

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Mark Flewwelling
Councillor Harley Hunt
Councillor Patsy Shay

Deputy Mayor Catherine MacLeod
Councillor Doug Bobbitt
Councillor Sharon Loder

Clerk Treasurer Don Smith
Works Supervisor Rod Holland

Administrative Clerk Debbie Otis

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Flewwelling called for a motion to approve the agenda.

M/S/C (Shay/MacLeod)

**Motion to approve the agenda for the
September 19, 2017 Council Meeting.**

DELEGATIONS:

Angela Green – TIANB:

Angela Green delivered an informative presentation on the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick (TIANB). She spoke of the organization, its purpose, opportunities, benefits, etc. She specifically mentioned the opportunity for training in the tourism field and the fact that qualified individuals could obtain 75% funding for such training. She welcomed applications for membership and mentioned their Annual Conference. She will forward a copy of her presentation to the Village.

Wayne Wilkins – Trout Creek:

Mr. Wilkins asked Council why it takes so long for permits and associated work to be completed in Trout Creek. He said he would like Council to investigate and improve the process to make it more effective. He volunteered to lend his assistance if requested. The Mayor said Council would investigate and get back to him. He asked why the website did not contain folders for committee minutes, communiqués, etc. The Clerk Treasurer said the committee minutes are on the website in the same folder as Council minutes. Mayor Flewwelling said a new website is being developed. Mr. Wilkins asked for a change in the process to permit spectators to ask questions of presenters. The Mayor explained there

is always an opportunity for those in the audience to ask questions of presenters after the Council meeting is adjourned but not during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Flewwelling called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 15, 2017.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)

Motion to approve of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 15, 2017.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no items of business from previous meetings before Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operations:

M/S/C (Bobbitt/MacLeod)

Motion to approve the August 2017 bills for payment:

General \$ 60,693.08 Water & Sewer \$12,445.39

Accept Committee Reports:

Mayor Flewwelling called for a motion to accept the committee reports. Councillor Loder asked for an amendment based on her comments to the Clerk Treasurer. He replied that the changes she requested were already made.

M/S/C (Shay/Bobbitt)

Motion to accept the following reports:

Operations Fundy Civic Centre

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no items of correspondence before Council.

BY-LAWS:

There were no by-laws before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agreement – Snow Plowing:

The Clerk Treasurer said the Village issued a tender call for interested parties to submit bids for Snow Plowing Services from which there were two bids. He asked for a motion to accept the recommended bid (lowest bid) and authorize the execution of an agreement with the successful bidder.

M/S/C (Hunt/MacLeod)

I move to approve the low bid of \$ 238,996.32 for snow plowing service submitted by John Dysart Ltd. and authorize the preparation and execution of the agreement with the service provider.

Agreement – Solid Waste Collection:

The Clerk Treasurer said the Village issued a tender call for interested parties to submit bids for Solid Waste Collection Services from which there were four bids. He asked for a motion to accept the recommended bid (lowest bid) and authorize the execution of an agreement with the successful bidder. Councillor Bobbitt noted that the contract provides for a spring and fall cleanup in addition to the weekly collection of solid waste. The Clerk Treasurer also noted that, effective with the new agreement (January 1, 2018), pickup on the spring and fall cleanups will include everything except hazardous waste.

M/S/C (MacLeod/Shay)

I move to approve the low bid of \$ 89,713.00 for solid waste collection service submitted by Devine Sanitation Ltd. and authorize the preparation and execution of the agreement with the service provider.

Agreement – Sewer Service:

The Clerk Treasurer said the Village and Town have spent several months discussing sewer service. A number of meetings were held to attempt to bring closure to the arduous efforts of the parties involved. The CAO of the Town of Sussex and the Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Sussex Corner were asked to develop and recommend a sewer service agreement for the next ten years. This has been accomplished and a motion of Council is requested to approve the agreement and authorize the execution of said agreement.

M/S/C (Hunt/Bobbitt)

I move to approve the 10 year sewer service agreement with the Town of Sussex and authorize the execution of said agreement.

Councillors Shay and Loder voted nay.

PotashCorp Civic Centre:

A discussion ensued in which Council members expressed their opinions and concerns regarding the status of the Centre and the need for financial assistance to ensure the continued operation of the Centre. The Mayor said the Village had a presentation by the Vice-Chair of the PotashCorp Civic Centre and finally received a formal request for financial assistance. Councilor Bobbitt said he was of the opinion the Village should demonstrate leadership on this matter as is the case with the Village of Norton and Town of Sussex. Following a sharing of thoughts and discussion, the Mayor offered four options for consideration:

- A) Village will pay the additional 1.5 cents provided all of the other funding partners do the same.
- B) Village will pay the additional 1.5 cents on a one-time basis.
- C) Village will pay the additional 1.5 cents no strings attached.
- D) Village will make no payment other than the existing 1 cent provision.

Council resolved the contributions will be ongoing with the first payment to be made on January 1st.

M/S/C (Hunt/Shay)

I move to authorize the payment to the PotashCorp Civic Centre an additional 1.5 cents annually on the property tax rate on an ongoing basis with no strings attached.

Startup Canada:

Deputy Mayor MacLeod outlined again the benefits of belonging to such an organization. The prime focus of the organization is to develop a network of successful entrepreneurs who can mentor new entrepreneurs or those who are attempting to evolve their business into something larger or diversified. These seasoned business resources can provide knowledge, experience, guidance, etc. This can and will provide economic advantages to all of the regions in New Brunswick including ours and more specifically those in our region who could utilize their services. Councillor Shay asked if Startup Canada resources are available locally to assist our businesses. Deputy Mayor MacLeod confirmed there were local resources and they have already commenced assistance to the local business community.

M/S/C (MacLeod/Bobbitt)

I move to approve an annual Startup Canada membership at a cost of \$166.66.

Councillor Loder voted nay.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Hunt/MacLeod) Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37 p.m.

Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor