

## **MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2022**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of Council was held May 24, 2022, 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 Hamer and seconded by Councillor Colwell that '*The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on May 9 be approved.*' MOTION CARRIED

### **MEET WITH COUNCIL – Stephen Wilbur, Lauren Trueman, Wilbur & Trueman Law Offices**

Law partners Stephen Wilbur and Lauren Trueman of Wilbur & Trueman Law Offices came to the meeting to meet the current Council in person for the first time now that pandemic restrictions have relaxed. The firm has been retained as solicitor for the municipality since 1990.

### **PRESENTATION – Pat Gould, Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Unit, New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety**

Appearing before Council for a presentation was Pat Gould, the Moncton member of the New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Investigative Unit. He explained how SCAN can work closely with policing services such as the RCMP to remove the criminal element from communities. The difference is that with the SCAN Act not being criminal legislation, this is a civil law approach through Court of Queen's Bench in which property owners and occupants are held responsible for criminal activity such as prostitution, drugs, illegal liquor, illegal gaming, illegal firearms and organized crime, including fortified houses. Another difference under the SCAN Act as opposed to a criminal investigation is that the complaint remains confidential and it is the SCAN officer, not the complainant, who appears in court. SCAN is a community-driven program in that it takes complaints directly from public complainants who are affected in cases where safety is an issue. The goal of SCAN is to make an area feel safe again through both non-judicial and judicial actions. There are currently 55 active SCAN files in New Brunswick. SCAN can be reached by phone at 1-877-826-2122, by email at [SCAN@gnb.ca](mailto:SCAN@gnb.ca), or online at [www.gnb.ca/publicsafety](http://www.gnb.ca/publicsafety).

Mayor Campbell and Council thanked Pat Gould for his presentation.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES – Green Cross Certificates from Hurst Jaws of Life to Members of Salisbury Fire Rescue**

Accompanied by Chief MacLeod, Mayor Campbell presented Green Cross Certificates to members of Salisbury Fire Rescue.

The Green Cross Certificate recognizes fire departments for rescues using the HURST Jaws of Life. Early morning on July 11, 2021, members of Salisbury Fire Rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident on Route 112 north of Salisbury in which a truck had gone off the road during a heavy rainstorm, striking a utility pole. The roof of the vehicle was flattened, trapping and severely injuring the driver. Using the HURST Jaws of Life, the SFR members successfully freed the victim from the vehicle within 15 minutes, allowing for transport to hospital where the victim eventually recovered. The Green Cross Certificates were presented to Firefighter Jessica O’Dell, Firefighter Eric Poirier, Lieutenant Roy Steeves, Firefighter Stephen Stevens, Firefighter Abby Brewer, Firefighter Sean Ring, Lieutenant Chris Kerr, and Captain Doug Hamer. Green Cross Certificate recipients not present at the meeting were Firefighter Robert Biggs, Captain Tim Dryden, Firefighter Mike MacKillop, and Lieutenant Curtis O’Blenis.

Mayor Campbell and Council thanked the members of Salisbury Fire Rescue for all that they do for the community.

**MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

No report this meeting.

**DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL RECREATION AND WELLNESS REPORT**

No report this meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Railway Trestle (Bridge)

Nothing to report.

MacDonald Road Property

Mayor Campbell and Councillor O’Blenis to bring a recommendation to Council in June.

All-Terrain Vehicles

Councillors Colwell, Gallant, and O’Blenis have reviewed the results of a survey gauging the interest in street access for all-terrain vehicle users and are continuing to pursue the possible creation of a related by-law. Councillor Colwell read from a prepared report, noting there were 470 survey submissions and 30 emails. The report indicates 70 per cent of survey respondents who are residents of Salisbury expressed support for municipally-legislated access to roads for ATVs, while of the non-resident survey respondents all were in favour. Of the non-supportive responses, concerns raised range from speed and recklessness to noise. Positive feedback to a proposed by-law includes that it would legalize an already common occurrence and it would draw in more tourists who are ATV enthusiasts. The entire report will be posted on the Village of Salisbury website. The next steps in the process include consulting with municipalities that already have legislation of this kind in place, drafting a by-law in cooperation with user groups and law enforcement, and hosting a public meeting for more discussion.

Councillor Thorne asked about the constructive feedback in the report, in particular the unspecified complaints, to which it was explained that some comments were generally opposed

to ATVs while others posed more extreme questions; for example, if the municipality would be liable should there be an ATV fatality on Village streets.

Councillor Hamer praised the report, bringing up a recent ATV collision with a vehicle that the fire department responded to in the Brookside Estates subdivision in which the riders were not of the legal age to operate such machines, noting the situation could have just as easily had a tragic outcome. Whether a by-law is created or not, Councillor Hamer called for more enforcement of the regulations as they pertain to all-terrain vehicles.

