

**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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A new item was added under New Business – BCF Application – Sewer System Extension. Mayor Gillies called for a motion to approve the agenda, as amended.

**M/S/C (Whalen/Loder)**

**Motion to approve the agenda, as amended, for the March 15, 2016 Council Meeting.**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**Trade Mission to China – Jared Henry**

Mr. Henry presented an interesting capsule of the events incurred during his recent trade mission to China. He said the mission targeted business and youth. He said the entourage included 40 students from across Canada. He noted vast differences in lifestyle and in the education processes for students and their career focus. Highlights included partnership with a firm in China for the sale of \$400,000 of smart boards, a visit / tour of a robotics factory, visit to Microsoft Headquarters, etc. He said he took every opportunity to inform the people he met about Sussex Corner. He concluded his presentation by expressing his appreciation to Village Council for supporting his mission.

**Kings County Soil & Crop – Dwayne Perry**

Mr. Perry provided a bit of background and sequence of events since Village Council contributed \$2,000.00 to Kings County Soil and Crop in January of 2014. He noted the funds were designated to assist participating farmers in the development of nutrient management plans. At this point, the emphasis of the Province / Department on such planning has diminished and the resource assigned to the role has since retired with no replacement named. He asked (1) what would the Village like to have done with the

money and (2) does the Village have any influence and / or desire to rejuvenate this process. Deputy Mayor Whalen said the Province (DELG) is in the process of developing a Provincial Water Strategy and this may have some influence in this area.

**Concerned Citizens Group – Catherine MacLeod**

Ms. MacLeod asked Council what action will be taken after consideration of the CBCL report. Deputy Mayor Whalen said the Village is committed to an expenditure of up to \$70,000 for Trout Creek Repairs, a joint project with the Town of Sussex. Upon completion of the job, application will be made for funding through the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) process and if awarded Council can then consider other areas of flood mitigation. At this point, there is no guarantee of DFA funding or, if granted, when such funding will be made available.

**Questions / Comments – Wayne Wilkins**

1. Can I read the motions at the end of the Council Meeting? Mayor Gillies said if he has any questions on the motions or wants to see the motions he can visit the Village Office and speak with the Clerk.
2. How is a motion presented? Mayor Gillies outlined the process of calling for a mover and seconder for any motion that comes to the floor of a meeting, then discussion and finally the vote. Some proposed motions are offered to the members of Council for consideration but the actual motion is verbally presented by a member of Council in an open meeting of Council. The motions are recorded by the Clerk and placed in the minutes of the Council meeting.
3. No letter yet on Snow Removal Contract? The Mayor said there have been no letters sent to Mr. Wilkins because Council has answered his questions when he brings them to the floor of a Council meeting. With regard to the Snow Removal Agreement, he said to visit the Village Office and discuss this with the Clerk.
4. Why wasn't anyone there for round table meeting in Sussex? The Mayor apologized for the absence of a representative at the "round table" hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. He said he was called away for work and neglected to appoint another member of Council to attend in his absence. There was a communication breakdown and that is something that should be improved. The Deputy Mayor said he was not aware the Village was invited to participate in the round table nor the fact we were not going to be represented. At this point, Mayor Gillies expressed his frustration regarding the lack of respect being shown to the Village of Sussex Corner of late. He noted articles in the Kings County Record and not being afforded the opportunity to speak at a recent announcement by the Province at a business located in the Village while the Mayor of Sussex was asked for comments. Deputy Mayor Whalen responded that these comments reflect the opinion of the Mayor and not necessarily those of Village Council as a whole.

5. What changes do you see in using UMNB Study? Deputy Mayor Whalen said the discussion and subsequent input to UMNB was Village Council's suggestions for priority items UMNB should consider as part of their future vision.
6. I don't believe I received a clear answer to my question if you don't answer, can I ask later? He cited examples relating to the 2016 operating budgets. The Mayor said if he didn't get an answer at a Council meeting then he could visit the Village Office and discuss his questions with the Clerk. As for the 2016 budgets, he said Village Council approved the budgets which included capital projects for the year as well as funds for future capital spending whether for asset replacement or construction of new assets. This was accomplished with a modest increase in the tax rate of 2 cents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**M/S/C (Whalen/Loder)**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, February 16, 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 March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**M/S/C (Whalen/Shay)**

**Motion to approve February 2016 payments:  
General \$59,137.32 Water/Sewer \$6,777.10**

**M/S/C (Shay/Whalen)**

**Motion to purchase two tickets to the Annual Sussex Rotary Club Charity Dinner.**

**Works, Water and Sewer**

Councillor Loder presented the report from the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Deputy Mayor Whalen said the Village should formally appoint a member of staff to be the Safety Representative.

**Accept Committee Reports**

**M/S/C (Whalen/Loder)**

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

**REPORTS – OTHER:**

**Chamber of Commerce**

Councillor McMillan said the last two meetings were Board of Directors Meetings. The date of the next public meeting has not been established yet. There is another round table meeting planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**PotashCorp Civic Centre (PCC)**

Councillor Shay reported the Board met on March 9<sup>th</sup>. PCC has seen some pool closures due to electrical problems with lighting. This is being investigated. They have contacted the original engineers to request they assess the problem and recommend solutions. The membership has grown by 44. PCS is promoting membership via two week passes. New programs are being offered such as masters swimming, syncro swimming and life-saving training. PCS donated another \$250,000 over 8 years. The next meeting will be held during the second week of April. Deputy Mayor Whalen asked Councillor Shay to take back to the committee the fact they should pressure the original design engineers to revisit their engineering design and deliver a revised plan that eliminates this concern.

**Region Service Commission (RSC8)**

Mayor Gillies said the Board held its last meeting at the new Norton Village Hall. They discussed a letter from DELG Minister Brian Kenny including restructuring options and the upcoming municipal elections and the impact on the Board. They adopted a Regional Water Management Plan that included public consultation. Councillor Loder said she was impressed with the Committee which is comprises a wide range of participants including representatives from JDI who spoke on their cutting / replanting program.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Sussex Skating Club - Donation**

A request for financial support was received from the Sussex Skating Club with reference to the Annual Ice Show.

M/S/C (Whalen/Loder)

**Motion to donate \$120.00 to the Sussex Skating Club in support of their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ice Show.**

**Minister Brian Kenny – DELG Initiatives**

A letter was received from Minister Brian Kenny highlighting elements in the departmental plan for the upcoming year. These include maintaining the current

level of Community Funding and Equalization Grants, the modernizing of governing legislation including the Municipalities Act and Community Planning Act and interest in voluntary community restructuring.

**Minister Stephen Horsman – Policing**

A letter was received from Minister Stephen Horsman in response to a request from the Village for a meeting with the Department of Public Safety to discuss the costs of policing specific to Sussex Corner. He suggests as a starting point the attendance at a presentation to the region which should clarify the provincial costs of service. Deputy Mayor Whalen said he is confused as to why the Province (DPS) is meeting with the Regional Service Commission to discuss policing when they have no taxing authority for policing service and yet they won't meet with the municipalities who are burdened with the cost of policing. Mayor Gillies said other municipalities have received similar letters directing them to attend presentations to Regional Service Commissions.

**BYLAWS:**

There were no bylaws before Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Water System Extension – Leonard Drive**

The Town has informed the Village, that as of January 1, 2017, they will no longer provide water service to the properties on Leonard Drive within Village boundaries. Village Council directed that a letter be sent to the Town to advise them the Village will provide an alternate solution prior to yearend.

**Water Reservoir Refurbishment - Tender**

A project has been identified to refurbish the water system reservoir in 2016. To that end, the job will require engineering services and a tender call.

**M/S/C (Loder/Shay)**

**Motion to issue a public tender for the refurbishment of the water system reservoir.**

**M/S/C (Loder/Whalen)**

**Motion to acquire the services of Dillon Consulting Limited for the design, tendering and construction administration of the water system reservoir refurbishment.**

**Elementary School Rental – Ball Hockey**

Although the 2016 Winter Carnival was cancelled due to circumstances beyond our

control (weather), a ball hockey tournament was held at the Sussex Corner Elementary School. A charge was invoiced to the Village for custodial services.

**M/S/C (Whalen/Loder)                      Motion to approve a payment of \$203.40 for the cost of custodial services at the Sussex Corner Elementary School for ball hockey on February 13, 2016.**

**BCF Application – Sewer System Extension**

Staff was directed to prepare an application for Federal / Provincial funding to extend the Village sewer system on Cogle Road and Earnhardt Road. The application must include a resolution of Council to support the application.

**M/S/C (Loder/Shay)                      Motion to submit an application under the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund for the construction of a sewer system extension on Cogle Road and Earnhardt Road.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Gillies called for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

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Clerk / Treasurer

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Mayor