on tourism in New Brunswick. Mayor Pleadwell indicated he would attend the online event.
- Base Gagetown provided an update on the spring burning program. Regular updates will be provided as the program continues.
- Apraxia Awareness – the Village of Gagetown is requested to proclaim May 14th, 2022 as Apraxia Awareness Day. With all in favour of this proclamation, Mayor Pleadwell read the proclamation. The proclamation will be posted on the Village Website and Facebook Page.
- NB Organ and Tissue Donation Program – National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week is April 24th – 30th this year.
- 2022 Explore Travel Guide Request – Council decided not to renew the ad for 2022. The money budgeted for this ad will be redistributed to another expense.
- Feelsgood Folly Fest Request – the final Feelsgood Folly Fest will take place this year in July. The festival has requested financial assistance as the Village has in the past. Council agreed to donate the \$2,500 budgeted for this support.

6. Local Governance Reform:

- Mayor Pleadwell updated the Council on the progress of the Mayors & Charis Committee. There were over 250 name suggestions received. The list of names will be shortened by the Mayors & Charis Committee and a final name will be suggested to the Transition Facilitator. The next step after the naming is resolved will be the budget.
- The next step in the process is to choose the type of municipal structure we wish to be. The three choices are Rural Community, Village and Town. There are different requirements for each and the committee will be reviewing the pros and cons of each. Initial information suggests that Village is the preferred option. However, there is further clarification coming on the details of the choices.
- 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:

- We are still waiting for Bell Aliant to move the wires to the new poles and remove the old poles.
- Information will be posted on our website and Facebook Page once we know the start date for the project.

8. By-Law 33 Animal Control By-Law

- The first reading, by title only, of By-Law 33 was completed.
- The second and final readings will be done at the May Council Meeting.

9. Staff Reports:

- Public Works – Ryan McNally presented his report on Public Works. The recurring duties are ongoing. Pothole repairs are ongoing. Snow clearing operations are complete for the year. The equipment has been put away for the season. Assisted with the repairs at the sewage lagoon. The mounts for the electric motors for the blowers had to be replaced. Finished the mulching that was started last year. The sweeping of the streets will begin soon. Hired a grader to grade the crushed stone roads. Hoping to get the work done in May. Met with residents re drainage issues. A copy of the Public Works report is available for review at the Village Office.

- Fire Department – Chief Ryan McNally presented his report on the operations of the Fire Control. There were two medical calls and one fire call this month. Training is ongoing. First Aid courses are scheduled for June. A copy of the Fire Department 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. Had a meeting with the CAO's of Entity 72 to discuss their progress. Continuing to work on the budget format for Entity 66. Met with some residents regarding drainage issues. Set up the battery recycle box at the office.
- Update from last meeting: Council asked if NBDTI would be willing to put the operating hours on the Gagetown-Jemseg Ferry signs on the Highway. NBDTI indicated they would prefer to put information on the signs directing residents to 511 to get the hours. This is because the 511 system is always updated with the latest hours of operation. NBDTI has agreed to add Summer Maintenance to the list of services provided to Gagetown. The Summer Maintenance will start in May 2023. Both Tyng Brook and Sucker Brook culverts replacements are on the schedule for the 2022-23 construction season. The cost to increase the wage rate from minimum wage to \$15.00/hr is approximately \$2,000 for the summer. Council agreed to move ahead with this increase. A copy of the report is available at the Village Office.

10. Councillors Reports:

- Deputy Mayor Whipple –
 - i. Recommended Bonnie Green, Donna King and Margaret Rowney for the Volunteer Appreciation Awards. Council approved the recommendation.
 - ii. Provided information for the 211 System. 24/7 service for mental health, affordable housing, family support and food access.
 - iii. Village of Memramcook is offering a tree for each child. Interesting program.
 - iv. The new restaurant at 38 Tilley Road is putting in an electric vehicle charger for public access.
 - v. Art-In-The-Village will take place on June 12th, 2022, in conjunction with the Gagetown Farmers Market. More details to follow.
- Councillor Murphy –
 - i. Folly Fest is happening in July of 2022. 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. The skateboard letter is being finalized to send to the property owner. There will be some pictures to accompany the letter. Council will write a

letter of support to accompany the letter. Council will gather at the site for a picture to accompany the letter.

- iii. Councillor Murphy will write a letter of support from Council for the NBTA program offering horse riding lessons for students who are not financially able to do it on their own.
 - iv. The Conservation Council is working on getting funding for a mural that is focused on environmental sustainability. More to come.
- Councillor Plaster –
 - i. Council reviewed the latest test results for the lagoon. The numbers are within the parameters required under out permit.
 - ii. The fishing tournament for kids is still in the planning stage. The person who we will work with is returning from vacation this month. The Village would promote the event and try to round up volunteers to work it. The even would take place in July 2022. More to come.
 - Councillor Ryan –
 - i. A resident is concerned about engine braking in the Village. There is no specific by-law about engine braking. However, they must follow the noise by-law.
 - 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 several interviews to the media about flooding over the past month. There have been several meetings with RSC11 and committees over the past month.
 - ii. There has been a marked increase in response from the RCMP in recent months. Online reporting of crimes is now available on the NB RCMP website.
 - iii. Financial Report:
 1. General - \$69,391.18
 2. Sewer - \$9,052.87
 - iv. It was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Councillor Murphy 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 Deputy Mayor Whipple and seconded by Councillor Murphy to move into closed session at 9:30 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 19th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

14. Motion to Adjourn:

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



Mayor – Derek Pleadwell



CAO – Robert White