

June 15, 2020

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on June 15, 2020, at 2:00 pm through Zoom Communications. Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor MacCallum, Councillor Bowron and Brenda Hoar (Clerk/Treasurer) were present

Absent: Mayor Shortt.

Deputy Mayor Casey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 2:00 pm.

Motion

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried.****

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to approve May 18, 2020, minutes.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Bowron and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to accept financial statements for May 2020, for General Operating and Water Sewer.**

Motion Carried.

RCMP Report

No Report

Committee Reports

Councillor Casey – Reported on Vision Alma- Councillor Casey reported he has met with Tod Kierstead a couple of times since the last council meeting, Tod is currently working on a quote for new sidewalks as well as preparing a drawing for existing sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Sidewalk work should start on the first of July. Council had a walkthrough of the new multi-purpose building and Mark Marcoux has completed most work deficiencies there was still a couple of paint issues and a door closure issue, these last two deficiencies should be finished by this Thursday. Once the village receives a letter from the mechanical engineer then the village can occupy the building.

Councillor Bowron - FNP

what is open in Fundy National Park as of, June 15.

The following areas of Fundy National Park are open to visitors:

Day-use areas:

As of June 1:

Headquarters (Bowl, Soccer Fields and Bluff)

Kinnie Brook

Bennett Lake

Alma Beach

As of June 15:

Herring Cove (including the beach)

Point Wolfe

Service Buildings:

As of June 1 (washrooms only):

Caribou Plain

Kinnie Brook

Chignecto Pavilion

Salt and Fir centre

Bennett Lake Change House

Washrooms behind the Headquarters Visitor Reception Centre

Chignecto recreation area

Bennett Lake area

As of June 15:

East and West Entry kiosks (for information and fee collection)

Trails:

As of June 1:

Caribou Plain

Kinnie Brook

East Branch

Upper Salmon (Upper Salmon River Loop in the Headquarters Area)

Accessible from the Chignecto Recreation Area:

Black Horse

Maple Grove

Pumptrack

Whitetail

Orion

Cygnus

Cassiopea

As of June 15:

Coastal East

Coastal West

Tippen Lot

Mathews Head

Coppermine

Roads:

Route 114

As of June 15:

Point Wolfe road

Hastings Road
Herring Cove Road

FNP continues to remind visitors:

- Respect all rules as posted.
- Keep in mind that your safety is your responsibility. Search and rescue capacity will be limited and slower than usual.
- Please help to keep Parks Canada team members and one another safe.
- Respect social distancing, maintain 2 metres at all times.
- Consult trail map and signage before use.
- Plan ahead of your visit to make most of your autonomous experience.
- Refer to Fundy National Park's website for updates [https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-nb/fundy](https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/nb/fundy).

An announcement on camping and the golf course this week.

Also to note: Now that safety measures are in place, fee collection has resumed in Fundy National Park.

Councillor MacCallum – reported the following details:

Alma Volunteer Fire Department

It has been a quiet month for the volunteer fire department. Some training has been taking place. They are still waiting for registration documents on the donated 2010 Arctic Cat 550. Dave Rossiter reminds us all to call the Burn Hotline (1-866-458-8080) before lighting fires of any kind. The information is updated daily.

Friends Of Fundy (FOF)

FOF has not had a Board meeting since Councillor MacCallum's last report. Board meetings are now being scheduled towards the end of the month to ensure that complete, current financial statements are available for the meetings.

FOF continues to host weekly Zoom meetings for interested Alma business owners. The public washroom trailer is expected to arrive in the village on June 19th. FOF staff will take the lead on cleaning while businesses will be asked to contribute towards cleaning supplies and protective personal equipment.

Summer resident Paula Horvath penned a letter to the editor on behalf of Alma's business community that will be distributed to various media outlets across the province to remind New Brunswickers that Alma is ready, safe and open for business.

Alma Celebration Days

A small group of residents will be meeting shortly to plan some physically distant, low key Canada Day events.

Climate Conference Workshop

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is offering a free workshop to 40 municipal elected officials from across the country. Councillor MacCallum has submitted an application and will know by the end of July if she has been accepted as a participant.

Water Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

Water Exploration – Still in negotiation

By-Law 63 A / Rescheduled until further notice

CrossWalk / Side Walks – Letter was received from Bruce Randall stating that it is the responsibility of the municipality to engage a consultant to review the area and make recommendations. The consultant would complete an engineering design and cost estimate for the addition of a sidewalk. The Department would then review the engineering design for approval. Cost for sidewalks is the responsibility of the municipality. The Department does not provide cost estimates for such work.

Code of Conduct by-law / rescheduled until further notice

Clerk Report

The Village's flowers have been ordered. Snow removal tender can now be viewed on NBON website. The village's bursary was awarded to Anik Caissie. We are still waiting for the completion of the village's 2019 audit.

New Business

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to accept the village of Alma bursary policy.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Bowron to hire Eastern Safety Services for by-law enforcement services in the village of Alma.**

Motion Carried.

Q & A Period - Opportunity for community members to ask questions and receive answers. Thirty minutes were allotted.

Correspondence

Tele-drive request for donation

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and seconded by Councillor Bowron that the village of Alma write a letter to Tele-Drive Albert County Inc. inviting them to resubmit a charitable donation request after they have conducted their annual general meeting and after their 2019 charitable return has been filed with the Canada Revenue Agency so the council has the opportunity to get a clearer picture of the financial and operational future of Tele-Drive Albert county Inc. This letter should also suggest strongly that any future donation requests should be in an amount more proportionate with the number of Alma residents who use the service.

Motion Carried.

SouthEast Regional Service Commission – Two development permits.

Paying of Bills

All bills are paid

Councillor MacCallum adjourned the meeting.
