

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Steven Gillies
Councillor Faith McMillan
Councillor Patsy Shay

Deputy Mayor Ben Whalen
Councillor Sharon Loder

Clerk Treasurer Don Smith
Works Supervisor Rod Holland

Administrative Clerk Robby Obermeier

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A new item was added under New Business – KWRC Project Proposal. Mayor Gillies called for a motion to approve the agenda, as amended.

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to approve the agenda, as amended, for the February 16, 2016 Council Meeting.

DELEGATIONS:

Sgt. James MacPherson – RCMP Report

Sgt. James MacPherson presented the quarterly report ending 2015 12 31. He said activity was relatively light which spoke well of the community. He responded to questions from Council and gave a bit of his service history before coming to the Sussex detachment. Mayor Gillies thanked him for his presentation and welcomed him to Sussex Corner.

Catherine McLeod – Concerned Citizens Group

Catherine McLeod spoke briefly and requested the Village re-apply for a WAWA permit to remove trees from Trout Creek as was considered in the Fall of 2015. The Mayor said Council would give consideration to the request and respond in writing with their decision.

Wayne Wilkins – Questions / Comments

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

Question: Policing – when is the meeting?

Feedback: The Village has not yet received a response from the Province to a request for a presentation to Village Council on policing costs for Sussex Corner.

Question: Motion by Councillor Sharon Loder?

Feedback: The motion does not mention payments to anyone in particular rather it makes provision in the bylaw to pay for attending meetings of the RSC8 Storm Water Management Committee.

Question: Flood Committee representation?

Feedback: The Flood Committee was a standing committee of Council but no longer exists. Mayor Gillies said he disbanded the Committee because it was not functioning effectively. He said he believes the Concerned Citizens Group can better address the matters of flood mitigation. Mr. Wilkins said he is of the opinion that this should be reconsidered.

Question: Removal of Penobsquis Water System Committee from Procedural Bylaw.

Feedback: This will be passed to the Administration and Finance Committee for review and consideration.

Question: Salt / sand at end of street – Cogle Road

Feedback: He said the Village is not using enough salt to reduce or avoid risk from slippery conditions particularly on Cogle Road. The Works Supervisor said salt and sand is applied to Village streets under the current agreement but given conditions this year additional salt will be applied as necessary for the remainder of the season.

Question: Contract for snow removal.

Feedback: Mr. Wilkins requested a copy of the Snow Removal Agreement. Mayor Gillies said Council will take that under consideration however if he has any questions or concerns regarding snow removal he can contact the Village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no items of business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

REPORTS – COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL:

Administration and Finance

Councillor McMillan presented the report from the February 2nd meeting.

**M/S/C (McMillan/Shay) Motion to approve January 2016 payments:
General \$284,234.35 Water/Sewer \$28,493.71**

**M/S/C (McMillan/Whalen) Motion to purchase a \$40 advertisement in the
Basement Players 2016 program booklet.**

**M/S/C (McMillan/Shay) Motion to submit an application for funding
from the Sussex Area Community Foundation
for development of Sullivan Park.**

Works, Water and Sewer

Councillor Loder presented the report from the February 2nd meeting.

Accept Committee Reports

**M/S/C (Loder/Shay) Motion to accept the Administration and
Finance Committee and the Works, Water
and Sewer Committee reports.**

REPORTS – OTHER:

Chamber of Commerce

Councillor McMillan reported the Chamber discussed the PotashCorp closing and the effect on the area and the roundtable discussion meeting to be held with key members of the community on where to go from here to attract business. The Chamber met on Feb. 3rd with a guest speaker from Barbours and held a Board meeting on Feb. 10th.

PotashCorp Civic Centre (PCC)

Councillor Shay reported the Board met on February 10th and they also talked about the impact of the PotashCorp decision. They discussed asking their funding partners to contribute more funding to support operating deficits. There are a number of maintenance projects necessary for 2016 and volunteer hours are down. The Centre

is promising some special programs / events during March break. The new General Manager will send a letter in response to a request from the Village for a presentation to Council on the operation of the Centre. Deputy Mayor Whalen asked how many people were employed by the Centre with Councillor Shay responding about 12 full time plus volunteers. She said things need to be done but funds are limited.

Region Service Commission (RSC8)

Mayor Gillies reported the Board met on January 4th. The Province will be making a presentation to the Board and municipal administrators on policing costs on March 17th at 7:00 pm at the Town Office. This is not a public meeting. Three members of the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee (PRAC) were reappointed. The Commission is considering options for office facilities including lease or purchase.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of Support – Town of Hampton

A letter was received from Mayor Ken Chorley, Town of Hampton, offering support to the Village in light of the closure of the PotashCorp operation in Penobsquis.

BYLAWS:

There were no bylaws before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

RCMP Policing Costs

The Province will be making a presentation on the cost of policing to the RSC8 Board and municipal administrators on March 17th at the Town Hall. This is a closed meeting. No response has been received from the Province based on the request for one or more representatives from the Province to visit Council to discuss policing in Sussex Corner.

Sussex Corner Sports Field

Deputy Mayor Whalen said he has not had a great deal of time to spend on this file of late but wanted to keep it on the minds of Council for consideration in 2016.

Winter Carnival

Council discussed a number of activities planned for the 2016 Winter Carnival.

KWRC – Project Proposal

A request was received from Jenna Strang of the KWRC for a letter of support from the Village for an “Edible Landscape Project” at the site of the Amphitheatre. The project would see the purchase and planting of fruit bearing trees at the park. The request was for a letter of support in principle only and not for funding.

Deputy Mayor Whalen answered any questions of Council but left Council Chambers during the discussion and vote on the matter.

M/S/C (Loder/Shay)

Motion to prepare and issue a letter of support, in principle, to the KWRC for the proposed “Edible Landscape Project”.

Deputy Mayor Whalen returned to Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gillies called for a motion to adjourn.

M/S/C (Shay/Loder)

Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 p.m.

Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor