

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Stackhouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He also reminded the public that once the meeting was adjourned, he would call each person individually so they could exit safely and ensure proper social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Steven Stackhouse  
Deputy Mayor Patsy Shay  
Councillor Doug Bobbitt  
Councillor Harley Hunt  
Councillor Paul Taylor

Clerk/Treasurer, Robby Obermeier  
Works Supervisor, Craig Dixon

**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 (Bobbitt/Hunt)**

**Motion to approve the agenda for the April 20, 2021, Regular Council Meeting as presented.**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**RCMP Quarterly Report**

Sgt. Marie-Eve Ginras presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report of RCMP activity in Sussex Corner. She commented briefly on each “call of service” for a total of 14 items along with 221 criminal record checks. Questions were asked and answered but focusing on one main item of speeding within the village limits.

Sgt. Ginras mentioned in February there was a speeding complaint filed with her detachment for Skyline Avenue & Creighton Drive subdivision and she requested the newly established “traffic initiative” unit to do some extra patrolling in that area and that report showed only a handful of vehicles during that time frame and they were all abiding the speed limit of between 30 to 40 kms. But they will continue to monitor that area over the next few weeks. She also mentioned that the village has been “radared” a lot over the last few weeks and speeding doesn’t seem to be an issue here.



**Accept Committee Reports:**

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

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

**Motion to accept the RCMP, Nutrien Civic Centre & RSC8 Committee Reports as circulated.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

The Village received correspondence from the Sussex Rotary Club for financial support in their tulip campaign to help end Polio. The price is \$25.00 per box of 25 bulbs and with each box sold it provides polio vaccine for 8 children

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

**Motion to support the Sussex Rotary Club by purchasing 10 boxes of tulips at a cost of \$25 per box (HST & delivery included) to help raise funds to end “Polio” and beautify our Village.**

**Department of Transportation & Infrastructure – Response on 2020 Five Year Designated Highway Program:**

Correspondence was received from Minister Jill Green regarding our 2020 application for the 2020 Five Year Designated Highway Program. She stated the financial resources of the Department were not sufficient to address the needs and desired improvements proposed by all the municipalities of New Brunswick and were unable to commit funds to the Village for this fiscal.

Since receiving this correspondence Mayor Stackhouse has been in touch with her office and is awaiting more details of their decision.

**BY-LAWS: n/a**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pearson’s Corner Market**

A request was received from the owner of Pearson’s Corner Market regarding the food trucks for this year. In February, Council approved her request for food trucks for “Thursdays” but since then scheduling for that vendor has posed a problem. She has requested for Council to consider amending the previous motion to allow “Fridays” instead of her previous request. She also would like to try one truck on Wednesday evenings only.

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

**Motion to amend the motion of February 16, 2021, identified as “Pearson’s Corner Market placement for food trucks” to read as follows:**

**Motion to grant permission to Pearson’s Corner Market for the placement of food trucks under the following conditions:**

**Time Period: April 24<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Weekday - Routine: Fridays / Hours of Operation: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm**

**Number of Trucks: 5 Trucks (maximum)**

**Wednesday - Routine – ONE Truck / Hours of Operation: 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Weekday – Special: Christmas Open House**

**Week-end – Special: Saturday (maximum 2)**

*“on the question”- Bobbitt wanted verification that her request was to change from Thursday to Fridays. Stackhouse re-read her request again.*

**Solid Waste:**

The Village received notice from Devine Sanitation Limited that as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 they had been purchased by Fero Waste & Recycling. Since receiving this information, Mayor Stackhouse, Deputy Mayor Shay and Clerk / Treasurer Obermeier have met with the Fero and Devines team and were assured that services would remain unchanged with business carrying on as normal until at least the ending of this current year. Discussions will take place again later this fall.

Mayor Stackhouse also mentioned that we would be happy to help with housing these trucks or if office space is needed, please remember we have 2 empty offices here.

**Outstanding Invoice – TSC Signs Ltd:**

A LED electric sign has been ordered for the Village office and a deposit fee is required to commence production with the remaining balance due upon completion.

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

**Motion to pay a deposit fee of \$16,946.40 to TSC Signs Limited to commence production of a LED Electric Sign with remaining balance due upon completion.**

*“on the question”- Hunt wanted to know what the remaining balance would be. Stackhouse stated the amount left owing would be \$16,946.40, which would be due upon completion.*

**Mayors Comments:**

Mayor Stackhouse read the following proclamation from Canadian Mental Health Association acknowledging May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> as “Mental Health Week”. This will be posted on our bulletin board, website and FB account.

## **Proclamation - Mental Health Week**

**WHEREAS** Mental health is an essential part of everyone's health and well-being;

**WHEREAS** Mental Health Week has been hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association in communities across Canada for 70 years;

**WHEREAS** All people in Canada need to promote, protect and nurture their mental health;

**And WHEREAS** Promoting social connection is an important aspect of human life and an effective way to protect mental health;

**WHEREAS** In these days of the COVID-19 pandemic, our community members may be experiencing further difficulties maintaining their mental health; and

**WHEREAS** In these days of social distancing, we as a community are experiencing great challenges to maintaining our social connections;

**And WHEREAS** The Village of Sussex Corner has a responsibility to promote mental wellness particularly at a time of increased social distancing and social isolation;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Steven Stackhouse of the Village of Sussex Corner, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** the week of May 3 to 9, 2021, as **CMHA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK.**

### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

#### **May Council / Oath of Office Ceremony (to be confirmed)**

Normally for Election year, May council meeting is designated for the "Swearing-in Ceremony" but due to the recent lockdown in parts of Zone 4, Election NB announced those dates are yet to be determined because all results within the province will be delayed until everyone has voted.

So, if there is no Swearing-in Ceremony (or Oath of Office) in May we will carry on with our scheduled council meeting on **May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Motion to adjourn the Council meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

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Clerk / Treasurer

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Mayor