



VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Village Office – 41 Front Street, Gagetown
Date: May 16th, 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 and Clerk White. Councillor Murphy was absent.
2. Call for Motion to Approve Agenda:
 - The agenda was reviewed. Item 9 – By-Law 33 was removed from the agenda. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Whipple and seconded by Councillor Plaster to approve the agenda as modified. With no questions to the motion and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Presentation – Certificates of Appreciation
 - Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the three local church groups. Each of these outreach groups provides much needed service to our community. Donna King accepted the certificate on behalf of the Anglican Church. Judy-Ann Breen accepted on behalf of the Catholic Church and Bonita Green accepted on behalf of the United Church.
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - Regular Meeting of Council – April 18th, 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 three Building Permits issued for April 2022.
 - Letter From Richard Hooper re Lawfield Road – Mr. Hooper wrote a letter to Village of Gagetown Council expressing concern about the condition of Lawfield

- Road and about the garbage that is being illegally dumped on the roadway and the private land adjacent. Council indicated that Lawfield Road is, and has been, a closed road under our by-laws for many years. There is no intent to improve the condition of the road as it is only used as emergency access under certain conditions. Council encourages the landowners to report the illegal dumping to the RCMP whenever it happens. There is now an online portal for reporting on the NB RCMP website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/nb/home Mr. Hooper will forward the contact information for the landowners on Lawfield Road to the Village Office. The Village will communicate with the landowners to organize a meeting in the hopes of formulating a plan to combat the problem.
- Cain Insurance has changed representatives for Gagetown. Natalie Parent is moving to a different position within Cain and Marie-Line Bezeau will be our new representative.
- Street Light at 100 Tilley Road – there is an existing street light at the boat parking lot at the intersection of Tilley Road and Deveber Road. The existing light is burned out. NB Power says it is an old HPS bulb type and will be replaced with an LED light. However, currently the light is not being billed to anyone. NB Power is seeking authority to replace the light with an LED light and start billing the Village of Gagetown for it. After some discussion Council decided to proceed with the installation of the new light. Council also instructed staff to have two existing streetlights removed from service. Currently, Gagetown has 193 streetlights that cost \$3,422.48 per month.
- Canada Community Building Fund – the 2022 allocation of \$51,222 will be available in two installments – 50% before July 31st, 2020 and 50% before March 31st, 2023.

6. Local Governance Reform:

- Mayor Pleadwell updated the Council on the progress of the Mayors & Charis Committee. Our new entity will be a Village with a Mayor elected at large and six councillors elected in a Ward system.
- The Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform will be on hand at the Jemseg Lions Club for the announcement of the new name for Entity 66 on May 20th.
- There was a presentation provided by ELG on the reform process. Council is encouraged to read the document.
- Clerk White gave an update on the CAO's Committee. The Committee is still trying to get more information from the Transition Facilitator. The budget is the next task at hand for the CAO's Committee.

7. Mill Road Upgrades Project:

- The contractor will be starting in mid-summer. It is expected to take about 8 weeks to complete.
- Information will be posted on our website and Facebook Page once we know the start date for the project.

8. Public Wharf – there is a funding program available that may provide some funding to repair the wharf at Gagetown. We have applied.

9. Staff Reports:

- Fire Department – Chief Ryan McNally presented his report on the operations of the Fire Department. Training is ongoing each Wednesday evening and every other Sunday morning. Hose testing is set up for May 25th. First Aid course has been scheduled for June. There were two medical calls and one fire call this month. There was a change to the executive of the Fire Department. Doug Stairs and Kelly Deveau has taken a leave of absence from the Department. As a result of Doug Stairs' absence, Tanya Breau has been appointed as a Captain. A copy of the Fire Department report is available for review at the Village Office.
- Public Works – Ryan McNally presented his report on Public Works. The recurring duties are ongoing. Pothole repairs are ongoing. New lift pump will be installed at the sewage lagoon soon. The sweeping of the streets will begin soon. 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. Canada Summer Jobs has allocated 2 positions for Gagetown for 2022. We also have a SEED Grant for 2022. Positions have been advertised. Planning to attend the AMANB Annual Conference in Moncton on June 14th – 17th. I have been continuing to work on the Municipal Reform process. Work now has focused on the budget format for Entity 66. Set up the new Recreation Director as an employee with Village of Gagetown. Queens County Fair has requested the Village buy an ad in the Fair Program. The cost is \$80. Council approved. A copy of the report is available at the Village Office.

10. Councillors Reports:

- Deputy Mayor Whipple –
 - i. Should council consider setting up a dog park facility in Gagetown. Staff will investigate the availability of properties that may be used.
 - ii. Newsletter will be sent out soon once the new name has been announced.
 - iii. Council to consider having a notice to residents with a QR Code that takes visitors to a “what’s happening in Gagetown” page. Deputy Mayor Whipple will work with Councillor Murphy to develop the plan.
- Councillor Murphy – absent
- Councillor Plaster –
 - i. There is an air leak in the plumbing at the lagoon. We will need to investigate where the leak is originating and come up with a plan to repair the leak. Photos of the leaking area were shown to council.
 - ii. The buoy near the ferry crossing has moved into the path of the ferry crossing area. The buoys are looked after by the Federal Government. They are relocated each spring after they get moved around by the ice.
 - iii. The fishing tournament for kids is still in the planning stage. Councillor Plaster and Clerk White will attend a meeting with Rick Greene to see how the tournament would work. More to come.
 - iv. Council reviewed the latest test results for the lagoon. The numbers are within the parameters required under our permit. The main concern with numbers is that the annual average has been creeping up each year for the last number of years. We will continue to monitor the situation. If we can find funding, we may be able to bundle our project with any other communities that may be in the same situation.
- Councillor Ryan –
 - i. There are a couple of raised culverts on Drummond Road that will need attention soon.
- 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. The RSC mandate is expanding under the Municipal Reform program.
 - ii. Mayor Pleadwell is sitting on the selection committee for the new CEO of the RSC11. New candidate should be in place by September 2022.
 - iii. 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. The Council encourages all residents to report crimes to the RCMP so that they have the statistics to back up the requests.

iv. Financial Report:

1. General - \$80,893.23
2. Sewer - \$913.02

v. It was moved by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Plaster 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 8:24 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 June 20th, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

14. Motion to Adjourn:

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



Mayor – Derek Pleadwell



CAO – Robert White