



Minutes

Meeting of Alma Village Council

June 27, 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 7:00 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 MacCallum* and seconded by *Councillor Ereaux* **THAT** the minutes of May 16, 2022, be approved with the correction to be made on Page 2 as outlined by *Councillor Ereaux*. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

Annick Robichaud Butland, President – Albert County Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Butland reviewed the following items during her presentation:

- The various benefits with the ACCC membership including an associate membership option with the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce;
- Shoulder/winter tourism season awareness campaign;
- Rotating weekly materials between *Chamber Chat with Tosh* and the *ACCC Newsletter*;
- Staffing shortages; and
- Hosting monthly Coffee Breaks and the opportunity to meet board members, staff, summer staff, etc.

Mrs. Butland advised that the next Board Meeting is on August 18, 2022 and will be open to the public for better connectivity. Following a brief question and comment period, Council thanked Mrs. Butland for her presentation.

Kris Kelly, Alma resident – By-Law No. 79. Mr. Kelly brought forward the following concerns relating to the Village of Alma By-Law No. 79, a by-law to regulate collection of household waste:

- The exclusion of waste collection for residents who provide overnight accommodations;

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- The lack of notice that was provided to him relating to the discontinuation of his residential waste collection; and
- Misinformation provided to him related to waste sorting.

Council collectively apologized to Mr. Kelly for him not being provided advance notice for the discontinuation of his residential waste collection. *Mayor Casey* explained that By-Law No. 79 classifies overnight accommodations as commercial and therefore is not eligible for residential household waste collection services. *Mayor Casey* advised that an annual application can be filed with the Village Clerk to revert to residential collection during off-season. *Mayor Casey* stated that the Village of Alma is currently not equipped to manage the capacity of commercial waste and is not prepared to make exceptions for any one establishment when the means are not available to collect all commercial waste. *Mayor Casey* stated that he will discuss this matter, specific to Airbnb operations, with the entity's Transition Facilitator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Casey - Southeast Regional Service Commission. *Mayor Casey* advised he attended a meeting on May 31. It was announced that all SERSC Committee and Executive Committee terms will be extended until January 1, 2023, due to the local government reform.

Mayor Casey – Local Governance Reform. *Mayor Casey* and *Councillor Ereaux* attended an Elected Officials Advisory Committee meeting in June. *Councillor Ereaux* advised that 2023 budgetary priorities, taxation areas and shared services were discussed. *Councillor Ereaux* stated he will prepare a bulletin to be shared with residents in the coming weeks.

Councillor Bowron – Fundy National Park. *Councillor Bowron* advised there is no report to present.

Councillor MacCallum – Alma Fire Department. *Councillor MacCallum* advised there is nothing to report from the Fire Chief.

Councillor MacCallum – Alma! Committee. *Councillor MacCallum* stated there have been two meetings since her last report. The meetings included discussions related to ongoing initiatives and to firm up Canada Day activities. Posters for Canada Day have been distributed from Sussex to Hillsborough. The plantings from Corn Hill Nurseries are complete and the hanging baskets from Farmer Browns have been hung. *Councillor MacCallum* advised that a representative from the Federal Celebration and Commemorative Reopening Fund has been in contact with her for some follow-up questions on the HST portion of the application. *Councillor MacCallum* stated she is hopeful that we will hear back with news soon with the 26-week mark approaching. The next committee meeting will be held in-person on July 8 to discuss New Brunswick Day and Fleet Launch.

WATER REPORT

The Administrator advised that Englobe provided RDC with an updated KML file showing the location of the three (3) different drilling zones that were explored. Infrastructure Canada is reviewing the information that has been provided to them. Currently, we are waiting for them to confirm if the project scope can be increased to allow for the additional funding that is needed for the 72-hour pump test.

The Administrator advised that we are experiencing low water in the reservoir. *Mayor Casey* advised that we are not in crisis mode yet, but we are continuously pumping and just

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managing to keep up with the demand. *Mayor Casey* stated this reinforces the importance of getting the new water source online and into production.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 1 – Presentations – Englobe provided the office with the climate change adaptation plan drawing.

Page 2 – Committee Reports – Route 114 closed again to all traffic on Wednesday, June 8 for approximately 3 weeks.

Page 5 – Clerk Report – We had our summer student from last summer return.

Page 5 – Clerk Report – The grant from the Inclusive Community Recreation Infrastructure Fund for an accessibility upgrade to the washroom facilities at the Activity Centre was refused. The Administrator submitted a second application for access door operators. The Administrator received an email on June 3 stating that the application has been sent to the advisory committee.

Page 5 – Clerk Report – Council received a group photo and a thank-you card from CRHS for Council's support of the Dragon Boat Festival.

Page 5 – Clerk Report – We all received an updated schedule of events for the Rising Tide Trails & Tunes Festival.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ereaux* and seconded by *Councillor MacCallum* **THAT** the Village of Alma sponsor the Rising Tide Trails & Tunes Festival as a Bronze Sponsor for \$300. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

Page 5 – Clerk Report – Village of Alma 2022 Bursary recipient received their bursary at the CRHS graduation on June 24. The recipient is a local student with plans to attend NBCC in the Fall and has a track record for volunteering and offering support to the Village of Alma when called on.

