

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held November 22, 2021, at 7:00 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 at this time.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The Minutes for the Council Meetings held on November 8th and November 15th be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Colwell to *'Pay the bills for the month of November.'* MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

No report this meeting.

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND WELLNESS REPORT

No report this meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Nothing to report.

By-Law Review

Procedure By-Law will be the first by-law to be reviewed during this process. Information for consideration will be provided later in the week.

Hopper Avenue

Surface improvements to Hopper Avenue are complete. This item can now be removed from the agenda.

MacDonald Road Property

MacDonald Road property acquired by the Village earlier this year to continue to be held by the municipality. With regards to various future outcomes, more technical information is required, ranging from planning-related information, such as zoning regulations, to insurance

demands to determining its structural integrity and capacity capabilities, before any definite path can be decided upon. An upcoming Municipal-Wide Park Facilities Assessment and Revitalization report may provide some clarity.

All-Terrain Vehicles

Rail Trestle Access - Mayor Campbell recently met with Albert MLA Mike Holland to discuss the future of the Salisbury rail trestle. MLA Holland, Village Council, and user groups must meet. Different trail groups have been taking it upon themselves to make alterations, including the installation of surface boards on the structure, without permission or quality control. There is a safety concern. Mayor Campbell says any future use of the structure is a decision of Village Council, not trail groups, as the Village of Salisbury is the owner of this municipal asset. Mayor Campbell stated that restricting access to the structure is not out of the question.

Road Access - According to Mayor Campbell, MLA Holland has expressed interest in helping secure all-terrain vehicle access to roads, including Provincially managed routes; that is, Route 112 and/or Route 106. Clerk's Office to gather information from other municipalities regarding their experience with this.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Royal Canadian Legion, Salisbury Branch No. 31 – Thank You, 2021 Poppy Campaign

Received from the Royal Canadian Legion, Salisbury Branch No. 31, was a letter thanking the Village for having a poppy-sale box on its administration office front counter during the Legion's 2021 Poppy Campaign. The Village of Salisbury also purchased a memorial wreath for the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Development & Building Permit List, Oct. 2021

Two development/building permits were issued by Southeast Regional Service Commission last month for projects in Salisbury, both accessory buildings carrying an estimated total value of \$29,248.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Phil Robichaud, Planner – Notice of variance request for 47 Reeder Road to be addressed at Nov. 24 PRAC meeting

Any property owners within 60m of the location of the variance application received this information letter from Planner Phil Robichaud at Southeast Regional Service Commission notifying the neighbours of the variance request. The variance request is to have the minimum required frontage on the property in question, PID 00816157, reduced to 20m. The variance request will be considered by the Southeast Planning Review and Adjustment Committee (PRAC) at its upcoming meeting on Wednesday, November 24th, a session to be held electronically beginning at 7:00pm.

Friends of the Moncton Hospital Foundation Annual Campaign – Request for donation

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The Village of Salisbury donate \$50 to the Friends of the Moncton Hospital Foundation Annual Campaign.'*

MOTION CARRIED

Nadine & Doug Wilson – Thank you for supporting “Team Tamara” Benefit Auction

Nadine and Doug Wilson wrote the Village of Salisbury to express their appreciation for the Village’s donation toward an online auction held to benefit their niece’s ongoing health care following an accident. \$7,794.50 was raised in the recent fundraising event.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Approved 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets

The Board of Directors at Southeast Regional Service Commission unanimously adopted its 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets at their annual meeting held virtually on October 26, 2021. The approved budgets were forwarded to the Village to be kept on file.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Appointment of Building Inspectors (1)

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Appointment of Building Inspectors (2 - corrected)

It was moved by Councillor Colwell and seconded by Councillor Gallant that
‘WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick has repealed all regulations related to building standards, permits, and inspections from the Community Planning Act and adopted them under the Building Code Administration Act;
AND WHEREAS Ghislain Belliveau, Mélanie Chaisson, Denis Frenette, Patrick Gaudet, Jason LeBlanc, Adrien Robichaud, Josée Vautour, and Bill Wright have been accepted by the Southeast Regional Service Commission as Building Inspectors;
BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal council appoint the above-named Inspectors as Building Inspectors for the Village of Salisbury under Section 71 of the Local Governance Act;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Salisbury hereby gives authority to the Building Inspectors to issue orders and to lay information for offences under Section 14 of the Building Code Administration Act.’ MOTION CARRIED

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Emergency Planning and Preparedness and Community Resiliency session (Municipal Orientation 2021) – Nov. 25th, 6:30pm (virtual)

In case any members of Council wished to take part, Council was notified of a Southeast Regional Service Commission Emergency Planning and Preparedness and Community Resiliency session to be held online on the evening of Thursday, November 25th. This is considered part of the 2021 Municipal Orientation.

Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick, Zone 2 Meeting – Dec. 11th, 10am

Council was advised of the upcoming Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) Zone 2 Meeting on Saturday, December 11th. The meeting, believed to be by virtual means, will begin that morning at 10:00.

NB Justice and Public Safety – Re: 2022 police billing process – local billing rates for RCMP

RCMP billing rates for 2022 were provided by the Provincial government. This was the same information that was provided to Council prior to its budget deliberations.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Rebranding of Land Use Planning Division

Forwarded to the Village was information on Southeast Regional Service Commission’s rebranding of its Land Use Planning Division, which will now be known as Plan 360.

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Colwell to *'Have a short recess.'* MOTION CARRIED

RECESS

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

PRESENTATION – Karen Stewart and Elsie Rolls, Salisbury Beautification Committee

Elsie Rolls and Karen Stewart of the Salisbury Beautification Committee met with Council to offer their thanks for the annual funding to the committee, report on their accomplishments of the past year, and state their goals and thoughts on the future of the committee. The committee was first formed in 2012 with a mission to beautify Salisbury, including the creation of more greenspace and planting trees and flowers, as well as promote outdoor activity and wellness. As for the committee's annual efforts, they include the hanging baskets and flower beds, trees and commemorative trees, and pole banners. However, a major concern for the committee after nine years is keeping its members engaged, as many are older and are now finding the physical aspects difficult, while they still enjoy being involved in the planning. They praised the work done this past Summer for the committee by Village of Salisbury Department of Recreation and Wellness Summer students, but asked Council to consider hiring or contracting a professional to assume the lead role on the physical work envisioned by the Committee. As for its finances, the Beautification Committee reported that it had only spent about half of its budget in 2021 and suggested that the balance could be put toward the purchase of new Christmas decorations for the Village. Clerk advised that purchasing commercial-grade Christmas decorations, most often, must take place a year or more in advance to ensure on-time delivery, which the Committee members were understanding of. Staff will see what can be done in the short term.

Mayor Campbell and Council thanked Karen Stewart and Elsie Rolls for their report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report this meeting.

RCMP REPORT

No report this meeting.

EMO REPORT

Current rainstorm being monitored.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Elementary School – Recent meeting with MLA Holland also included discussion of a new elementary school for Salisbury. There were suggestions, but nothing confirmed, that a replacement for the nearly 75-year-old SES building will be placed higher on the Anglophone-East School District priority list.

Department of Recreation and Wellness – On November 12th, met with Director of Recreation and Wellness and Councillor Thorne, whose Council portfolio includes Recreation and Wellness.

Meeting with Staff – On November 19th, met with Village of Salisbury department heads in the first of what will be regular meetings.

Royal Canadian Legion Salisbury Branch No. 31 – Met with Legion to discuss its need for funding for a new roof, to which Mayor Campbell suggested a federal grant process.

Municipal Reform White Paper – The week prior, the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government released its White Paper, Working together for vibrant and sustainable communities. In an article posted under the News section of the Village website, there are links to the document and to the announcement. Questions from the community about the White Paper are being deferred to the Provincial department responsible using the email address VibrantNBDynamique@GNB.ca.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Hamer

New Brunswick Firefighters 50/50 Lottery – It was announced that after six months of preparation, the Salisbury Firefighters Association weekly 50/50 fundraising lottery has undergone a significant change. After much hard work, the Association is now operating the New-Nouveau Brunswick Firefighters-Pompiers Weekly 50/50 Jackpot, a province-wide online weekly draw benefitting participating fire departments across New Brunswick with money raised earmarked for fire and rescue equipment. Ticket purchasers will be able to choose which fire departments they want their ticket money to benefit, although the Salisbury Firefighters Association will also receive an additional small portion of the total sales due to its role as administrator of the lottery. There will be a winner drawn each week with the first draw scheduled to take place on the evening of November 29th. One change of note in the process is that there will no longer be point-of-sale ticket purchasing options; that is, purchases at local stores. All ticket purchases must be done online through the website nb5050.ca.

Councillor O'Blenis

Nothing to report.

Councillor Thorne

Nothing to report.

Councillor Colwell

Nothing to report.

Councillor Gallant

Department of Infrastructure and Public Works – Met with Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works. No issues to report.

Municipal Reform White Paper – Pleased with the approach that was proposed in the municipal reform White Paper, and thanked Mayor Campbell for his involvement in this process and representing Council and its position.

CLERK'S REPORT

Christmas Cards – Christmas cards are ready to be signed by members of Council. Cards will be distributed in early December.

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Municipal Budget – 2022 budget documents were sent to the Province for final approval.

CLOSED MEETING – No closed meeting held as there was nothing to discuss.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – **December 13, 2021**

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor O’Blenis to ‘*Adjourn the meeting.*’ MOTION CARRIED (8:57 PM)