



# VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

## Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Recreation Centre, 38 Mill Road, Gagetown

Date: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 - Special Meeting of Council

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- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pleadwell at 6:40 pm. This meeting was held in person and via teleconference and was open to the public. Mayor Pleadwell welcomed those present and those joining via teleconference. Present were Mayor Pleadwell, Councillor Murphy, Councillor Plaster, Councillor Ryan and Clerk White. Deputy Mayor Whipple joined via teleconference.
- Call for Motion to Approve Agenda:
  - It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Plaster to approve agenda. With no questions and all in favour, motion carried.
- Municipal Reform Update:
  - Mayor Pleadwell updated Council on the latest developments of the Municipal Reform Process.
  - As part of the Reform process, the Regional Service Commissions are also undergoing changes in their mandate. Among other items previously discussed, RSC11 has been given responsibility for Economic Development and Tourism. The RSC11 was given three options to deliver these services:
    - i. Hire new staff and deliver these services on their own
    - ii. Subcontract with another service provider to provide the service
    - iii. Any combination of these two options
  - For Economic Development, the RSC11 has partnered with Ignite to explore having them provide Economic Development services.
  - For Tourism, the RSC11 has partnered with Tourism Fredericton to explore having them provide Tourism services.
  - Both agencies have requested a term of 5 years for the initial contract.
  - The cost of each of these services are paid for by the member communities of RSC11 based on the tax base of the member communities.

- The cost proposed by Ignite for Economic Development is \$1,440,000 annually. Based on the tax base breakdown for RSC11 Member Communities, the cost to Arcadia is \$37,241 per year.
  - The cost proposed by Tourism Fredericton for Tourism is \$620,000 annually. Based on the tax base breakdown for RSC11 Member Communities, the cost to Arcadia is \$37,415 per year.
  - The vote on this proposal will take place at the next RSC11 Board Meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - The RSC11 is hiring a CEO to manage the Regional Service Commission 11. Mayor Pleadwell was a member of the hiring committee for this role. The final candidates were interviewed, and the committee's selection was sent to the Minister. The Minister has the final say on the selection.
  - The timelines for the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Municipal Election were reviewed. The Returning Offices open to the public on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the deadline for nominations is October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - The 2023 Budget process is under way. The current thinking is that there will be some services shared across all of the former entities and some services that will be local and borne only by that former entity. The resultant tax rates for the former entities will change accordingly. Local Government has decided that the tax rate change will be capped in the first few years to allow for a gradual change over a period of time. These rates and the length of time required will be determined as a result of the budget process.
- Transfer of Funds:
    - The first half of the 2022 Canada Community-Building Funds was received in July. The funds were deposited into the General Account and must be moved to the CCBF account. It was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Councillor Ryan that \$25,611.00 be moved from the General Fund to the CCBF Fund. With all in favour, and none opposed, the motion was carried.
- Financial Report:
    - The payables for the period of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
    - General Account payments of \$169,027.58
    - Sewer Account payments of \$910.42
    - It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Ryan to accept the financial report as presented. With all in favour, and none opposed, the motion was carried.
- Councillors Reports:
    - Councillor Ryan noted that the traffic control for Fulton Asphalt was not up to standard. They should be advised to make a better effort in the future.
    - Councillor Murphy noted that she felt we should move the food truck further onto the Village Green if/when it comes back. People are lining up onto the roadway while waiting for their food. Clerk White noted that the power cord is the limiting factor. Clerk White will investigate the cost for a longer cord.

- Councillor Murphy asked where the fill from the Mill Road Project was being sent. Clerk White informed that the fill was going to the fill site on Peters Road. This is the location where the proposed new ball field is to go.
- Councillor Plaster noted that there is a lot of dust on the roads that are not paved. The Village should look into the cost of a sprayer that can apply calcium chloride to the roads to keep the dust down.
- Councillor Plaster noted that there is a culvert at the end of Tilley, as you turn onto Vail Road, that needs to be repaired. Clerk White will investigate.
- Closed Session:
  - It was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Councillor Murphy to move to Closed Session at 7:24 pm.
  - Matters discussed in closed session were under the Local Governance Act, Section 68 (1).
  - Deputy Mayor Whipple moved to Open Session at 7:31 pm.
  - Mayor Pleadwell declared a conflict of interest for the next item and recused himself from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Whipple took over as chair of the meeting.
  - Motion to move to closed session. Councillor Murphy moved and Councillor Plaster seconded a motion to move to closed session at 7:32 pm.
  - It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded Councillor Plaster to move to Open Session at 7:50 pm.
  - It was moved by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Plaster that the Village of Gagetown accept the offer to purchase 0.6 acres of the parcel of land having the PID 45047990 from 669646 NB Inc. with the following conditions:
    - i. All costs related to the sale are borne by the purchaser.
    - ii. The purchase agreement must guarantee public access across the property that is identical to the access granted on the Village owned properties on either side of the property being sold. This access must be registered on title and must not be revokable without written permission from the Village of Gagetown or its successors.
    - iii. The purchase price shall be \$3,095.24
    - iv. If the transaction is subject to HST, it shall be extra to the purchase price and paid by the purchaser.
  - With all in favour of the motion, and none opposed, the motion was carried.

- Motion to Adjourn:
  - It was moved by Councillor Plaster to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.



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Deputy Mayor – Patricia Whipple



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CAO – Robert White