

## **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2022**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of Council was held December 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM with Mayor Campbell presiding. All members of Council, CAO, and Clerk were present.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

It was moved by Councillor Colwell that '*Council amend the order of the agenda to skip agenda item number 2, The Lord's Prayer.*' Then by a unanimous 'nay' vote, the motion failed without a seconder.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Thorne 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 Gallant and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis that '*The Minutes for the Special Meeting of Council held on November 25, 2022, be approved.*' MOTION CARRIED

#### **2022 TRANSFERS**

CAO explained that the following motions are routine end-of-year municipal budget transfers to and from reserve accounts and to the account for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund. This follows the auditor's preliminary review of the municipal year-end statements, accounting for projections of planned expenses foreseen through to December 31, 2022, in addition to an additional sum of money for any unforeseen circumstances and expenses.

##### **Operating Budget Transfers -**

It was moved by Councillor Colwell and seconded by Councillor Thorne that '*The sum of \$20,000 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Operating Reserve Fund.*' MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor Gallant and seconded by Councillor Thorne that '*The sum of \$70,000 be transferred from the General Operating Fund to the General Capital Reserve Fund.*' MOTION CARRIED

##### **Utility Capital Reserve Transfers -**

It was moved by Councillor Hamer and seconded by Councillor O'Blenis that '*The sum of \$49,488.15 be transferred from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund to the Utility Capital Fund for the purchase of property located at PID 00937888 and PAN 02228303 in Salisbury in the County of Westmorland.*' MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor O'Blenis and seconded by Councillor Gallant that '*The sum of \$17,000 be transferred from the Utility Capital Reserve Fund to the Utility Capital Fund for*

*the purposes of sewer main asset replacements completed in 2022.* MOTION CARRIED

**Gas Tax Funding Transfers -**

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer that *'The sum of \$235,328.13 of the unspent funds from 2022 from the Province of New Brunswick for the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund, be transferred to the CCBF Account.'* MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION – FIRE DISPATCH – Councillor Hamer**

It was moved by Councillor Hamer and seconded by Councillor Colwell that *'Salisbury Village Council instruct staff to proceed with discussions with Valley Communications Ltd. as to the feasibility and costs of providing dispatch services for Salisbury Fire Rescue; as a cost effective alternative to the Codiac Regional Fire Dispatch option being put forth at an annual cost of over \$50,000 including a formula tied to a rising tax base which will escalate in coming years.'* On the Question, Councillor Hamer clarified that this is not a money motion, rather a motion to explore other options for regional dispatch that may be more affordable than the model presented by current provider Codiac PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point). MOTION CARRIED

**Procedural By-Law**

Mayor Campbell explained that Council had looked into changing the Village's Procedural By-Law but was unable to do so because of the timeline of municipal reform and the resulting election. It was noted that item number 2 on the agenda at the present time, The Lord's Prayer, will not be part of the new Procedural By-Law that will take effect in 2023 under the new municipal entity to be known as the Town of Salisbury.

**Historical Significance**

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Campbell pointed out that this meeting was the last one for the Council of the Village of Salisbury, which was created over 50 years ago.

**Councillor Hamer**

Mayor Campbell also noted that it was the final Council meeting for outgoing Councillor Hamer, pointing out his countless hours in dedicated service to the region, not limited to his role as a volunteer firefighter. Councillor Hamer responded that it was a pleasure to work with the Council and municipal staff, assuring them he would continue to take an active interest in the community, which he called a great place to live.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 9, 2023.**

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Councillor Thorne and seconded by Councillor Hamer to *'Adjourn the meeting.'* MOTION CARRIED (7:13 PM)

*Oath of Office for the incoming Mayor and Council for the Town of Salisbury took place immediately following the meeting.*