

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Mayor Ben Whalen
Councillor Sharon Loder

Councillor Harley Hunt
Councillor Patsy Shay

Clerk Treasurer Don Smith

Administrative Clerk Robby Obermeier

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the agenda.

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

**Motion to approve the agenda for the
January 19, 2016 Council Meeting.**

DELEGATIONS:

Sussex & District Minor Baseball Association

Jamie Schiedel said the Association has identified some work that is required in 2016 to repair / improve the ball field in Sussex Corner and wondered what the Village had in its plans for 2016 for the ball field. Deputy Mayor Whalen said the Village has included funding in the budget for a donation to the Association as has happened in prior years. As well, the Village is considering other enhancements in the area of the ball field but nothing has been specifically identified as yet. Mr. Schiedel asked if the Village would consider cleaning up any mess, debris or damage resulting from the use of the field. The Deputy Mayor said that is not the responsibility of the Village however the question will be passed on to the Works Supervisor for feedback.

Citizen Questions / Comments

Wayne Wilkins spoke to Village Council on a number of matters, a summary of which is shown below:

Procedural Bylaw: Can I have a copy of the Procedural Bylaw?

Mr. Wilkins said he did actually have a copy.

Cost of Policing: Rising cost of policing. Are we at mandatory manning?
Are we now paying the full cost of policing?
Why is the Province keeping the revenue? Tickets?
What is the extra cost of policing because of courthouse closures?

He is aware that meeting(s) with the Province are pending and following such meeting(s) answers to the above may be forthcoming. As a result, he would like to address the questions again at the next Council Meeting. The Deputy Mayor said the Village has requested a meeting with the Province and a meeting has been tentatively planned for the Province to speak to the RSC8 Board and municipal administrators.

Designated Highway: Monies discussed January 5th – loan or grant?

Deputy Mayor Whalen said he assumes this refers to the Designated Highway Program. There are two program categories – one a shared funding category (\$17 million) and the other a “province pays all” category (\$8 million). Municipalities may submit project proposals under either category. Council will be discussing this in more detail later in the meeting.

Grants: How much research has Council done to get grants?

The Village Clerk said the Village seeks any opportunity available when projects are contemplated to ensure the Village takes advantage of funding that would reduce the financial burden on the Village. One example is the receipt of funds from the Build Canada Fund for the extension of water and sewer service on Post Road and another where the Village utilized Gas Tax Funds to extend water service on Cogle Road.

Questions: When a question is asked and not answered?

Mr. Wilkins said he wondered why he could not ask a question and get an answer during a Council Meeting and if not how could he get an answer. The Deputy Mayor replied that the meeting protocol does not allow for interaction with those attending a meeting however visitors are encouraged to submit their questions to the Village so Council has time to consider the questions and prepare appropriate responses.

Ask Questions: Why isn't there provision in the Procedural Bylaw to allow the public to ask questions of Council?

The procedure that has been established is in the best interest of executing an efficient and effective Council Meeting. Provision has been made for presentations under the Delegations category. As well, members of the public can submit questions or concerns to the Village via the Citizen Form and these will be addressed in a timely fashion by Village Council and / or Staff.

Citizen Request – Flood Committee

Susan MacNichol addressed Council and expressed her desire to maintain the Flood Committee. She said a great deal of work has been done by the Committee and good things have come from their work. She would like that to continue in an effort to protect the properties of the residents of Sussex Corner. Deputy Mayor Whalen admitted the

