

MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held July 26, 2021 at 7:11 PM with Mayor Campbell presiding. All members of Council and Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis that *'The Agenda be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No conflict declared.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on June 28th be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

BILLS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE (partial) AND JULY

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Gallant to *'Pay the bills for the months of June and July.'* MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

No report this meeting.

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND WELLNESS REPORT

Director of Recreation and Wellness was not able to attend the meeting due to a commitment with youth soccer, but a provided report was read by Councillor Thorne.

Summer Staff –

Sports Fields – Four student employees have been working hard on baseball field maintenance in both Salisbury and Petiscodiac; as well as grounds maintenance on school property in Salisbury. They also water the Village's hanging baskets.

Youth Sports – Student staff have each been coaching Under-6 youth soccer. Minor baseball is also underway.

Community Activities – Summer Fun at Highland Park is held each week on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM beginning on July 29th. Fun and Games for the Boys & Girls Club of Salisbury is held on Wednesdays from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM at Salisbury Baptist Church.

Other Activities –

Pickleball – Outdoor pickleball has become more popular with the warm weather, while indoor pickleball continues each weekday at the Salisbury Baptist Church gym.

Outdoor Excursions – Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness leads an outdoor activity each week, including nature walks, biking, or kayaking.

Arrow Amor Art Camp – Local artist Sarah Irving, through her company Arrow Amor, has been holding week-long art camps in July in partnership with the municipality. Much of the camps are held outdoors, with municipal indoor space used during times of inclement weather.

ParticipACTION – In its first year participating, Salisbury placed third among New Brunswick communities and in the top-50 in Canada in the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge in June, during which time participants tracked and submitted their active minutes. Salisbury area residents tracked over 3.5-million minutes with over 200 residents tracking their physical activity on the ParticipACTION smartphone app. A number of local organizations also participated: AMP IT UP Dance Studio, Boys & Girls Club of Salisbury, Here We Grow Little Learners, Salisbury Elementary School, Salisbury Middle School and JMA Armstrong High School, Armstrong HS Senior Girls Basketball, Salisbury Daily Walkers, Salisbury/Petitcodiac Minor Baseball, Salisbury Gym, The Green Pig Country Market, Silver Fox Estate, and Wee College Salisbury. An extra thank you to Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness Donna Hunwicks-Hopper, who brought this challenge to the village and took the lead on it. It was learned on the morning of July 26th that North Grenville, Ontario was named Canada’s most active community. Salisbury will be back next year with more ways to get active and hopefully earn the acknowledgment as the country’s most active community.

Community Days –

Movie Night at Highland Park – Movie Night at Highland Park is scheduled for Thursday evening, August 19th starting at 9:00 PM. The feature will be Raya and The Last Dragon. Popcorn and snacks will be available.

Kids Day – Kids games are scheduled for Friday, August 20th at Highland Park starting at noon.

Fundraising Dinner – For the fundraising dinner for Recreation and Wellness initiatives it will be a chicken salad dinner this year instead of lobster, due to the very high cost of lobster. This will take place on Friday, August 20th from 4:30 PM-6:30 PM at the Lions club. It will be take-out.

Fun Run – A Fun Run will tentatively take place on the morning of Saturday, August 21st prior to the parade along the same route as the parade.

Petitcodiac Riverkeeper – Krysta Cowling of the environmental group Petitcodiac Riverkeeper has been reaching out to municipalities, businesses and organizations located along the Petitcodiac River expressing a desire to promote events that share the history and importance of the river. Department of Recreation and Wellness would like to coordinate an event with this theme of learning about the river in mind.

PRESENTATION – Susan Linkletter / Potential Farmers Market

Susan Linkletter was not in attendance.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Erosion

An update is expected soon from project partner Fort Folly Habitat Recovery. The group will attempt to do as much of Phase Two as it can, preferably completing the work it is able to do in September, despite less available funding than was anticipated. The Village has already committed \$30,000 toward this. As reported previously, the municipality’s Environmental Trust Fund grant application was denied. This will result in the expected scaling-back of what can be accomplished in Phase Two. Project partners will meet to discuss the available options. Mayor Campbell said he plans to discuss the funding shortfall with the MLA, and has also recommended to a couple of residents who have asked him about this to also contact the MLA.

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Nothing new to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were discussed by accommodated and remaining correspondence placed on file:

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Development & Building Permits, June 2021

Provided by Southeast Regional Service Commission was the Development and Building Permit report for June. Three permits were issued for a fence, a greenhouse foundation, and a mini-home with a detached deck. The total estimated value of the three projects is \$134,416.00.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Local Planning Revenues Quarterly Payment

Received from Southeast Regional Service Commission were the local planning revenues for April, May and June, totalling \$3,100.31.

J Division RCMP Policing Model Summer 2021

Correspondence was received from J Division RCMP Commanding Officer, A/Comm. Larry Tremblay, M.O.M. extending an offer to meet with the mayor to further discuss the particulars of provincial policing as a followup to an initial information package distributed immediately after the May municipal election. Attached to the email was the J Division RCMP Policing Model for Summer 2021.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councillor Hamer gave a summary of the Salisbury Fire Rescue report he submitted to Council, noting that in June there were two structure fires. Otherwise, it was a typical month for the fire department, including a tanker shuttle operation with Southern Valley Mutual Aid. He also noted that Salisbury Fire Rescue has two new probationary fire fighters. The full report provided by Councillor Hamer has been filed at the Village Office.

RCMP REPORT

Councillor Hamer explained that he had met on July 23rd with Sgt. Tamara Patterson of the Riverview Detachment of Southeast District RCMP to discuss the lack of information provided by RCMP to Salisbury Village Council, despite the fact Salisbury pays the RCMP directly for services provided to the municipality. It was requested that any crime statistics relating to Salisbury be calculated and provided directly to the Village. Clerk noted that the last RCMP report provided to Council was in 2019, and that prior to the coronavirus pandemic a member of the RCMP would attend a meeting of Council at least two or three times a year to provide an incident report. It was asked by Councillor Hamer that an RCMP member attend Council every two or three meetings to provide updates in person, to which Sgt. Patterson replied that she would hopefully be able to comply despite the fact their compliment of 19 members is spread thin. They also discussed the homeless facility that is in the planning stages for the Little River area of Albert County.

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (EMO) REPORT

After informing Council that he had recently touched base with Regional Emergency Management Coordinator for Southeast, Phil Fontaine, Councillor Hamer offered his services as the Village of Salisbury's Emergency Measures Coordinator, a role currently held by the Clerk in an acting capacity, further recommending that Fire Fighter Brad MacLeod be named Emergency Site Manager in the Village's Emergency Measures Plan. Councillor Hamer also

suggested that said plan be signed and approved by Mayor and Council, and that the plan then be provided to Phil Fontaine. Councillor Hamer went on to recommend that each Council member and staff member take the basic online EMO course, ICS (Incident Command System) 100. Clerk interjected that many of the staff have taken EMO training in the past. Also suggested by Councillor Hamer was that a tabletop exercise; that is, a mock disaster response exercise, be held for the Village of Salisbury sometime within the next year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

St. John Ambulance – Congratulated Wayne Gladstone of Salisbury on receiving the St. John Ambulance 40-year bar service medal from Lt.-Gov. Brenda Murphy.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Joined Councillor Hamer at June 30th SERSC Board of Directors meeting. Also wants to arrange for tours of the ECO360 site for Council and staff.

Tourism Potential – Toured Riverbend Wilderness Campground on July 1st. Also discussed with Albert MLA Mike Holland the importance of promoting tourist attractions such as this.

Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick – Took part in July 3rd UMN meeting. Dan Murphy was named Executive Director. Zone 2 chairs are Cecile Cassista and Andrew Black.

Meeting with MLA – Met on July 12th with Albert MLA Mike Holland to discuss schools, erosion, trails, municipal reform, and business growth.

Business Opportunity – Had a meeting regarding a local entrepreneur's vision for her property in downtown Salisbury.

Aaron's Coffee House – Attended July 17th grand opening at Aaron's Coffee House. Enjoyed the vibe created with the live music.

Athletic Achievement – Praised James Keenan of Salisbury who has been playing with the New Brunswick Under-17 Canada Games lacrosse team, recently competing in Quebec.

Local Businesses Thriving – Noted that local businesses are succeeding not just in Salisbury, but also outside the village limits.

Motocross – Motocross event held in Fox Hollow area the previous weekend drew participants and spectators from across North America.

School Playground Committee – Met with leaders of the committee raising funds for new outdoor spaces on the middle and high grounds.

COVID-19 Pandemic – Asked staff to provide a recommended action on re-opening the Village Office after New Brunswick enters the Green phase of its coronavirus recovery plan.

2022 Budget Deliberations – Requested education for Council by municipal department heads regarding budget preparations for next year, noting that budget talks are due to begin early Fall.

Garbage Cans – Requested a new garbage can for an east-Main Street location near a bench.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Gallant

Infrastructure and Public Works – Working with Director of Infrastructure and Public Works to arrange a weekly touch-point session. Also briefly touched on residential culvert program; a matter on Braemar Drive; the current week's sewer flushing program; the timing of the upcoming Fredericton Road pedestrian rail crossing project, which is dependent on CN scheduling its portion; and the pending resurfacing of Fredericton Road by the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, for which a schedule has yet to be received.

Councillor Hamer

Nothing to report.

Councillor O’Blenis

Nothing to report.

Councillor Thorne

Community Days – Explained the organizing committee’s plans for Community Days, this year’s theme being “Salisbury Gets Social – It’s a Celebration!” revealing that the dates for the annual Summer festival are August 19th to the 22nd. The committee, at its meeting on June 24th, decided to focus its committee efforts on the Saturday only, noting that much of the planning to date was under the impression that the province could still be under pandemic restrictions at that time. So, while opening up the Thursday-to-Sunday window of opportunity to any interested community groups, the committee-sponsored live events would be held on August 21st, including the parade, bouncy castles, food vendors and some kids activities at the municipal grounds at 56 Douglas Street; while some virtual activities would also be made available, including the colouring contest and craft tutorial. A Community Days mail-out will be prepared for the beginning of August, so the public is urged to notify the Village Office by the end of the current week of any events for the schedule.

ParticipACTION – Thanked the Department of Recreation and Wellness for its hard work during the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge. Said everyone won by being more active for the 30 days of the challenge.

Councillor Colwell

All-Terrain Vehicles – Recently met with the president of a local all-terrain vehicle club, inviting them to come to Council in September. The ATV group is seeking Council’s thoughts on road-access in Salisbury for ATVs.

CLERK’S REPORT

Moncton Wildcats Tickets – Clerk asked if Council was interested in purchasing Moncton Wildcats season tickets, as it has in recent years to give away to volunteers and the public, noting that the team has already begun its ticket drive. Mayor Campbell said the matter had to be deferred since he does not know what is in their departmental budgets at this point. Tickets not to be purchased at this time.

Unsightly Complaints – In recent weeks there have been two received complaint forms regarding unsightly premises. It was pointed out that in the current absence of a by-law enforcement officer the municipality can only respond with letters to offenders, and possible legal action beyond that if the matters in question are not rectified.

Community Days – Already discussed during Councillor Thorne’s report.

It was moved by Councillor Hamer and seconded by Councillor Gallant to ‘Enter into a closed session.’ MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING – Personnel.

July 26, 2021

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Colwell to '*Return to the regular meeting.*' MOTION CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 23, 2021

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Hamer and seconded by Councillor Gallant to '*Adjourn the meeting.*' MOTION CARRIED (9:39 PM)