



# VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

## Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Village Office – 41 Front Street, Gagetown

Date: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 - Regular Meeting of Council

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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 Murphy, Councillor Ryan, Councillor Plaster and Clerk White.
2. Call for Motion to Approve Agenda:
  - The agenda was reviewed. Chief McNally was not available to attend the meeting, so the Fire Department and Public Works Reports were removed from the agenda. There was one additional item added to Item 5 – Correspondence. It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Ryan to approve the agenda as modified. With no questions to the motion and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Staff Reports – Clerk White
  - Clerk White reported that the CAO Meetings with the Transition Facilitator are continuing. The focus is shifting to the budget now.
  - Councillor Plaster and I met with Mr. Green re a fishing tournament.
  - Attended the press conference of the announcement of the new name – Arcadia.
  - Met with Mayor Pleadwell and Councillor Plaster regarding the issues we are facing at the sewage lagoon.
  - Wildwood Tree Service was in town to cut down or trim some trees that were dead or dying.
  - Attended the joint Advisory Committee/CAO Committee Meeting in Upper Gagetown on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow in the Local Government Reform Update.
  - Citizens Credit Union will be closing on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. All the accounts will be moved to OMISTA Credit Union in Oromocto.

- Continued with meetings with RSC11 on Local Government Reform. The focus is on a contract with Environmental & Social Inclusion Corporation (ESIC), a contract with Ignite for Economic Development and with Tourism Fredericton for Regional Tourism promotion.
- Listed the Village Office for sale with a real estate agent. The office has since sold. Worked with our lawyer to complete the transaction. We have secured a temporary office space at 42 Front Street. This will be until we move to the Arcadia Office space.
- The CSJ Summer Students have been selected. They are set to start on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We have arranged for the required training for the first day.
- The Starlink Internet service is operational at the Fire Hall. We are hoping to extend the service to the Recreation Centre as well.
- A copy of this report is available at the Village Office.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Meeting of Council – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Sewer Committee Meeting – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- Special Meeting of Council – June 13<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 three Building Permits issued for May 2022.
- Letter From Coalition of Concerned Citizens. There is an event at the Delta Hotel in Fredericton on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for anyone who wishes to attend.
- Traffic Operations Report. The RCMP provided a monthly report of the operations in our area. Mayor Pleadwell indicated the RCMP have greatly improved their reporting to the communities.
- Letter from three Federal MP's regarding funding to municipalities.
- Email message from Kelli Chater re Off Road Vehicle by-law. Chater was wondering why there has not been any progress on completing the update that is required for our by-law. Clerk White responded to Chater informing her that changes to Village of Gagetown by-laws, with a couple of necessary exceptions, have been put on hold until the Municipal Reform process takes place in 2023. The new council for Arcadia will be looking at all by-laws for the new community.

- Email communications from several residents of Harts Lake Road concerned about the condition of the road. Clerk White informed Council that subsequent to these emails crushed stone has been delivered to harts Lake Road but has not been placed and compacted yet. It will take place in the coming weeks.
- Letter from Citizens Credit Union informing us that they are closing. All of our current accounts with Citizens will be moved to OMISTA in Oromocto.
- Letter from NBDTI requesting an update to the Five-Year Plan for the Municipal Designated Highway Program. Clerk White followed up with the NBDTI and confirmed that they were only looking for the information from Gagetown at this point. They will be looking for Arcadia information in 2023.
- Invitation to the Change of Command at 5<sup>th</sup> Command Division, Gagetown.
- Voices For Sustainable Environments & Communities supplied information regarding meetings they have had regarding enforcement on the Saint John River. The RCMP says enforcement on the water is not part of their contract with JPS. They are continuing to work on the issue. Council expressed its gratitude to the Voices group for the work they are doing to move this issue forward. Council expressed its willingness to work with Voices in whatever way it could to support the group.
- Change of Command at CFB Gagetown invitation was circulated to council.

