

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Bobbitt at 6:04 pm.

**Attendance:** Deputy Mayor MacLeod, Councillors Hunt, Loder, Shay and Bobbitt as well as the Clerk Treasurer, Administrative Clerk and Works Supervisor.

**1. Volunteer Recognition:** Deputy Mayor MacLeod discussed the recognition of two individuals for their efforts as volunteers. It was hoped this could have happened at the Mayor's Levee however they were both absent. She said she would like to have the recognition at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and would attempt to orchestrate the presentations. The Committee supported the approach.

**2. Variance Request:** The Clerk Treasurer spoke briefly on the variance request sent to the Village from the Regional Service Commission 8 (RSC8). After some discussion, it was the feeling of the Committee that the Village was not supportive of the variance request however, did offer some alternatives including:

- Removal of the older shed.
- Affix the new shed to the garage thus two structures versus three.
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**3. Committees of Council:** The Clerk Treasurer circulated forms for completion for each of the yet to be formed Committees of Council. He offered some assistance re the information required and the process to follow. Members of Council identified as chairpersons were encouraged to complete the forms for presentation to Council for approval. Target is the February Council meeting however if available for the January meeting that would be appreciated.

**4. New Community Planning Act:** Councillor Loder asked about the announcement regarding the creation of a new Community Planning Act (CPA) by the Province. She said the new Municipalities Act was enacted and now the CPA and wanted to know how that affects the Village and if there are things that need to be done as a result. The Clerk Treasurer spoke on the purpose of both acts and the relationship to the Village municipal operations. Regarding the CPA, he will contact the Province and the RSC8 requesting a document that compares the former acts and the newly enacted ones. He

will also see if the Province has a knowledgeable resource that could visit with Council to discuss the new acts and the impact on our municipality.

**5. Winter Carnival:**

Councillor Loder introduced the subject and spoke on the status of the 2018 event. The feeling of the committee members was that a winter carnival was declining in popularity and a better event might be a fall festival. As a result, there will be no Winter Carnival for 2018.

**6. Recognition - Contractor:**

The Works Supervisor said that the contractor who installs and removes fixtures from the poles in the Village chose not to charge for the installation / removal of the Veterans Banners. The Works Supervisor asked the Village to send Ken McConkie a letter of appreciation for his gesture. The Clerk Treasurer will ensure this happens.

**7. New Hire:**

This discussion was not for public knowledge.

**Adjournment:**

Councillor Bobbitt adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

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Clerk Treasurer

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Operations Committee Chair