Page 6 – Clerk Report – The Alma Rink fundraiser was successful in raising over \$6,600. The Recreation Council have already confirmed a date in April 2023 to have the band perform at next year's fundraiser.

Page 6 - Correspondence. Browns Paving was in the Village last week and completed the paving. *Councillor MacCallum* had asked about having the work done on School Street only to have the paving torn up again to extend the water service. *Mayor Casey* stated that he consulted with our engineer at Englobe and determined that the current state of the road needs to be repaired before winter and it is unlikely the water would be extended on School Street before winter.

Page 7 - Correspondence. Relating to liability insurance for the rink. The Administrator sent a sample of a Memorandum of Understanding to the Recreation Council. Once the Administrator hears back, she will send it to the insurance provider.

CLERK REPORT

The Administrator advised there was one (1) building permit issued in May valued at \$7,107.

The Administrator advised there was a quote received from Black Fox in the amount of \$785 plus HST for line painting for the Village Office parking lot, including five wheelchair stencils, arrows, and crosshatching on portions of Main Street.

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The Administrator advised she attended the Association of Municipal Administrators of New Brunswick Conference from June 14-17 at the Delta in Moncton. *Mayor Casey* stated that the Administrator was presented with a Professional Certification Level 1 by the President of the AMANB at the conference.

The Administrator advised that she took part in a Crime Prevention online workshop along with municipal staff and elected officials from various Canadian municipalities. Some discussion points included key issues and complexities in the rural context, challenges, and gaps. Notably, commonalities were lack of resources, lack of police presence, reactive rather than proactive measures, and coverage of large regions.

The Administrator provided an update on Canada Day activities which kicks off with the Alma Market, a children's bike parade, bouncy castle, cake walk, hot dog BBQ, and a Fundy Ceilidh concert at 7 PM at the Activity Centre. The Administrator stated the fireworks have arrived, and the Fire Department will be displaying them at 10 PM, weather permitting. The Administrator advised this year's Canada Day is made possible with support provided by the Village of Alma, the Alma! Committee, Alma Rec Council, the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Tide Church, and Fundy National Park.

The Administrator advised that Goguen Signs provided designs for signage for the Activity Centre and the Multi-Purpose Building. The Administrator stated that although signage was part of Friends of Fundy's ACOA Rediscover Main Street grant application, it was later announced that they would no longer be funding these types of capital expenses.

Councillor Ereaux asked if the Welcome to Alma sign is back up; per the Mayor, yes it is back up in the same location. *Councillor Ereaux* asked that the sign be relocated more south as was previously discussed with staff, when the opportunity arises and a post-hole digger is accessible.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Administrator received the following:

- Promotional material for June's ParticipACTION month;
- A letter from Canada Community-Building Fund informing us that the 2022 regular allocation of \$15,345 will be transferred in two equal installments in July 2022 and March 2023;
- A certificate of appreciation from the CCRC for Alma's support in the CCRC Welcome Committee initiative;
- A request for a letter of support to the CCRC relating to their housing initiative;
- Emails from a resident with parking concerns on Main Street and parking on a portion of the sidewalk in front of 8576 Main Street;

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Ereaux* and seconded by *Councillor MacCallum* **THAT** the Council of the Village of Alma direct public works staff to place three (3) pylons on the south side near 8577 Main Street, for a trial period of one (1) month. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

- UMNAB Annual Conference registration is open with early bird pricing of \$385. The Conference is taking place in Fredericton from October 7-9. The Administrator asked anyone who plans to attend to let her know as soon as possible;

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- An email with some FAQs on the Regional Fire Dispatch service delivery. The goal of the project is to enable more efficient emergency response through modern communications equipment. Currently, all LSD Fire Departments will be onboarded to this program. Our region (Codiac) is the last region to rollout at the end of 2022;
- A letter from Horizon Health with information on their Referral Program to help recruit health care workers to New Brunswick; and
- A letter from Forest Dale Home Foundation stating their focus this year is fundraising efforts to enhance the outdoor garden spaces.

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor MacCallum* and seconded by *Councillor Bowron* **THAT** the Village of Alma sponsor the Forest Dale Home Foundation in the amount of \$150 to support their outdoor garden space efforts. **MOTION CARRIED** (unanimously).

- Letter from Department of Transportation looking ahead at the 2025 construction season and requesting each municipality to carefully review its requirements and submit an updated Five-year Plan. The submission will be evaluated in conjunction with the needs of all 99 municipalities in the province;
- Invitation to attend CBDC’s AGM on June 29 at 8:30 pm; and
- Card of thanks from the CRHS graduating class expressing their appreciation for providing the Activity Centre for their prom.

PAYING OF BILLS

The Administrator advised that all bills are paid.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Opportunity for residents to ask questions to members of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by *Councillor Bowron* **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer