

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Steven Stackhouse  
Councillor Paul Taylor

Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay  
Councillor Harley Hunt

Works Supervisor, Craig Dixon  
Clerk/Treasurer, Robby Obermeier

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**M/S/C (Hunt/Taylor)**

**Motion to approve the agenda for the July 16, 2019, Regular Council Meeting.**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**RCMP Quarterly Report**

Mayor Stackhouse noted that Sergeant Jim MacPherson was on agenda but couldn't make the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 18, 2019.

**M/S/C (Taylor/Hunt)**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 18, 2019.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

1) **Meadow Crescent Lots:** Deputy Mayor Shay confirmed that the lots are in the process of being appraised, also correspondence has been received from DTI giving the Village permission to maintain the vacant lots. Shay was informed that there would be a

mowing tender issued for these lots and to date nothing has been received, she will contact DTI and see if this is finalized yet and what the process would be for the Village to “bid” on this tender.

2) **Amphitheatre:** With Councillor Loder being absent tonight this item will be deferred until the August Council meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Reports - Operations:

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

**Motion to approve the June 2019, bills for payment:**

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| <b>General</b>           | <b>\$ 73,340.72</b> |
| <b>Water &amp; Sewer</b> | <b>\$ 29,814.77</b> |

### Reports - Operations – Posting Agendas:

Starting in August all agendas will be placed on the Village website, 24 hours prior to Council or Committee meetings. Because of a motion already “passed” on July 17, 2018 at a Regular Council meeting, a motion to “rescind” that motion will also be needed.

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

**Motion to rescind the following motion from July 17, 2018 Council Meeting;**

**“I move all agendas be emailed to Council members and placed on the Village website, 48 hours prior to Council and or Committee Meetings”.**

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

**Motion to have all agendas posted on the Village website along with a copy emailed to Council, 24 hours prior to Council and or Committee Meetings.**

### Reports - Operations – New Half-Ton Truck:

The Village tendered for a new half-ton truck and the public opening was held Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at which time there was only two submissions received. Works Supervisor Craig Dixon reviewed the packages along with Council and the following motion is needed:

**M/S/C (Hunt/Taylor)**

**Motion to accept the tender for a new half- ton truck submitted by Clark Chevrolet Buick GMC in the amount of \$39,952.03 (including HST).**

**M/S/C (Hunt/Taylor)**

**Motion to authorize the purchase of a new half-ton truck from Clark Chevrolet Buick GMC for \$39,952.03 (including HST), as per their tender.**

**Reports - Operations - Accept Committee Reports:**

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to accept the committee report:

**M/S/C (Hunt/Taylor)**

**Motion to accept the Operations Committee Report.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Citizen Question(s) - Brian MacNichol:**

Brian MacNichol requested the Mayor to read his questions:

1) Additional Gas Tax money:

**Stackhouse:** As previously explained to you on Friday regarding the additional Gas tax money.

In order to receive Gas Tax Funds, the Village had to submit a 5 Year Capital Gas Tax Plan. Our approved Gas Tax Plan is for the Storm Sewer Project on Waycon Heights - Phase 1 (Tower Street, Michael Street, Buchan Drive and Jacob Street).

**Stackhouse:** And your 2<sup>nd</sup> question was a request to view the Villages EMO Disaster Plan, which Robby has already shown you. And you had inquired about “mock field exercise”, EMO throughout the province host 2 “mock emergency field exercise” per year with the Village volunteering to host one of those exercises in 2020.

**Questions – Wayne Wilkins:**

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

..... Before Wilkins began, he moved the “podium” over to the microphone.

**Stackhouse:** Wayne had you requested the need for the podium we would have had our Works Supervisor moved that over for you,

**Wilkins:** I guess there is no need on me addressing that question now....

**Stackhouse:** Why would you ask that “question”..? you’ve been attending Council meetings long enough to know all you had to do was “ask” for the podium, why the need to put that in a question form...?

**Wilkins:** The only reason I requested this (podium) was so people could put their paperwork on it and write things down as they spoke. Plus, it's been awhile since "I've even seen it (podium)" and for that matter same goes for the microphone too.

**Wilkins:** Based on the Local Governance Act (50(1)(f)) and the Local Resource Manual (3.5) Vacancies and also the definition of a resident in the Elections Act of NB and the webster dictionary; results when "your" interpretation that a councilor who does not live in the municipality but who has property, or a mailing address can be a councillor in that municipality?

**Stackhouse:** Asked and answered several times already, plus our answer has been verified by more than one level of government, so that question has been answered and it's off the table for any more discussion.

**Wilkins:** How were the residents of the Village notified with respect to the alert system? I've spoken to several people and I thought of this myself, unless you came to the Council meetings how would you know about this alert system? Could there not be pamphlets sent out to the residents? As you know this isn't just about flooding, it could be forest fires, hurricane, tornado or as your aware the recent airplane crash, its for any emergency. Are there any plans to provide information regarding this alert system to the residents?

**Stackhouse:** Emergency Alert System is spoken about every month during Council meetings. The form is and has been available on our website, FB and also on the bulletin board located at the office, plus it's even been spoken about in the KCR.

**Wilkins:** Has anyone on council including the Clerk/Treasurer had a course from the MRA (Municipal Records Authority)?

**Stackhouse:** As this is an HR item, there will be no answer on that.

**Wilkins:** Is Council considering training the Assistant Clerk to be able to conduct a council meeting in the absence of the Clerk / Treasurer?

**Stackhouse:** Again, HR item. HR issues are decided by Council, not public. Wayne there seems to be confusion over these matters....there is no public input regarding HR matters which, you have been told the same thing through the RTIPPA office.

**Wilkins:** **This question is for Deputy Mayor Shay**... When the property was purchased by the province on Meadow Crescent, were there any provisions or restrictions on the purpose that the land can now be used for, also what will be the cost to the Village for surveys, lawyers, taxes and any other fees?

**Shay:** When I spoke with DTI regarding the Villages interest in acquiring these lots, they were informed that nothing could be done with these lots; no building, no parks, absolutely nothing. As for your last question, that can't be answered as no decisions has been made by DTI and by Council.

### **5 Year Designated Highway Program:**

The Village received correspondence from DTI regarding the 2020 Designated Highway Program. This item will be added to our August Operations Committee meeting where Council and our Works Supervisor will be discussing our proposed priorities areas for 2020 then gathering those areas and submitting our 5-year Plan.

**BY-LAWS: n/a**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayors Comments:**

- The Village office received some visitors recently; one was a Canadian actor that was originally from Cape Breton and was visiting in the area. The other visitors were from Ireland. A photo op was done in front of our Village crest and each of the visitors were given some items to commemorate their visit.
- There seems to be a bit of confusion over these “Citizen Request forms”. These forms were never intended to be presented to Council regarding the day-to day operations. Those questions are to be answered by our Clerk, Robby or our Works Supervisor, Craig. Now in saying that, if you’re not satisfied with those answers then you can bring that before Council as outlined in our Procedure By-law #132-19. Mayor Stackhouse read the motion that was passed in April 2008 regarding this matter.
- Councillors’ Loder and Bobbitt are enjoying some time with family.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:                      Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/C (Taylor/Hunt)**

**Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

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Clerk / Treasurer

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Mayor