



VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN

Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Gagetown Recreation Centre – 38 Mill Road, Gagetown

Date: December 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. Mayor Pleadwell welcomed those in attendance. 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. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Whipple and seconded by Councillor Plaster to approve the agenda. With no questions to the motion and all in favour, motion carried.
3. Presentations: Certificates of Appreciation
 - Mayor Pleadwell welcomed those present who were being presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mayor Pleadwell outlined the importance the Council places on these awards. The Certificate is an acknowledgement of the many people who have volunteered their time to make the community a better place to live. These people are the role models for the younger generation of Gagetown. They set the example of service to the community and your neighbours that will serve the next generation well.
 - Sue & Alex McGibbon – presented with Certificate of Appreciation
 - Janet Ratliffe – presented with Certificate of Appreciation
 - Lottie & Wayne Ivey - presented with Certificate of Appreciation
 - Margaret Rowney - presented with Certificate of Appreciation
 - Bonnie Green - presented with Certificate of Appreciation
 - Joe Bennett - presented with Certificate of Appreciation
 - Donna King – not present for the meeting
 - Fred Fettah – not present for the meeting
 - The recipients thanked the Council for the certificates.

4. Staff Reports:

- Jenn Ball – GDRC
 - Santa came to the Rec Centre last Friday evening. There was a great turnout for the event. Jenn Ball thanked the Fire Department for giving Santa the ride to and from the Rec Centre. The event went very well. The kids were very excited and pleased with the event.
 - The Leadership Group raised approximately \$400 through the Toonie For A Turkey campaign. They have a number of places for the money that was raised.
 - The Rec Department is trying to get ice on the rink as soon as the weather cooperates.
 - There is another Firearms Safety Course coming up in January. The course is already full.
 - Volleyball will start this winter on Thursday nights. Jenn will look into a volleyball tournament for the community during Winter Carnival at the school in March.
 - Deputy Mayor Whipple asked if the staff presentations would continue after Arcadia comes into being. Mayor Pleadwell indicated that there will still be reports prepared for Council but the council will determine how the in-person reports would be done. Considering there are five Volunteer Fire Departments plus Recreation and other groups, there may not be time for in-person reports at every council meeting.

- Ryan McNally – Public Works/Fire Department
 - General Duties are ongoing.
 - Repaired several streets with crushed stone. Warren Road & Harts Lake Road were the two biggest areas.
 - Flushed the sewer system to clean out some buildup.
 - Made some requested repairs to the Medical Centre. More to come.
 - Helped Chamber of Commerce setup and cleanup for Christmas In The Village.
 - Snow Clearing has started at the Various Village-Owned locations.
 - Training is ongoing.
 - Had four medical calls and no fire call this month.
 - Attended the LSD Fire Chief's Conference.
 - Had an Executive Meeting
 - Took Santa to the Rec Centre.
 - Participated in the Fire Chief For A Day event. A student from Gagetown was chosen from all entries across New Brunswick. The Fire Marshall was here with several members of the Office of the Fire Marshall.
 - This year at the Fire Department, 14 members of the VGVFD contributed 3,108 hours of volunteering. The council thanked Chief McNally and his crew for the hours of community service they put in this, and every year.

- Clerk White
 - General duties for Gagetown are winding down. Some administrative items will get finished up in 2023 but most will be finished by the end of the year.
 - There has only been one meeting of the Technical Committee in the last month. The majority of the responsibilities for the Transition Facilitator has been completed. He will continue to be available to us into the new year.
 - Continuing to work on the setup of Arcadia.
 - Clerk White thanked the Council for all the help during the past while. Clerk White thanked Ryan McNally for all he has done for the Village and for the help he has given to him over the years. Thanks also to Jenn Ball for her work at the Rec Center. Clerk White thanked Jay Johnson for all the work she did before 2020 to get the Village to where it is. Th Village of Gagetown was wee situated to merge into Arcadia.
 - Mayor Pleadwell thanked the Village staff for the work that has been done to get Gagetown to where it is now.

5. Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Meeting of Council – November 21st, 2022
- Councillor Plaster asked if the request to purchase a spare blower should be in the minutes. The request for the blower was in the minutes of the previous meeting. This is a purchase that will be looked after by Arcadia in the new year.
- It was moved by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Deputy Mayor Whipple that the minutes of the meetings be accepted. With no questions to the motion and all in favour, the motion was passed.

6. Correspondence:

- There were two permits in November 2022. Estimated value is \$26,000.
- Invitation to attend the New Years Levee from the Lieutenant Governor. As mentioned earlier, there is a New Year's Levee at the Gagetown Legion on January 1st, 2023. Paul Mennier will attend on behalf of Mayor Pleadwell, who will be out of town on January 1st, 2023.

7. Appointment of the Auditor:

- It was moved by Councillor Murphy and Seconded by Councillor Ryan to appoint Shannon & Buffett as the auditor for Village of Gagetown for the 2022 fiscal year.

8. Local Governance Reform:

- The certified results of the November 28th Election were presented to Council.
- Mayor Pleadwell will be joining Cambridge-Narrows Deputy Mayor Sheila Black as returning municipal council members. Three others have been involved in the transition Advisory Committee. Two members will be new to municipal government.
- Clerk White reviewed the agenda for the Acceptance of Office Ceremony on Wednesday, December 21st, 2022.
- The remaining items for the transition are almost complete.
- The existing council stays in effect until the end of 2022.

9. Mill Road Upgrades Project:

- The project is substantially complete now.
- The release of holdback will come due soon.
- The remaining funding from the Front Street Project has been approved. The funds should be deposited soon.
- The project has gone well.

10. Councillors Reports:

- Deputy Mayor Whipple –
 - Thanked her fellow Councillors for the time on Council and indicated she enjoyed being involved.
- Councillor Murphy –
 - Thanked her fellow Councillors for the time on Council and indicated she enjoyed being involved.
 - Councillor Murphy is involved in a funding project for arts. There may be some funding for a mural in Gagetown. Arcadia will be in touch with Councillor Murphy in 2023.
 - There has been no response from Arcadia Properties Limited regarding the request to use the land for a skateboard park.
 - Clerk White updated the Council that ACOA had contacted the Village to indicate our request for funding for the Village Green project was declined. The Program ran out of money before ours was approved. However, RDC will contact us in 2023 to see if there are other funding avenues to complete the project.

- Councillor Plaster –
 - The levels in the sewage lagoon for CBOD and TSS are both trending in the right direction. We should be within the limits of our permit at the end of the year.
 - Councillor Plaster has indicated that he will be willing to work with Arcadia to continue the good work that has been done at the lagoon.
 - The pH meter should be replaced under warranty. We should buy an backup meter to have a spare.
 - Amanda Foy and Ryan McNally are taking the Wastewater Course to be certified to operate the lagoon.

- Councillor Ryan –
 - Nothing to report. Has enjoyed working on council.

- Mayor Pleadwell –
 - Mayor Pleadwell thanked council for their service since 2021. Council has been very proactive and we are pleased with what has been accomplished in a shortened term.
 - Mayor Pleadwell thanked Clerk White and staff for the work done to get Gagetown ready to move to Arcadia.
 - Financial Report:
 - General - \$124,667.91
 - Sewer - \$5,235.49
 - Line of Credit - \$298,061.74

It was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Ryan to accept the financial report as presented. With all in favour, the motion was carried.
 - It was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Deputy Mayor Whipple to move \$15,766.50 from the Gas Tax Funds to the General Operating Account.

11. Open Floor:

- There were no comments from the public.

12. Closed Session:

- There was no closed session at this meeting.


13. It was moved by Councillor Plaster and seconded by Deputy Mayor Whipple to set the date and time of the next meeting to be on December 29th, 2022, at 1:00 pm via teleconference. With all in favour and none opposed, the motion was carried.

14. Motion to Adjourn:

- It was moved by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Plaster to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.



Mayor – Derek Pleadwell



CAO – Robert White