

## **MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2022**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of Council was held August 9, 2022, at 7:00 AM with Mayor Campbell presiding. All members of Council, CAO, and Clerk were present.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The Agenda be approved.'* MOTION CARRIED

### **CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND (GTF)**

The Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) was formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund (GTF). In order to secure existing CCBF funding and possibly a top-up allotment, Council must submit a revised Five-Year Capital Investment Plan. If not completed, the Village will not receive funding for 2022. Any CCBF funds already used by Salisbury for incomplete projects in the five-year plan would have to be paid back.

It was moved by Councillor O'Blenis and seconded by Councillor Thorne that *'The document entitled Village of Salisbury Revised Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2019-2023 be adopted.'* On the question, it was clarified by CAO and Clerk that the motion was to adopt the revised plan, not adopt the specifics of the projects. The project descriptions in the plan do not contain specifics. Both Councillor Hamer and Councillor Gallant were against any plan committing the municipality to doing projects with uncertain costs. It was reiterated that this motion is to submit the plan and secure the funding, not about project specifics, which can be altered. MOTION CARRIED Councillor Hamer opposed the motion.

### **FIREWORKS**

As explained by CAO, the Committee for Salisbury Community Days 2022 was encouraged to look into holding a fireworks display similar to what Havelock held earlier this year, and explored using the same licenced fireworks technicians for a similar event. The most significant question involved By-law No. 22 and acquiring the necessary permissions. Legal counsel and the municipality's insurance provider were both consulted, and Fire Chief MacLeod gave his consent and ensured that Salisbury Fire Rescue would be on stand-by during the event and would also do a sweep of the area the following day, as requested by the insurer. The Salisbury Firefighters Association agreed to fund \$2,000 of the projected fireworks costs, which works out to roughly 50 per cent.

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The Village of Salisbury go ahead with a one-time fireworks show on August 20, 2022, as part of the 2022 Community Days, following all recommendations from the Village of Salisbury's insurance provider and dependant on provincial burn-ban regulations.'* On the question, Councillor Gallant asked where the other half of the fireworks funding is coming from. Clerk indicated that the Community Days budget would be used, and possibly the Recreation Budget, as Councillor Thorne noted that the Recreation Budget included money for a potential Fall festival that was eventually dropped in favour of supporting this Community Days event.

Mayor Campbell asked for a location for the fireworks display. CAO indicated the baseball fields were the tentative site, pending further discussion with Fire Chief MacLeod and Maritime Fireworks and access-approval from the Schools. Mayor Campbell also asked if the since-disbanded Naturalists Club was reached out to. Members of the bird-watching community were contacted the year prior, although it was noted that the event did not hinge on their approval. Council was also informed that door-to-door delivery of information on this event, to its immediate neighbours, was taking place. Councillor Hamer said Salisbury Fire Rescue is approaching this event as an educational opportunity for its members. Councillor Hamer also noted the ongoing issue of residents setting off fireworks in violation of the By-law No. 22, and that by holding a professional event such as this in the correct manner would hopefully educate the community as to what is not permitted and perhaps reduce the incidents of non-compliance with the by-law. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Hamer to *'Enter into a Closed Meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED

**CLOSED MEETING – Land.**

It was moved by Councillor Colwell and seconded by Councillor Gallant to *'Return to the Special Meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 22, 2022.**

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis to *'Adjourn the meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED (7:50 AM)