

MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of Council was held June 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM with Mayor Campbell presiding. Councillor Colwell was absent. Councillor Hamer joined the meeting 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 Thorne and seconded by Councillor Gallant 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 Gallant that *'The Minutes for the Council Meeting held on June 13 be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION – Rob Moore, MP, Fundy Royal

Fundy Royal MP Rob Moore of the Conservative Party of Canada joined the meeting.

A lengthy discussion touched on some key topics, including:

Affordability - MP Moore pointed to affordability as a primary issue of his at present time, specifically the rapidly rising costs of housing and gasoline and the impact of both on Canadian households, calling on governments to act. Airline travel difficulties were also touched on.

Water Source - Council stressed that a municipal water source is needed to facilitate new business and housing development in Salisbury. A water study must be updated. When discussing infrastructure funding, MP Moore suggested a possible option may be ACOA's (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency) Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

Federal Riding Realignment - Federal riding realignment was also discussed, as there is a proposal to include all of Riverview in Fundy Royal. Currently, it includes only the southern portion of the town.

Mayor Campbell and Council thanked Rob Moore for joining the Council meeting.

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

Nothing to report.

All-Terrain Vehicles

Nothing to report.

Ballfield Electrical Shed

Councillor Thorne reported that the new Ballfield electrical shed has been built on its concrete pad. It replaces the building that was vandalized during an equipment theft discovered on March 30. The next steps are for the lighting mechanisms to be installed in the shed and for electricity to be connected. The site is now under camera surveillance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report this meeting. It was acknowledged that Salisbury Fire Rescue responded to a difficult house fire the previous day.

RCMP REPORT

No report this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

NB Transportation and Infrastructure – Minister, Hon. Jill Green – Request for Village of Salisbury 5-Year Plan 2025-2029 Municipal Designated Highway Program

The annual request from the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for an updated Five-Year Plan for Municipal Designated Highways located in Salisbury, specifically Route 106 and Route 112, has been forwarded to the Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works. It was noted that the requested plan would be for three years from now; that is, 2025-2029. Mayor Campbell and Councillor Gallant both pointed out that the most recent plan may only have to be re-prioritized.

Tri-County Ground Search and Rescue – Adam King, Funding Officer – Funding request

As it marks year-35 in operation, the volunteer-based Tri-County Ground Search and Rescue charitable organization, which has 40 members who assist police with searches for lost and missing persons, has written to Council requesting a grant to help finance purchases of medical, communications and computer equipment for its mobile command post and equipment trailer. Mayor Campbell requested more information, whether it be submitted or come in the form of a presentation by Tri-County Ground Search and Rescue at a future Council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Urban/Rural Rides – On June 23, attended Urban/Rural Rides Annual General Meeting. Pointed out that the Salisbury region is the highest utilization area for the service. The Executive Manager of Urban/Rural Rides will be invited to make a presentation at a future Council meeting.

Housing – Attended recent Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick meeting on the topic of housing. Information to be shared with Council.

Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick – On June 18, attended UMNZB Zone 2 meeting with Councillors Colwell and Gallant.

Local Governance Reform – On June 21, attended Entity 33 (Salisbury) Elected Officials Advisory Committee meeting with Councillor O’Blenis.

Fundy Trail Parkway – On June 22, attended official opening of the final corridor of the now-completed Fundy Trail Parkway.

ParticipACTION – On June 26, attended Amp It Up dance party. Expressed thanks for the hard work by Department of Recreation and Wellness staff and Councillor Thorne during June’s ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge.

COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Councillor O’Blenis

Local Governance Reform – On June 21, attended Entity 33 (Salisbury) Elected Officials Advisory Committee meeting with Mayor Campbell. Discussion touched on 2023 budget priorities and Council remuneration.

Councillor Thorne

Nothing to report.

Councillor Colwell

Absent.

Councillor Gallant

Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick – On June 18, attended Zone 2 UMNZB meeting with Mayor Campbell and Councillor Colwell. Interesting presentations. Also nice to see participants in person.

Councillor Hamer

New Fire Truck – With the uncertainty of proceeding through the CANOE procurement program, an alternate path for the acquisition of a new fire truck for Salisbury Fire Rescue may be to proceed with issuing a traditional tender.

Neighbourhood Watch – The public meeting scheduled for June 22 at Salisbury Lions Club was postponed, most likely until sometime in August, to allow for more preparation. The intent of the public meeting will be to establish a new version of Neighbourhood Watch for the Salisbury region. When held, the meeting will also involve RCMP and the New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety’s Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Investigation Unit.

Future Fire Hall – A sign has been purchased and will be installed as part of a public event to be held in July at the municipally-owned site of a future building for Salisbury Fire Rescue.

CLERK’S REPORT

Association of Municipal Administrators of New Brunswick Annual Conference – Attended the AMANZB conference held in Moncton from June 15-17.

Chief Administrative Officer – Clerk met with incoming CAO Austin Henderson on the afternoon of June 27. The first day on the job for the CAO will be July 4.

Canada Day – Planning continues for Salisbury Celebrates Canada Day event at Highland Park. Councillors are invited to work the barbecue that day.

Summer Meeting Schedule – Council decided that its regular monthly meetings this Summer will be held on Monday, July 25 at 7:00 PM and on Monday, August 22 at 7:00 PM. Clerk explained that should a time-sensitive matter require a decision of Council, a special meeting can be scheduled. Council will also consider getting together for a 2023 budget priority workshop prior to July 25.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 25, 2022.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor O’Blenis to ‘*Adjourn the meeting.*’ MOTION CARRIED (7:48 PM)