

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gillies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Steven Gillies
Councillor Patsy Shay
Councillor Harley Hunt

Deputy Mayor Ben Whalen
Councillor Sharon Loder
Councillor Faith McMillan

Assistant Clerk / Treasurer Robby Obermeier
Works Supervisor Rod Holland

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest at this point in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Mayor called for a motion to approve the agenda.

M/S/C (Whalen/Shay)

**Motion to approve the agenda for the
January 20, 2015 Council Meeting.**

DELEGATIONS:

RCMP – Quarterly Report – Sgt. Dale Morgan

Sgt. Dale Morgan submitted his quarterly report with 46 calls for service shown. He reviewed the files and responded to questions from Council. The report included 48 CheckStops with 10 tickets issued.

PotashCorp Civic Centre – Matt Moore

Matt was invited by Council to give an update on the centre. He began with a 3 minute slideshow on “where it all began and where it is today”. He mentioned a few of the programs that the Centre offers with one in particular called the L.E.A.P. Program (Leisure Enjoyment for All People). This is a financial assistance program that focuses on raising much needed resources to support those with financial barriers to physical activity. This program will directly support the youth and families within our own community; to date the Centre has helped over 300 families. Matt responded to questions from Council then thanked them for their support and if there were any further questions please send them directly to himself or to Councillor Shay. Mayor Gillies thanked Matt for the great presentation and the good job that the Centre is doing within our community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (McMillan/Shay)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Video Equipment – Monitor Trout Creek

Councillor Loder said the Flood Committee is looking into the SCADA System and also what the cost would be to operate this system. She will have more details for the next WWS meeting in February. Deputy Mayor Whalen said he's very interested to see how this will work for the Village, but because of lack of information he really couldn't comment on it. The Mayor also said more information would be great and he looked forward to hearing more on this.

HR Policy Manual – January 31, 2015

Deputy Mayor Whalen asked Rod how the "updating" of the HR Policy Manual was coming along and if he thought it could still be completed by January 31st. Rod said that it was coming along good and he would have this completed for Council's consideration by January 31st.

REPORTS – COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL:

Administration and Finance

There was no Administration and Finance meeting for the month of January.

M/S/C (Shay/McMillan)

Motion to approve the December payments:

General	\$ 178,163.43
Water/Sewer	\$ 114,216.77

Deputy Mayor Whalen stated that since there was no Administration and Finance Committee meeting this month, he wanted to make sure that all Council had taken the time to review these cheques. Councillor McMillan said that Robby had emailed these reports to all Council members to review and to submit any questions directly to her. She reminded Deputy Mayor Whalen that the reason for cancelling the meeting this month was because the only thing on the agenda was the Cheque Registers and because of that she decided to cancel the meeting.

Flood

Councillor Loder read her report from the January 6th Committee meeting. From her report, a number of motions are needed.

The **first motion** referred to the “Recommendation Report” along with a 64 signature petition that was submitted by the Flood Committee regarding the Cunningham Subdivision in preventing the continuing erosion along the west bank of Trout Creek and migration and infiltration waters resulting from the increasing frequency of flooding. The Flood Committee recommends that the Village Council react to this problem directly or engage other agencies to investigate possible mitigating measures. Further it is recommended that whoever spearheads this effort insists that assessment of the situation be made by an independent professional engineer qualified to assess the problem and put forward a workable solution. Since the Town of Sussex is currently addressing a very similar problem further downstream and has already acquired permits required for their initiative, maybe we should use the same engineering firm.

M/S (Loder/McMillan)

Motion that the Village of Sussex Corner hires an engineering firm to assess the west bank of Trout Creek that requires rip-rap repair and riverbank repair and bring forward a workable solution.

Since there was a bit of confusion on the motion, a few members asked Mayor Gillies to re-read the motion. Deputy Mayor Whalen and Councillor McMillan wanted to see the motion on paper before going any further. After many questions were addressed to Councillor Loder, she agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

M/S/C (Loder/McMillan)

Motion that the Village of Sussex Corner hires an engineering firm to give a cost estimate to assess the west bank of Trout Creek that requires rip-rap repair and riverbank repair and bring forward a workable solution.

The **second motion** relates to the frequent flood events and the need to address this as a “Regional” problem.

M/S (Loder/McMillan)

Motion that the Village of Sussex Corner address a letter to RSC8 regarding our frequent flood events and our willingness to bring this forward as a “Regional” problem and to have this serious issue addressed as a Regional effort.

After many questions were addressed to Councillor Loder, she agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

M/S/C (Loder/McMillan) Motion that the Village of Sussex Corner address a letter to RSC8 regarding our frequent flood events and our willingness to bring this forward as a “Regional” problem and to have this serious issue addressed as a Regional effort and to have the RSC8 enter into discussion on financial responsibilities.

The **third motion** referred to a Flood Management Workshop.

M/S/C (Loder/Shay) Motion to authorize Councillor Sharon Loder and a Flood Committee member to attend the Atlantic Flood Management Conference on February 3, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Whalen asked the question “Is there any benefit of having 2 people attend this workshop”? Councillor Loder said that she thought it would be easier having another person in case the sessions were divided and also reminded Council that since there were no registration fee(s) and all meals were provided that the only cost incurring to the Village would be the mileage.

Personnel

Deputy Mayor Whalen commented that during our 2015 budget talks we spoke about hiring a Recreation/Events Coordinator to manage our Winter Carnival events and also to start scheduling events for our amphitheatre. So, with this being said, the following motion is needed:

M/S/C (Whalen/Shay) Motion that the Village of Sussex Corner extend a contract offer to the successful applicant for a part time position as a Recreation/Events Coordinator for a term of 8 weeks.

Works, Water and Sewer

Councillor Loder read her report from the January 6th meeting.

Accept Committee Reports

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to accept the Flood Committee and Works, Water and Sewer Committee reports.

REPORTS – OTHER:

Chamber of Commerce

Councillor McMillan said the Chamber met January 7th with the guest speaker being Willa Tomshak, owner of the All Done Camping in Newtown. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 4th.

PotashCorp Civic Centre

Councillor Shay said they will be meeting on January 22nd.

Region Service Commission (RSC8)

Mayor Gillies reported no meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th, at 7:00 pm, here at the Village Office.

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

NEW BUSINESS:

Flood Committee Recommendation – Trout Creek

Councillor Loder said this item was already dealt with in her Flood Committee Report.

Conflict Resolution Skills Workshop

M/S/C (McMillan/Shay)

Motion to authorize Mayor Gillies, Councillor McMillan, Councillor Hunt and Works Supervisor, Rod Holland to attend the Conflict Resolution Skills Workshop on March 26, 2015 in Moncton, NB.