#### 6. Local Governance Reform:

- 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 tool has been circulated to the municipalities. We are working on building the information now. We are now working on building a list of the shared services versus the local services. Shared services are paid by all former entities, pro rated by tax base. Local services are paid by each former entity alone. More to come after the training session.
- The tax rate change for the former entities will be capped at a maximum amount. The total rates for all the communities will be leveled over the first few years until the tax rates are leveled out.
- Mayor Pleadwell updated the Council on the progress of the Mayors & Chairs Committee.
- There was a presentation provided by ELG on the reform process. Council is encouraged to read the document.

7. Mill Road Upgrades Project:

- The contractor will be starting July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There will be a preconstruction meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It is expected to take about 12 weeks to complete.
- Fulton Asphalt is hoping to be able to come here to repair Tilley Road before the traffic detours are in place.
- Information will be posted on our website and Facebook Page once we know the start date for the project.

8. By-Law 33 – second and third reading were completed. The by-law will now be sent to RSC11 to be registered.

9. Councillors Reports:

- Deputy Mayor Whipple –
  - i. A food truck will be setting up in town soon. We will try to set it up on the public wharf. Local residents are concerned that there will be more people there that will cause a parking concern and an access problem. We will monitor the situation to be sure it will work.
  - ii. Councillor Whipple did a podcast with the Voices group regarding environmental education.
  - iii. Attended the transition meetings with the Advisory Group for Arcadia.
  - iv. There were some media reports about a funding program for municipalities. Councillor Whipple will follow up to see if there is an opportunity for funding.
  - v. The Chamber of Commerce has been offered the use of a container in the 506 Container Village in Saint John. Council is willing to assist in whatever way it can.
- Councillor Murphy –
  - i. The letter regarding the skatepark has been sent to the property owner.
  - ii. Has there been any progress on the grant application for the Village Green? Not new information has been received recently.
- Councillor Plaster –
  - i. The fishing tournament for kids will be planned for 2023. The New Brunswick Spout Fisherman Association will help with the organization but won't operate the tournament. Their main source of funding for this type of event has closed for 2022. We will investigate for 2023.
  - ii. 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.

- iii. The DO Meter we recently purchased stopped working. We have sent it back to the manufacturer for repairs. Once we get it back we will do a survey of the lagoon to see what the oxygen levels are.
- Councillor Ryan –
  - i. Had some inquiries about the mowing on Tilley Road. The mowing is in the schedule and will be completed this summer.
  - ii. Some of the crushed stone roads in the Village are dusty at this time of year. Staff will look into the feasibility of getting a spray system to apply calcium chloride.
- Mayor Pleadwell –
  - i. Most of the Local Government Reform information has been previously discussed.
  - ii. There will be a lot of work coming up with the RSC11 reform process. They are hiring a new CEO to manage RSC11. Mayor Pleadwell is on the hiring committee for the new CEO.
  - iii. CBC is doing a spotlight series on communities this summer. We are hoping to have them come to Gagetown.
  - iv. The RCMP has continued to be responsive to requests for service lately. There is a plan to have some public education sessions this fall.
  - v. Financial Report:
    - 1. General - \$87,396.66
    - 2. Sewer - \$14,817.81
  - vi. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Whipple and seconded by Councillor Ryan to accept the financial report as presented. With all in favour, the motion was carried.

#### 10. Open Floor:

- Tim Hale asked if there was a plan to have the roads repaired out in Harts Lake. The repair work has been scheduled for next week. The long-term repairs are being budgeted for now for the 2023 season.
- The Village has contracted with NBDTI to provide summer maintenance in 2023.

#### 11. Closed Session:

- It was moved by Councillor Murphy and Deputy Mayor Whipple seconded by 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 Deputy Mayor Whipple and seconded by Councillor Ryan to move to open session at 9:15 pm.

12. Next meeting will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

13. Motion to Adjourn:

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



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Mayor – Derek Pleadwell



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CAO – Robert White