

## **MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2021**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of Council was held June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Keating presiding. Councillor Bartlett joined the meeting via video technology (Cisco WebEx). All other members of Council and Clerk were present.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Kitchen that *'The Agenda be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on May 6<sup>th</sup> be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

### **BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

It was moved by Councillor Kitchen and seconded by Councillor Campbell to *'Pay the bills for the month of May.'* MOTION CARRIED

Goodbye to Departing Council Members – Prior to presenting them with cards and small gifts in appreciation for their many years of service to the community, the Clerk read the following tribute to the three outgoing members of Council who did not reoffer for election last month:

‘ We say goodbye now to three departing members of Council: Mayor Keating, Councillor Kitchen, and Councillor Bartlett. Mayor Keating and Councillor Kitchen leave after 26 years serving the public, first elected in 1995; while for Councillor Bartlett it is eight years after being elected in 2012 and again in the 2017 byelection. As you can see in the Council portraits around this room, Mayor Keating began his municipal career serving as Deputy Mayor for nine years from 1995 until 2004, and serving as Mayor for 17 years since 2004. During his time on Council, Councillor Kitchen also served as Deputy Mayor for eight years between 2008 and 2016. Mayor Keating and Councillor Kitchen have worked with 17 different councilmates over the years; and Councillor Bartlett, eight. Village staff has grown from two full-time, a part-time, and one seasonal employee to seven full-time staff and one seasonal. There has also been the creation of a new department. So much has changed in Salisbury since 1995! Back then, the municipal budget totalled just shy of \$705,000 -- less than a third of the current budget of \$2.4-million. Salisbury has really grown up in that time, notably with all the retail activity at the interchange of the four-lane highway and Fredericton Road, plus a number of new streets and subdivisions. As for municipal infrastructure, your time on Council has seen this building here expand to include more ground floor space, plus the addition of the entire second floor; the construction of the RCMP/Ambulance Building, now housing the Department of Recreation and Wellness and Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank/Caring Center; and two smaller sewage lagoons were decommissioned to make way for an expanded wastewater treatment facility incorporating the third lagoon off Government Road. In fact, it was that project that led to the

creation of the Salisbury Wetlands and Wetland Trail off Highland Park! Many, many changes, and no doubt many more to come while you enjoy your retirement from municipal politics. We would like to say thank you and wish you well. ’

Councillor Campbell pledged to invite the former members of Council back for a celebratory gathering with the new Council once the pandemic restrictions have lifted and they can meet mask-free.

### **OATH OF OFFICE - NEW COUNCIL**

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Mayor and Council by the Clerk. The new members of Council then selected their seats around the Council Table.

### **ASSIGNMENT OF DEPARTMENTS**

Alluding to the positive experience of a recently held team-building session for the newly elected members, Mayor Campbell at this point assigned each councillor a department that she/he will be responsible for, as follows:

#### **General Government – *Mayor Rob Campbell***

- Municipal Buildings, Staff, Civic Relations, Economic Development, Tourism, Grants

#### **Protective Services – *Councillor Doug Hamer***

- Fire Department, RCMP, Emergency Measures, Ambulance Services, Animal Control

#### **Transportation Services; Wastewater Disposal – *Councillor Jason Gallant***

- Road Maintenance/Repairs, Snow Removal, Culverts, Ditches, Sidewalks, Street Lights, Storm Sewer, Sewage (Collection and Disposal)

#### **Parks, Playgrounds, and Trails; Environmental Health – *Councillor Nathan O’Blenis***

- Parks, Playgrounds, Trails, Wetlands, Solid Waste (garbage) Collection/Disposal

#### **Environmental Development – *Councillor Sarah Colwell***

- Community Planning (Planning, Zoning, Building Permits, Subdivisions)

#### **Recreation and Wellness; Library – *Councillor Stephanie Thorne***

- Department of Recreation and Wellness, Library, Salisbury Beautification Committee, Canada Day, Community Days

### **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Historically, the councillor who received the most votes in the municipal election was appointed by the Mayor to serve as Deputy Mayor; however, Councillor Thorne had to decline the position due to her occupation. Councillor Hamer was next in line in terms of votes received in the May election and accepted the position of Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Campbell noted that the Procedure By-Law states the Deputy Mayor is appointed by the Mayor. Council to review the Procedure By-Law at a later date.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8:30 PM, June 28, 2021**

It was decided to move the meeting to a later time to allow Council to participate in a province-wide orientation webinar earlier that same evening.

Clerk then presented the members of Council with printed orientation packages prepared by municipal staff.

A local Council orientation session was scheduled for the morning of June 25<sup>th</sup>, during which time Village departments would be closed to allow for full participation by staff.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Gallant to ‘*Adjourn the meeting.*’ MOTION CARRIED (7:25 PM)