

MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held April 25, 2022, at 7:00 PM with Mayor Campbell presiding virtually, having joined via video conferencing technology (Webex). All other members of Council and Clerk were present.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Councillor Colwell declared a conflict for item 5 under Business Arising from Minutes and item 3 under Correspondence.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on April 11 be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Nothing to report.

DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL RECREATION AND WELLNESS REPORT

Nothing to report.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Nothing to report.

By-Law Review

Council to proceed with consideration of a new Procedure By-Law. Clerk has provided a draft document for review, which it was decided would take place at an information working session on May 2. Councillor Hamer stated that he believed this matter should instead be handled by the next Council, which will be elected in November. He also opposed the length of the proposed by-law, with the original by-law and amendment's three pages potentially expanding to 17 pages.

MacDonald Road Property

Mayor Campbell and Councillor O'Brien will meet and bring a recommendation to Council. Councillor O'Brien expressed concern about the property's impact on the 2022 Parks budget, estimating it could amount to 10 per cent of that budget. Councillor Gallant asked for a timeline for a decision on the property, to which Mayor Campbell replied hopefully by June.

All-Terrain Vehicles

April 22 was the final day for an online public survey conducted in advance of the possible creation of a by-law permitting street access to some degree. Over 500 surveys were submitted, as well as 33 emailed comments. Councillors Colwell, Gallant, and O'Blenis will meet to review survey results and discuss next steps.

Councillor Colwell left the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest.

Batting Cage Fundraiser

Councillor Thorne clarified that the batting cage in question is a 10'x12'x50' enclosure and includes no mechanical mechanism. Its placement will not interfere with any underground infrastructure such as sewer lines. As far as insurance coverage is concerned, Councillor Thorne felt that is a separate matter for the baseball association agreement as opposed to this fundraising issue. Following more discussion, it was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The Village of Salisbury donate \$1,000 to the Friends of the Salisbury Petitcodiac Flyers Batting Cage Fundraiser.'* MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Colwell rejoined the meeting.

Work Week Pilot

The concept of a four-day work week for municipal employees, something that is being tried in the Town of Sackville, was first raised at Salisbury Village Council by Councillor Thorne at the April 11 meeting with direction given to the Clerk to report back to Council on its feasibility. While it was determined that, due to staff numbers, it could be tried in the Village Office and in the Department of Infrastructure and Public Works, the Director of Recreation and Wellness determined that it would not be possible for his department given that he is its only full-time employee. The concept would involve lengthening daily individual work hours and staggering weekly schedules to ensure that there is no negative impact on the public. An employee's total work hours would not change. Councillor Hamer was in opposition to staff piloting a four-day work week from May to September. It was clarified by the Clerk that staff did not request this, but were asked to gather information on how it could be implemented in Salisbury. After some discussion, a compromise was reached. It was moved by Councillor Hamer and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis that *'Municipal Administration and Infrastructure and Public Works staff adopt a four-day work week pilot for June, July and August 2022 per Administrator/Clerk memo of April 25, 2022.'* On the Question, it was decided by Council that open hours to the public would remain unchanged from Monday to Friday. The three-month pilot project, upon its conclusion, will be the subject of a report to Council by the Administrator/Clerk. MOTION CARRIED

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

RECESS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were discussed by Council with remaining correspondence placed on file:

Mike Carrier – Complaint / trespassing / all-terrain vehicles (April 18)

Letter from Mike Carrier complaining about off-road vehicle users on his property was sent to Councillor Colwell and forwarded to the Village Office to the attention of Council. His concerns ranged from trespassing, despite posted signage, to repeated vandalism of his fencing without restitution despite him reaching out to the off-road organizations. He is encouraging Council to consider his situation when considering the possibility of an ATV road access by-law.

Mike Carrier – Complaint / trespassing / all-terrain vehicles (April 21)

Council received another letter from Mike Carrier regarding ATV users on his property, also commenting on the possible use of Village streets by ATVs. This letter indicates he had reached out with his complaint to a local ATV group, as well as to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure’s off-road enforcement and the RCMP. His letter also indicates that he intends to contact CN concerning ATV users on CN property in the village.

Councillor Gallant commented that he recently discussed this with Mike Carrier while meeting with him about other issues, and advised him to contact RCMP with any ATV complaints since this is a matter involving private property.

Councillor Colwell left the meeting at this time due to a conflict of interest.

Grade 8 Parent Prom Committee – Request for reconsideration of grant request

Following a denial for a donation from Council on April 11, the Parent Committee for the 2022 Grade 8 Class at Salisbury Middle School once again requested a grant of \$500 from the Village of Salisbury to support their end-of-year celebration dance to be held at Blueberry Hill Farms. Lengthy debate ranged from inside grants versus outside grants to the importance of supporting youth versus using taxpayer money to fund parties. There was also discussion about setting a precedent. It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Thorne that *‘The Village of Salisbury donate \$500 to the Grade 8 Parent Prom Committee.’* MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Colwell rejoined the meeting.

RCMP REPORT

No report this meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report this meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Thorne

Lions Pool – Pool operations agreement between the Village of Salisbury and the Salisbury Lions Club was signed on April 18. Summer jobs have been posted for lifeguard positions.

Councillor Colwell

All-Terrain Vehicles – The ATV survey has been closed after being up for three weeks. Thanks to all who provided feedback. Work on a plan for possible ATV street access will commence.

Councillor Gallant

All-Terrain Vehicle Complaints – Met recently with resident Mike Carrier regarding multiple issues, including his frustration with all-terrain vehicle users trespassing on his property.

Chief Administrative Officer - Took part in CAO hiring committee meetings.

Congratulations – The U18 AAA Moncton Flyers hockey team, including video coach Jarrett Crossman, the Village of Salisbury Director of Recreation and Wellness, have won the Atlantic championship and will compete at the nationals starting May 16 in Okotoks, Alberta.

Councillor Hamer

New Fire Hall – A sign is being made to place at the Main Street site of a future fire hall.

Councillor O'Blenis

Nothing to report.

CLERK'S REPORT

Canada Summer Jobs – The municipality has been approved for seven positions through the Canada Summer Jobs program.

Local Governance Reform – Some, but not many questions coming into the Village Office regarding municipal reform.

Bills – Confirmed that all councillors have had an opportunity to review and sign off on the bill payments affecting their departments. If any councillors wish to review any of these invoices, please reach out to the Clerk's Office.

CLOSED MEETING – No Closed Meeting held as there was nothing to discuss.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 9, 2022.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer to '*Adjourn the meeting.*' MOTION CARRIED (8:04 PM)