

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Campbell presiding. Clerk was absent. All members of Council and Assistant Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Colwell 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 O'Blenis that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on August 23rd be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

RCMP REPORT

Sgt. Tamara Patterson, detachment commander of Southeast District RCMP Caledonia Region Detachment, was in attendance to meet Council and provide an update.

It began with a description of the RCMP service available to the Village of Salisbury. The Caledonia Region Detachment, one of eight detachments in the Southeast District, has about 20 members. Salisbury was described as a hub for their coverage in that RCMP members pass through Salisbury frequently in their travels, whether it be directly to the village or travelling through to another destination. As far as providing updates for Council, Sgt. Patterson stated she or a team leader would attempt to attend a council meeting in person every two or three months. In the meantime, Councillors could access the Daily Occurrence Reports on the RCMP website.

Asked about recent crime in Salisbury, it was noted that there have been several cases of break, enter and thefts from vehicles, as well as the theft of a vehicle. The public is encouraged to always phone RCMP to report incidents to ensure that files are created and updated, and to ensure police are aware of incidents so patrol frequency can be adjusted accordingly.

Neighbourhood Watch – Discussion touched on how to create a new Neighbourhood Watch for the Village of Salisbury. Councillors expressed support. It was recommended by Sgt. Patterson to invite the public to a meeting, further commenting that extra eyes and ears are always helpful to police. Councillor Hamer stated the time is right for this.

Further discussion very briefly touched on Restorative Justice, or Alternative Measures.

Mayor Campbell and Council congratulated Sgt. Patterson on her promotion in May, and thanked her for appearing before Council.

PRESENTATION – Rob Moore, Conservative Party of Canada Candidate for Fundy Royal

Joining Council for a brief presentation was Rob Moore, the Conservative Party of Canada's candidate for the riding of Fundy Royal, which includes the Village of Salisbury.

Discussion focused on promoting Atlantic Canada's rural communities and securing for them a fair share of infrastructure funding. Mayor Campbell stressed the need for options for youth as well as housing. Mayor Campbell and Councillor Hamer both raised the point of access to water being a priority for continued growth. Discussion also touched on the pandemic recovery and the importance of filling available jobs. Rob Moore suggested that should he be re-elected, he and Council regularly engage.

Mayor Campbell thanked Rob Moore for appearing before Council.

PRESENTATION – Arrow Amor

Joining Council for a presentation were Sarah Irving and Mitl Gaxiola of Arrow Amor, described as a multi-disciplinary artist collective with a goal to transform spaces with community participation. They proposed to Council the concept of using a Wetlands-neighbouring property now owned by the Village as a cultural centre where a variety of artistic, cultural and heritage options could be made available to the community. Arrow Amor envisions Salisbury as a vibrant hub with a demand for arts programming and believes such a facility could be a tourist destination. Arrow Amor believes programming would be financially sustainable, calling this proposal a viable project.

Questions -

Structural – Councillors O'Blenis and Thorne raised concerns about the condition of the property, asking about accessibility and possible safety issues, and how necessary upgrades would be funded. Sarah Irving suggested government grants. Councillor Hamer added that it needs to be known what work is needed and what it would cost.

Financial – Councillor Gallant noted that it costs money to run a facility such as the one being proposed, asking for a funding model and how much of the suggested grants would cover operations. Sarah Irving says income could be a combination of program revenue and grants.

Operational – Councillor Thorne asked what Arrow Amor's role would be in this proposal, if they envision themselves being tenants or employees of the municipality. Sarah Irving replied that many arts centres operate in very different ways from one another, so there are a number of methods to inquire about. It was noted Arrow Amor is a business, not a non-profit at this point.

Recreation and Wellness – Director of Recreation and Wellness Jarrett Crossman was asked how his department would fit into this vision and suggested they could also run several programs at the location, provided the structure was up to an acceptable standard. He also sees arts and culture being a natural fit under Recreation and Wellness' mandate.

Timeline – Councillor Colwell stated she sees the value in a project such as this, asking what the next step would be, to which Mayor Campbell suggested baby steps at this point.

Mayor Campbell and Council thanked Sarah Irving and Mitl Gaxiola of Arrow Amor for their presentation.

DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works was not in attendance. Assistant Clerk had one update to pass along:

Fredericton Road Pedestrian Rail Crossing – With a tentative start date of sometime during the week of September 27th to October 1st, which at this time was the closest to a confirmed date the Village could get from CN, notices of the pending required two-day road closure had been sent to emergency responders; that is, the fire chief, RCMP and Ambulance New Brunswick, as well as to the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (NBDTI) and FERO

solid waste collectors. Also, inquiries had begun for a run of radio ads the municipality must place regarding the pending road closure. As for the dates, the Village was told the vagueness of the timing stems from the uncertainty regarding exact dates for delivery of the specially manufactured concrete rail crossing panels. Further to the pending detours, while the Village is responsible for advertising, the contractor is responsible for all traffic control.

