



**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Reports - Operations:**

**M/S/C (Taylor/Shay)                      Motion to approve payments made for February 2021, as follows:**

<b>General</b>	<b>\$ 74,134.80</b>
<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<b>\$ 4,990.84</b>

**Nutrien Civic Centre Report:**

Councillor Bobbitt (Chair for Nutrien Civic Centre) submitted the approved minutes of January 2021.

**RSC8:**

Steve Roberts submitted the Executive Director reports for the February 2021, and it has been circulated to all members of Council.

**Accept Committee Reports:**

Mayor Stackhouse called for a motion to accept the following reports:

**M/S/C (Hunt/Taylor)                      Motion to accept the Nutrien Civic Centre & RSC8 Committee Reports as circulated.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Request for Support – Sussex Minor Ball:**

The Village received correspondence from Aaron Johnson, President of Sussex Minor Baseball requesting financial support for the maintenance of the baseball field. But Council felt with the sports restrictions still in place due to COVID-19 there was a strong possibility no teams would be playing on the field again this year, so in saying that they declined the offer. A letter will be sent to Mr. Johnson notifying him of Councils decision.

**Request for Support – Sussex Rotary Club:**

The Village received correspondence from Sheri Shannon, President of the Rotary Club of Sussex requesting financial support. Council has agreed to purchase a sponsorship package in the amount of \$150.00.

**M/S/C (Shay/Taylor)                      Motion to support the Sussex Rotary Club by purchasing an advertisement in the amount of \$150.00.**

**Request for Support – 2021 Grad Banners:**

The Village received correspondence from the SRHS Grad Committee requesting help with the grad banners. But Council felt with the recent announcement made by Education Minister Dominic Cardy, to decline the offer.

**Environment and Local Government – Safe Restart Funding:**

The Village received correspondence from Grace Lee Cutler, Director of Community Finances stating the Village would be receiving \$79,311 for the Phase 3 (funding per capita) for the “Safe Restart” Funding Program.

**Environment and Local Government – Assessment Gap:**

The Village received correspondence from Hon. Daniel Allain, Minister Local Government regarding the elimination of the property assessment gap, and local governments will be receiving the additional assessments included as part of their tax base starting in 2022. But given that the announcement was made after the 2021 budget season, the resulting additional assessment for 2021 was not included in this year’s tax base. As a result, this additional tax revenue will be redistributed in July 2021 as part of the municipal normal Community Funding and Equalization Grant allocation.

**BY-LAWS: n/a**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Climate Change Adaptation Plan Report:**

In 2020, Dillon Consulting Limited worked collaboratively with the Village of Sussex Corner to submit a proposal to the Environment Trust Fund of New Brunswick to seek funds to develop a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment. Upon approval of this funding, Dillon was engaged to complete a Community Climate Change Adaptation Plan in addition to the Vulnerability Assessment.

The purpose of this Community Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP) was to complete a community-wide scan of Village infrastructure and services to determine their vulnerability to a changing climate.

This project was fully funded by the ETF to help the Province meet its goal to have all municipalities complete a community climate change adaptation plan.

We have now completed this project and a resolution from Council is required. This report will be posted on our website.

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

**Motion to adopt Policy #2021-01 submitted by Dillon Consulting Limited entitled Climate Change Adaptation Plan Project, funded under the Environmental Trust Fund through the Department of Environment and Local Government and Climate Change Secretariat.**

**Outstanding Invoice – Dillon Consulting Ltd:**

The Village of Sussex Corner has received funding through the Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) of New Brunswick to complete a community Climate Change Adaptation Plan. (as discussed above)

We have an invoice from Dillon Consulting Limited and with this being an “unbudgeted” expenditure, a resolution from Council is required.

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

**Motion to approve payment of \$5,175.00 to Dillon Consulting Limited for the Climate Change Adaptation Plan Project, funded under the Environmental Trust Fund.**

**Mayors Comments:**

- Thankfully, we have been returned to the “Yellow” level and the village office is open again to the public along with having in house council meetings.
- This has been a particularly trying time which has taken its toll on nearly everyone. It is because of this I am pleased to say that a New Brunswick native of Moncton has placed high in short track speed skating in the Olympic trials in Germany, she has taken 2 silver and 1 bronze. I would like to wish Courtney Sarault every success in her endeavors.
- Meetings continue with the Town of Sussex over flood mitigation with some advances.
- I have attended 3 zoom meetings on Municipal Reform and would like to pass along some of the results...there are 4 pillars that present the challenge to this happening. Reduce duplication of services, better land planning, reduce entities standardize administrative mapping. The LSD’s have no say in their representation and Minister Allain has a target of 100 % democratic choice. The stumbling block for consolidation is roads. The Minister also stated that we must have RSC8 going again.
- I have a virtual meeting scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> on Health reform and would reiterate the need to keep the Sussex Hospital a 24/7 facility. With the tragic death of 16-year-old Lexi Daken it certainly highlights the need for improvements in the system. All too often mental health has taken a back seat in priority rankings and cost becomes the priority. Those suffering with mental health issues are not only difficult to spot for a lay person but there has always been a stigma attached to mental health that makes it shameful to admit to having a mental problem.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:                      Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

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Clerk / Treasurer

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Mayor