#### Ballfield Electrical Shed

Councillor Thorne reported that a new building has been ordered to house the electrical equipment for the baseball fields. The project is being coordinated by the Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works, who has been in contact with the school district that owns the land. Clerk added that the Village's insurance claim payment for the vandalism and theft has been received.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

New Brunswick Regional Development Corporation, President Cade Libby – Approved financial contribution for Village of Salisbury Community Days Festival

The Village of Salisbury has received \$2,000 in funding from the Provincial government for the annual Community Days Summer festival, which will take place August 18-21.

Anglophone East School District, Community Engagement Coordinator Christine Allain – 2022 Turnaround Achievement Awards, May 31, RHS Auditorium

On behalf of the Village, Mayor Campbell will attend the 2022 Turnaround Achievement Awards. The event, hosted annually by the Anglophone East School District, will be held on May 31 at Riverview High School Auditorium.

Alyssa Martin – Request for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in downtown Salisbury

Village Council received a written request for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the downtown area of Salisbury. Emphasizing the need to be proactive with regards to this, Mayor Campbell noted that there are grants available for such installations and suggested the matter be discussed further during budget talks for 2023. The Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works will be asked to gather more information. Councillor Hamer suggested the possibility of partnering with a downtown business on this.

Felisha Arsenault & Jane Keating – Request for a dog park in Salisbury

Village Council received a written request for the creation of a dog park in Salisbury from residents Felisha Arsenault and Jane Keating, who also attended the meeting. Councillor O'Blenis reported that he has discussed the possibility of a dog park with the Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works and they are considering land that the municipality already owns and other related costs. Therefore, depending on departmental budget availability, it may be something to consider in 2023. Councillor Hamer raised the point that liability insurance is also something that would need to be considered when establishing a dog park.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief MacLeod reported that the year's second quarter has been dominated so far by several fires, mostly grass fires, in April and May. A printed report provided to Council includes photos from various fire scenes. The quarter also included a fatal motor vehicle accident responded to on Route 112, and an overnight all-terrain vehicle rescue under the power lines between Grub Road and Salisbury Back Road. Chief MacLeod also spoke of one particularly busy day where they had members responding to three different calls in a 15-minute span – a search and rescue, an ATV collision, and a fire. Overall, the number of calls is up this year for Salisbury Fire Rescue, trending to over 200 calls in 2022 compared with around 180 calls in all of 2021.

## **RCMP REPORT**

Councillor Hamer confirmed that a public meeting with the intention of establishing a new Neighbourhood Watch for the Salisbury region will take place on Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00pm at Salisbury Lions Club on Peter Street. RCMP and SCAN will also be at this meeting.

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

## **RECESS**

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer – On May 16, conducted CAO interviews with the hiring committee.

NB Regional Service Commissions – On May 16-19, attended economic development meetings for service commissions province-wide.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – On May 17, took part in SERSC Audit Committee meeting.

Southeast Regional Service Commission – On May 18, took part in SERSC Finance and Budget Committee meeting.

Staff Meeting – On May 20, met with municipal staff. Councillor Colwell also attended.

Hockey – Offered congratulations to U18 AAA Moncton Flyers hockey team, featuring Salisbury resident Preston Lounsbury and video coach, Director of Regional Recreation and Wellness Jarrett Crossman, on winning the TELUS Cup Canadian championship this month.

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

### **Councillor Gallant**

Nothing to report.

### **Councillor Hamer**

2023 Budget – Asked about municipal budget talks, to which Mayor Campbell explained that the Village's 2023 budget priorities are required by mid-June for talks with the local governance reform transition facilitator. Along with Council and the department heads setting their project

priorities, Council suggested reaching out to the public with an online survey.

Future Fire Hall – A sign has been prepared to be erected at the Main Street location of a planned new fire hall.

**Councillor O’Blenis**

Parks and Playgrounds – On May 10, met with Clerk and Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works to discuss planned improvements at various parks. Each playground, with the exception of Highland Park, will get a new picnic table and dog waste station, with the Hilltop playground also to get a new garbage can.

**Councillor Thorne**

Nothing to report.

**Councillor Colwell**

Beautification – The Salisbury Beautification Committee met on May 11, which was its first meeting since it was decided that its labour requirements would be shifted to the Village’s Department of Infrastructure and Public Works. It was a positive meeting with the Committee looking forward to getting back to strategizing, also understanding the process of presenting its recommendations to Council.

All-Terrain Vehicles – Had an insightful meeting with the head of the Albert County Trail Blazers ATV club with regards to a potential Village by-law allowing access to roads for ATVs.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

Council Remuneration – The intention is to have Council remuneration taken care of by week’s end. Completed claim forms are needed for any additional meetings and expenses.

Professional Development – On May 11-12, attended Municipal Money Matters workshop in Hanwell. They were valuable sessions.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 13, 2022.**

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Gallant to ‘*Adjourn the meeting.*’ MOTION CARRIED (9:14 PM)