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND WELLNESS REPORT

The Director of Recreation and Wellness joined the meeting for a report to Council.

Summer –

Staff – Summer employees were hard-working. Duties included mowing school property, watering hanging baskets and flower beds, assisting the Salisbury Beautification Committee and Helping Hands Food Bank with gardens, maintaining baseball fields in Salisbury and Petitcodiac, maintenance of the bike park, skate park and Woodland Trail, coaching soccer, and holding activities for children.

Soccer – 90 children were enrolled in minor soccer, held in Petitcodiac due to Salisbury field maintenance.

Baseball – The minor baseball season ran from late May to this week with Salisbury hosting the Under-11 provincials. No major issues this season with the fields, which were well-maintained.

Pickleball – Pickleball took place five times per week at Salisbury Baptist Church gym, as well as on the outdoor courts. Outdoor tournaments also proved popular.

Fitness Classes – Not held this Summer due to the instructor stepping down. The department is searching for a replacement and has a meeting booked with a person who has shown interest.

Weekly Excursions – Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness hosted weekly outings.

Summer Art Camp – In partnership with the Department of Recreation and Wellness, Arrow Amor led week-long Art Camps for four weeks. Feedback was very positive.

Reciprocal Agreements –

With Schools – Department met with middle/high school principal with a goal to update the reciprocal agreement in which Recreation and Wellness staff maintain school grounds in exchange for municipal access to all school amenities. Existing agreement dates back to 2015. Draft will require approval by the school district.

With Sport Associations – With Councillor Thorne, agreements are being drafted for currently unwritten reciprocal agreements with minor baseball and minor basketball.

Community Days – Annual fundraising dinner held during Community Days raised approximately \$1,300. The department held Seniors Day and Kids Day activities at Highland Park, Movie Night at Highland Park, a Pickleball tournament, a fun run, and entered a float in the Community Days Parade.

Terry Fox Run – The Annual Terry Fox Run will be held on September 19th at 1:00 PM at the Wetland Trail in partnership with Alex & Lily's Shoe Shoppe.

Seasonal Workshops – In the months ahead, themed workshops will be held by the department.

Mayor Campbell thanked Director and Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness for all they do.

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law Review

Assistant Clerk relayed that the Clerk would like Council members to consider reviewing the municipality's by-laws for possible updates. All the by-laws can be viewed online at the

Village of Salisbury website, www.salisburynb.ca, while the printed versions are available in the Village Office. Clerk has asked Council members, in the coming weeks, to highlight which by-laws they believe should be focused on first. Mayor Campbell suggests they bring their ideas to an upcoming strategic planning session.

Tenders

Due to be re-tendered at the end of this year are:

- **Janitorial Services** for the Village of Salisbury's buildings: 56 Douglas Street, the Department of Recreation and Wellness section of 62 Douglas Street, and Salisbury Public Library;
- **Solid Waste Collection**, or garbage collection;
- And **Animal Control**. Although, if both parties agree, there is an option to renew Animal Control with the current service-provider for one year without going to tender.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Erosion

Regarding riverbank restoration efforts in Salisbury, project partner Fort Folly Habitat Recovery and its contractors will be at Highland Park on Monday, September 20th to begin work on the second and final phase of the project. The municipality's contact with Fort Folly Habitat Recovery has explained that this date should allow sufficient time for the work to be completed before the September 30th deadline on the Watercourse and Wetland Alteration (WAWA) permit. If for some reason; a storm, for example, work takes slightly longer than expected, Fort Folly Habitat Recovery is confident it will be possible to get a short extension. The fact that the rock toe is already complete simplifies matters somewhat. The rock toe, created at the base of the riverbank, was the first phase last year.

The public will be notified of the timing of the work and what to expect in terms of heavy equipment in the area by way of the Village website and social media.

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Nothing new to report.

Good Samaritan Award

Presentation of a Village of Salisbury Good Samaritan Award took place prior to the start of the regular meeting. Ashton Wallace, 14, was honoured for saving the life of his 11-month-old sister Brooklyn by using the Heimlich Maneuver to dislodge an item she was choking on. Family members were in attendance to witness Ashton receiving the award from Mayor Campbell.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Pine Hill Cemetery Ltd. – Carol Wortman, Treasurer – Thank you for grant

Pine Hill Cemetery Treasurer Carol Wortman has written to express their Board of Directors' appreciation for their annual grant of \$500 received from the Village of Salisbury, which helps with regular grounds maintenance expenses as well as, this Fall, the planting of several trees by Corn Hill Nursery.

Canadian National (CN) – Public and Government Affairs Manager Tiffany Edwards – Re: Derailment

Letter received from CN Public and Government Affairs Manager Tiffany Edwards details a rural derailment on August 21st about 30 miles west of Moncton, which Councillor Hamer also spoke of during the August 23rd meeting of Council. The 30 rail cars that derailed were hailing potash. There were no injuries, no fire, no leaks, and no dangerous goods involved. The cause remains under investigation. CN apologizes for any inconvenience resulting from this incident, although as Councillor Hamer explained last meeting, there was no impact in the Salisbury region.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Chloë Berezowski, Planner – Notice of decision re: variance application for 3134 Main St.

A letter from Southeast Regional Service Commission Planner Chloë Berezowski explains that the Southeast Planning Review and Adjustment Committee, at its meeting on August 25th, unanimously approved a variance application for 3134 Main Street, PID 00815340, which reduces the minimum number of required parking stalls from 25 to 13 for that property. The reason given was that the development is desirable for the area and, given the location and existing lot conditions, the request is reasonable.

Urban/Rural Rides – Kelly Taylor, Executive Manager – Invitation to launch event – Sep. 28

Received from Urban/Rural Rides Executive Manager Kelly Taylor is an official invitation to the launch of Urban/Rural Rides, scheduled to take place Tuesday, September 28th at 10:30 AM at 701 Coverdale Road in Riverview.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – Development & Building Permit List – August 2021

As shown on the monthly Development & Building Permit List provided by Southeast Regional Service Commission, three permits were issued in July for new single unit dwellings with attached garages. Estimated total value of the three projects is \$698,249.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On behalf of Salisbury Fire Rescue, Councillor Hamer submitted the August report. There were 17 total emergency responses involving 142 manhours, including two brush/grass fires and nine motor vehicle accidents. There were also 237 manhours dedicated to training.

MAYOR'S REPORT

September 11th Memorial Event – Commended Salisbury Fire Rescue on its annual procession and moment of silence in tribute to the fallen emergency responders of 9-11. It was a beautiful event that made him proud to live here, and the public attendance and response was touching.

Baseball NB Championship Tournament – Thanked Councillor Colwell and the baseball association for its work hosting the U11 provincials, also congratulating the local team. Noted the economic impact events like this have on the community, adding they need to host more.

Reciprocal Agreement with Schools – On August 27th with Councillor Thorne and Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness, met with the Principal of Salisbury Middle School/JMA Armstrong High School to discuss the reciprocal agreement between the municipality and the schools.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – On August 31st, attended SERSC board meeting.

Social Media Training – On August 14th, took part in Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick social media training session.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – The Government of Canada has declared September 30th the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which is a federal statutory holiday. It was recommended by Mayor Campbell that the Village of Salisbury officially recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Councillor Hamer declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at this point.

It was moved by Councillor Colwell and seconded by Councillor Thorne that *‘The Village of Salisbury join many other communities in the province in observing the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation holiday and to respect this day as a time for reflection.’* It was clarified that municipal departments will be closed on that day, as staff will not be working.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Hamer returned to the meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch – Thanks to Councillor Hamer for reaching out to Sgt. Patterson regarding setting up a new Neighbourhood Watch program in Salisbury.

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Resignation – On September 2nd, the Village of Salisbury received a letter of resignation from the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, effective September 17th.

COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Councillor O’Blenis

Nothing to report.

Councillor Thorne

Reciprocal Agreements – Department of Recreation and Wellness, which is part of her Council portfolio, has had several meetings regarding reciprocal agreements.

Budget – Recreation and Wellness has been preparing for the 2022 municipal budget.

Councillor Colwell

Southeast Regional Service Commission – On August 31st had a very informative meeting with Clerk and SERSC planner Lori Bickford to review the process for zoning, by-laws, permits, etc.

Beautification – Will be meeting with Salisbury Beautification Committee regarding its plans.

Councillor Gallant

Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Resignation – Publicly thanked Jason Coyle for his years of service and wished him well in his future endeavors, noting he will be missed.

Pedestrian Rail Crossing, CN Crossing Rehabilitation, Rt. 112/Fredericton Road Resurfacing – Projects will all take place starting the week of September 27th.

Hopper Avenue – In response to a resident request to improve the surface condition of Hopper Avenue to provide it with a base that will hold up after the Winter during the wet Spring conditions, Council noted the recommended work and related costs as provided by the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, and agreed that the matter should be deferred until the next meeting of Council in order to determine if there is room in the budget. It was noted that the cost of the proposed work appears to be fairly minimal.

Councillor Hamer

Neighbourhood Watch – Given the rash of recent incidents in the community, believes forming a new Neighbourhood Watch is an excellent idea and is planning on calling a public meeting to discuss it sometime within the next 30 days with the involvement of the RCMP.

Fire Truck Cost-Sharing – In discussions with the neighbouring Local Service District, Salisbury Fire Rescue has secured approval for a 60/40 cost-sharing proposal, 60 per cent being the municipal share, on a replacement tanker. To be discussed further during budget deliberations.

CLERK'S REPORT

Arrow Amor – It was confirmed that at the present time Council is not in a position to make any decision regarding the presentation this meeting by Arrow Amor.

It was moved by Councillor Colwell and seconded by Councillor Thorne to *'Enter into a closed session.'* MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING – Land.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 27, 2021

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis to *'Adjourn the meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED (10:01 PM)