work of the Committee has not gone unnoticed and commended the progress made by Committee members. With reference to a plea from Mrs. MacNichol for another Council member to step up and serve on the Committee to allow it to continue, the Deputy Mayor said all of the other members of Council have had a role on the Committee and for one reason or another choose not to be a member again. Cases in point, the Deputy Mayor finds himself in a difficult position given his vocation and Councillor Shay, who served for 4 years on the Committee and was removed, is no longer willing to serve. However, both Whalen and Shay noted that Council recognizes the flooding issues as important and addressing them a priority. The Deputy Mayor said that a committee in some other form outside of a Village of Sussex Corner Committee of Council could be formed and the work of concerned citizens could continue. It was made clear such a committee would not be operating under the umbrella of the municipality; however a representative of the committee could approach Council by way of requesting to speak as a delegation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (Loder/Shay)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, December 21, 2015.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. CBCL has been approached for a presentation to Council on the Trout Creek Bank Stabilization Report. Mr. Parsons is out of the province and will confirm a date upon his return. Concern was expressed that other interested parties should be able to sit in on the presentation (e.g. Flood Committee members). After some discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk Treasurer would contact Mr. Parsons and request he visit the Village for a presentation to Village Council and Staff as well as the members of the former Flood Committee as of January 19, 2016. Once arranged, notice will be circulated to those mentioned above.
2. A letter was issued to the Minister of Public Safety for a presentation to Village Council on the cost of policing. A similar letter was issued by the Town of Sussex. There has been no response to-date. A presentation to the RSC8 Board of Directors and municipal administrators is tentatively scheduled for February 10th.

REPORTS – COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL:

Administration and Finance

Deputy Mayor Whalen presented the report from the January 5th meeting.

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to approve December 2015 payments:

General \$184,313.07 Water/Sewer \$104,274.17

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to purchase a Bronze Level Sponsorship (\$250) in support of the 2016 Across Town for Crosswinds fund raiser.

There was some discussion on a request from UMNb for input to their 5 Year Strategic Plan. Council was asked for their input. Feedback was received from the Deputy Mayor and Councillor MacMillan. Following a review and discussion on the 10 items offered, Council identified 5 items for submission to UMNb.

M/S/C (Loder/Shay)
Councillor Hunt voted nay.

Motion that the Village of Sussex Corner submit input to the UMNb 5 Year Strategic Plan with the top five priorities being:

1. Development of a municipal tool box for climate change adaptation strategies which includes financial support, planning expertise, and successful case studies (NB studies preferred). The tool box should also include a mission statement from UMNb around the issue of climate change.
2. A plan that incorporates the new RSC structure into our vision of the future and provides opportunities to strengthen our regions while also strengthening our municipalities. UMNb can help facilitate the discussions at the higher levels around the RSC structure when needed and communicate the province's vision to its partners better.
3. The Union could also look at offering on-line webinars or training about council procedures, roles, accounting, etc. for its members. Once set up, the cost of such offerings is minimal. This would improve networking, capacity, and process for our partners.
4. The Union should create a strong position on protective services and health care and resolve to oppose any further degradation of these services. Police stations, hospitals, and fire houses are pillars of a community and methods need to be developed to keep them in communities not continue to centralize them in the bigger centers.
5. Rules of order and ethics for municipalities.

Flood

There was no Flood Committee report. Further to an earlier discussion (see above), Council noted motions for consideration.

M/S/C (Shay/Hunt)

Motion to accept the resignation of Sharon Loder from the Flood Committee.

Deputy Mayor Whalen thanked Councillor Loder for her contribution to the Flood Committee on behalf of the Village and its citizens. He then reminded Council that Mayor Gillies was of the opinion that continuance of the Flood Committee was not in the best interest of all concerned and felt it should be disbanded. The Deputy Mayor said a motion would be required but none was forthcoming. Given the Committee, following the resignation of Councillor Loder, no longer has the required number (3) of Council members, it no longer exists.

Works, Water and Sewer

Councillor Loder presented the report from the January 5th meeting. There was a discussion on the Village input to the Provincial 5 Year Designated Highway Program. This included identification of the Village's project priority and the amount, if any, of funding the Village would contribute to a 2016 project so identified. After a discussion, it was resolved to identify the priority project for 2016 as shown below and to commit to funding 5% of the cost of the project within Village limits. The cost estimate, provided by DOTI, for that portion within Village limits was \$506,250 therefore the Village contribution would amount to \$25,312.50.

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to approve the 5 Year Designated Highway Program submission as shown below:

YEAR 2016 – Regional Roads - Earnhardt Road

Repair and resurface with hot mix asphaltic concrete that portion of Earnhardt Road designated as a Regional Road, a distance of 0.675 Km from the intersection of Cogle Road / Earnhardt Road to the Village boundary to the east. An additional 0.150 km would be required from the Village boundary to the intersection of Earnhardt Road / Route 114 East. This stretch of roadway is a main access to the industrial park and hence supports heavy truck traffic. The nature and volume of traffic has, over time, worn down the roadway to the point it is a safety concern for all types of vehicular traffic. The road surface and edges are worn badly and potholes frequent the roadway at all times of the year. DOTI has estimated the cost of the complete project to be \$618,750 with the portion within Village limits to be \$506,250. The Village is prepared to fund 5% of the project within Village limits or \$25,312.50. The Village would encourage the Province to include this project in your plans for 2016 including both the porting within the Village limits as well as the 0.150 km beyond.

YEAR 2017 - Regional Road - Main Street

Resurface with hot mix asphaltic concrete Main Street from the western boundary of the Village to the intersection with Needle Street and Post Road, a distance of .998 Km. This stretch of roadway receives the highest volume of both local and visitor traffic. Over time, this roadway has deteriorated to the point where maintenance budgets are being taxed and the safety of both drivers and walkers are becoming a concern.

YEAR 2018 - Regional Roads - Leonard Drive and Cogle Road

Resurface with hot mix asphaltic concrete that portion of Cogle Road designated as a Regional Road, a distance of .184 Km from Earnhardt Road to Leonard Drive and that portion of Leonard Drive designated as a Regional Road inside the Village limits, a distance of .329 Km. along with the intersection of Cogle Road and Leonard Drive. This stretch of roadway is a main access to the industrial park and hence supports heavy truck traffic. The nature and volume of traffic has worn down the roadway to the point it is a safety concern for all types of vehicular traffic.

YEAR 2019 - Regional Road – Post Road

Resurface with hot mix asphaltic concrete Post Road from the intersection of Main Street, Post Road and Needle Street to the bridge crossing Trout Creek, a distance of .350 Km. This stretch of roadway sees a high volume of both local and visitor traffic. Given the volume of traffic, this roadway warrants resurfacing in the interest of public safety. A related benefit is the saving of significant maintenance costs which will certainly mount with the passing of time.

YEAR 2020 - Regional Road – Post Road

Resurface with hot mix asphaltic concrete Post Road from the intersection the bridge crossing Trout Creek to the intersection of Cogle Road and Post Road, a distance of 1.040 Km. This stretch of roadway sees a high volume of both local and visitor traffic. Given the volume of traffic, this roadway warrants resurfacing in the interest of public safety. A related benefit is the saving of significant maintenance costs which will certainly mount with the passing of time.

Deputy Mayor Whalen suggested that in the future the Village should look at the 5 Year Designated Highway Plan in concert with the Village's 5 Year Capital Plan to ensure we take into account funding options.

Accept Committee Reports

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

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

REPORTS – OTHER:

PotashCorp Civic Centre (PCC)

Councillor Shay reported on the meeting of January 12th. She has spoken with the new General Manager Trent Bacon regarding a visit with Council and he welcomed the opportunity to do so. She noted the Board has three new members Doug O'Leary, Kevin Mallette (Treasurer) and Jodi Totten. The Board will be meeting the second week of each month and are looking for volunteers for the Centre. She said that anyone interested should contact the Centre or drop in to discuss volunteering. She noted Board meetings are open to the public and they welcome visitors to their meetings.

Region Service Commission (RSC8)

There was no report however it was noted that the January 2016 meeting of the Board will be held in Norton at the new Village Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items of correspondence for Council's attention.

BYLAWS:

There were no bylaws before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic Congestion – Safety Issue

A Concern was expressed by a local citizen regarding visibility issues brought about by vehicles parking at the front of the convenience store located at 1149 Main Street. The issue will be passed on to the Works, Water & Sewer Committee for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Deputy Mayor called for a motion to adjourn.

M/S/C (Shay/Loder) Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor