



Minutes

Meeting of Alma Village Council

August 15, 2022, at 7:00 pm – Multi-Purpose Building

PRESENT:

Andrew Casey – Mayor

Susan MacCallum – Deputy Mayor

Tiffany Bowron – Councillor

John Ereaux – Councillor

Hanna Downey – Clerk/Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Casey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor MacCallum* and seconded by *Councillor Bowron* **THAT** the agenda be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ereaux* and seconded by *Councillor Bowron* **THAT** the minutes of June 27, 2022, be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor MacCallum* and seconded by *Councillor Ereaux* **THAT** the Council of the Village of Alma accept the Financial Statements for June and July 2022 for the General Operating Account and the Utility Account. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

RCMP REPORT

The Administrator stated she has no report to provide.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 2 – Committee Reports – Bulletin No. 5 was released on July 29.

Page 2 – Water Report – The Clerk stated that water conservation posts were made on social media on June 17 & 27, July 2, 16 & 17, and August 2 & 4.

Page 3 – Business Arising – Update from DTI regarding the Route 114 closure. The Clerk stated that DTI advised her that the tender period closed on August 4, and they are waiting on confirmation of the tender award.

Page 3 – Business Arising – The Clerk stated that the Village was successful in the Inclusive Community Recreation Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$8,850 to pay for access door operators for the Activity Centre.

Page 3 – The Clerk stated she has not heard back from the Recreation Council regarding the Memorandum of Understanding that she provided to them. Council suggested the Clerk following up with the committee again.

Page 3 – Clerk Report – School Street parking lot lines and crosshatching on Main Street are complete.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – cont'd

Page 4 – Clerk Report – Signage for the Multi-Purpose Building. Following some discussion, Council is agreeable for the name Multicultural Centre.

Page 4 – Correspondence – **Councillor Ereaux** suggested replacing the temporary pylons on Main Street with wooden ‘no parking’ signs as previously discussed with the Clerk.

Page 5 – Correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI). DTI reached back out to Council and asked that they disregard their former request to review its requirements and submit an updated 5-Year Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Casey - Southeast Regional Service Commission. **Mayor Casey** – No report.

Mayor Casey – Local Governance Reform. **Mayor Casey** stated that the Elected Officials Advisory Committee met three times to discuss the compensation for the future elected officials of Fundy Albert. **Mayor Casey** stated that these discussions led to submitting a recommendation of compensation for the future Council of Fundy Albert. **Mayor Casey** stated that he would release the figures once they have been approved by the Department of Local Government and Local Governance Reform. **Councillor Ereaux** stated that he would compile a list of questions related to the reform for the Clerk to send to the transition facilitator, Chad Peters.

Councillor Bowron – Fundy National Park. **Councillor Bowron** stated that she will not have a report until September’s meeting.

Councillor MacCallum – Alma Fire Department. **Councillor MacCallum** stated that the Fire Chief confirmed that the transfer of ownership from the DELG to the Village of Alma for the 2010 Polaris side-by-side unit has been done. **Mayor Casey** added that this unit will be greatly beneficial with tri-county rescue and specifically for rescues in Fundy National Park.

Councillor MacCallum – Alma! Committee. **Councillor MacCallum** stated that the committee met in late July to firm up details for New Brunswick Day festivities. Due to the low water reservoir level advisories, the decision was made to not do widespread advertising. Due to this decision the market and the BBQ had fewer numbers than on Canada Day, however traffic was steady, and vendors and attendees seemed pleased overall with the event. **Councillor MacCallum** stated that the funding application to the federal Celebration and Commemoration Reopening Fund was successful to the tune of a one-time \$60,334 grant which will cover most of the items submitted in the application budget. The committee is meeting later this month to:

- Discuss the funding budget and formulate a recommendation to Council on how to spend the grant money; and
- Finalize a draft schedule for Fleet Launch festivities. Friends of Fundy is partnering on this event and has offered to cover tent rental, musical talent, a dance, and some local food offerings.

WATER REPORT

Mayor Casey stated that during the week of August 1st we experienced consistent ‘low water’ alarms from the reservoir. Well #1 was not able to adequately produce enough water during the recovery times (overnight) to keep up with the demand. On August 4, we consulted with our engineer and on their recommendation, it was decided that the Clerk would advise the Department of Health of the action plan to put Well #2 on-line to help replenish the reservoir. Although Well #2 is part of the regular bacterial sampling schedule, this action plan resulted in an immediate boil

WATER REPORT – cont'd

water order, whereas the use of Well #2 is not in the Approval to Operate. *Mayor Casey* stated that businesses were immediately contacted, and Councillors assisted the Clerk with distributing notices to residents. *Mayor Casey* thanked the Clerk, Kevin Rossiter, Clyde Downey, and the Department of Health for working closely together to have the boil water order lifted in record time.

CLERK REPORT

The Clerk stated that there was one (1) building permit issued in June valued at \$2,500, and three (3) building permits issued in July with a combined value of \$553,937.

The Clerk stated that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) reached out asking if we have plans to grade Barrett Road. Once she has a cost from DTI, the Clerk will advise Council.

The Clerk stated that she will be attending a meeting on August 17 pertaining to the SERSC 2023 Proposed Budget and to gain some insights on the plan for the new mandated services.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Administrator received the following:

- Letter of response from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, from the letter they received from the Villages of Alma, Hillsborough and Riverside-Albert dated May 18, 2022.
- Thank you card from the 2022 Alma Bursary recipient.
- Letter of financial assistance request from the Tri-County Ground Search and Rescue.
- Letter from resident recognizing the volunteer actions of a community member.
- Thank you note to Council for donating the use of the Activity Centre for a recent benefit dinner.

PAYING OF BILLS

The Administrator stated that except for the RCMP invoice, all bills are paid.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Opportunity for residents to ask questions to members of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor MacCallum* **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer