



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2020

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Regular Council Meeting of the Minto Village Council was held in the Council Chambers at 7:00 pm on Tuesday November 10th, 2020 with Mayor Barnett presiding.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Crystal Boudreau (DM)
Greg Smith
Derrick Quigley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boudreau to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from October 13th, 2020 and the special meeting minutes from October 20th, and November 2nd, 2020

MOTION CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE READ

The Clerk read a thank you card sent from the QNHC for the use of the villages tent which was used as shelter for Covid-19 testing.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 DEPUTY MAYOR BOUDREAU

Deputy Mayor Boudreau attended all special and regular meetings of council for the month.

This year's Halloween community event was a bit different but with the help of the community and the volunteers we again served over 300 kids in a safe environment, at the drive thru trunk or treat at the arena. A special thank you goes out to Monique Mercier- Brown for partnering with me in this project again this year.

TOURISM - BEAUTIFICATION

The Halloween in our village photo contest winners were as follows

1st place – Claire Quigley

2nd place – Amanda Vienneau

3rd place – Bonnie Barton

The next contest, Christmas in the village will be announced soon.

The Village of Minto has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to renovate a home for a family in the area. They are reaching out to the public for help with this project. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Tammy Boucher who is the project co Ordinator at 999-3616.

The Remembrance Day banners have been put up for 2020. They are on display now throughout downtown and look amazing. What a great tribute to those who have fought for our freedom. Please take the time to walk by and remember are soldiers. New orders will be taken early in 2021. Please contact Al Sypher at 327-3395 for details.

LIBRARY REPORT

PARTNERSHIP WITH RESURGO PLACE

Resurgo Place in Moncton is the new home of the Moncton Museum, the Transportation Discovery Centre and also houses the main Moncton Visitor Information Centre. The Minto Public Library is signing out free passes to visit Resurgo Place (Moncton Museum) from November 1-28. This pass can be used during open hours from Tuesday to Saturday only during the month of November.

READ AROUND THE WORLD CHALLENGE

During Canadian Library Month, the library hosted a Read Around the World Challenge for adults. Participants picked up a reading log to list the books they read set in locations around the world. Five participants read books set in 25 different places. Congratulations to Hazel MacKenzie for winning this challenge.

I LOVE MY LIBRARY BECAUSE...:

The library also hosted "I LOVE MY LIBRARY BECAUSE..." inviting library users to share why they love the library on an apple that was added to a tree on a wall. A tree

with the comments of seventeen participants is currently on display if you would like to see it. Congratulations to Kathie Bourque for winning this draw.

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH:

November is Financial Literacy Month! This year, Financial Literacy Month aims to help Canadians learn how to manage their finances in challenging times. Your library has tools to help you keep track of your money, reassess your financial goals, protect yourself from COVID-19 frauds and scams, and plan for the future. Come by and pick up one of our financial literacy toolkits, created in partnership with NB Financial and Consumer Services, and check out our collection of books on handling finances. Your financial health is important!

LIBRARIES FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN:

During the month of November, the New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation is hosting their annual For the Love of Reading campaign to raise funds for library collections. Donations will be used to purchase new materials and will be matched by the Government of New Brunswick up to \$300,000 this year, doubling your gift. If you are interested in donating online, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/j4gnq2y>.

DOG REPORT

The dog report for the month of October and November

2 stray dogs

1 fine issued

3 noise control for excessive barking

5 meetings with public health

Please remember, when putting your dog outside while going away for periods of time, our pets usually don't sit quietly they miss you and want attention causing a disruption to your neighbors. please be mindful of this.

4.2 COUNCILLOR SMITH

On October 25 Councillor Smith volunteered at the Habitat for Humanity house, along with Mayor Barnett and Councillor Quigley. On October 31st, he handed out candy at the Halloween Trunk and Treat event which saw over 200 cars drive thru. On November 4th, Councillor Smith delivered meals with the Meals on Wheels program. Councillor Smith is proud to announce that he was in attendance when the dragline bucket was delivered on November 5th. He has worked hard to have this piece of history brought to the downtown area and thanks Owen Knox for all his cooperation.

Maintenance Report

- Stay in the guidelines of Covid-19 regulations.
- Repaired storm drains at the corner of Upton and Union St.
- Serviced summer equipment and put away for winter.
- Installed snow blower on Mahindra Tractor and new cutting edges on the plows.
- Set up and tore down tent at the Queens North Health Centre.
- Cleaned and maintained trucks and equipment.
- Cleaned shop and sheds for sand and cold mix.
- Filled potholes on roads.
- Help make ice at the arena.
- Got new poles made for Remembrance Day banners.
- Installed radio in new trackless.
- Cleaned out storm drains.

4.3 COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY

Civic Relations: Councillor Quigley attended all Regular and Special meetings of Council. On October 25th he lent a helping hand with the Habitat for Humanity home on Lake Road where they stripped the basement walls down to the bare studs. On Saturday October 31st, he helped hand out treats at the Trunk or Treat event that was held at the Minto Centennial Arena parking lot.

MINLAK: Their total amount of recyclables for the month was 2100 kg.

Sewer Report

- Sewer flushing finished (removed a lot of debris from lines and realigned a number of manholes)
- Cleaned UV lights
- Plugged sewer on Pleasant flushed
- Cleaned operations building
- Sewer tests done on a regular basis
- Tests taken to Fredericton
- Consulted with Roy Consultants on new lift station
- Prices in on lift station should be done
- Sewer capping inspection at 83 Main Street
- Sewer locate at Queens North
- All lift stations pressured washed

ARENA

On November 1st the Arena opened its doors for the season. It is without a doubt a different looking season with dealing with and following the COVID 19 rules and regulations, but it was nice to see the kids on the ice again. I want to thank all participants for following the rules that were not only set out by us, but as well as the Province of NB and Hockey NB.

4.4 MAYOR BARNETT

Mayor Barnett attended and chaired all regular and special meetings of council during the month, as well as, an RSC policing committee meeting with MLA Kris Austin, Minister Dominique Carty, where Mayors discussed concerns with the current policing model. Our RCMP officers are doing all they can, our issue is not with the officers but with the model.

Mayor Barnett attended the pre-construction meeting with Gordon Hoyt, Michel from Roy Consulting and Corey Peterson from Monteith Underground, for the replacement of the North Minto lift station. The current lift station is failing and needs replaced, the project which will cost approximately \$250,000 and is being paid for by the Federal Gas Tax program. This project should begin in the next month, so motorists should use caution along Northside Drive, homeowners shouldn't be affected by much noise as they will be working 8-5pm. The lift station is at the bottom of the hill before Glen court, so just past the old knights of Columbus building.

Mayor Barnett had meetings with the Clerk in preparation for 2021 Budget, as well as, volunteered at habitat house and attended the RSC regular monthly meeting. She greeted trick or treaters at the community trick or treating event. Thanks to all volunteers, and to our staff who worked Saturday and to Caryn Storey, our office receptionist who decorated our village trucks for us!

As always, Mayor Barnett has discussions with the office, maintenance and councilors as it pertained to their departments and portfolios.

Work on the 2021 Budget has begun, is ongoing and will be presented at the December council meeting. This year is particularly difficult with the unknown due to the Covid. I would like to remind residents that you have until this Friday to complete our budget survey! Please send us your suggestions. It is your tax money so please advise us on where you see money should be spent or areas in the community that need attention.

Mayor Barnett continues to be updated on TRACC and their progress with cleanup. Areas where there is runoff continue to be collected and treated. Drilling continues and samples are being evaluated. DELG are happy with the progress thus far. DELG Department of Health and TRACCS engineering firm, WOOD is in constant interaction and continue to send me monthly updates.

I get a lot of questions about abandoned buildings and unsightly premises. Please be assured that unsightly premises have been a top priority of our council since we took office in 2016. The procedure for unsightly is a long and complicated. We are fortunate to have the regional service commission; whose enforcement officer and engineers look after this portfolio for us. Just because a house is abandoned doesn't mean it is unsafe. Unsightly really should be named unsafe premises. Just because we think it is an eyesore, doesn't mean we have the jurisdiction to remove it. It needs to be a safety issue. I think RSC would agree the we are likely the most active municipality in this portfolio and we are moving on properties as quickly as we can. Thank you to all residents who help and take pride in their properties.

Christmas this year will look a little different, we are not able to host our annual parade however, we are planning a covid friendly event, stay tuned to our social media for more details.

I have had communication with the wildlife federation who is helping to lobby for road safety along highway 10. There have been discussions with the Minister of Natural Resources, and they are planning for discussions with the Minister of DTI. We have stressed again the importance of this. Motorist deserve a safer commute and for too long the issue with the safety along this highway have gone unrecognized. Emery Gauthier who has agreed to head up the committee is setting up meetings with our MLA, MP and the MP for the other side of highway 10, Janica Atwin. We know this will take time, but we also agree that it needs to be pushed until we have an agreeable solution.

5. OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Nothing from the floor

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 GENERAL CHEQUE DISBURSEMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boudreau to approve the General Cheque Disbursement as circulated in the amount of \$103,914.16

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 SEWER CHEQUE DISBURSEMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Quigley and seconded by Councillor Smith to approve the Sewer Cheque Disbursement as circulated in the amount of \$36,246.61

MOTION CARRIED

6.3 FIRE DEPARTMENT RENUMERATION MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUS

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boudreau to amend the motion to increase FD remuneration to \$33,400.31

MOTION CARRIED

6.4 UNSIGHTLY PREMISE TENDER

There were three tenders received for the demolition and clean up of a property located at 36 Cedar Street.

Jules Fasquel Ltd. \$4200 plus HST

In Motion Trucking \$2848 plus HST

Richardson Enterprise \$3380 plus HST

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Quigley and seconded by Councillor Smith to award the tender to In Motion Trucking in the amount of \$2848 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Councillor Quigley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boudreau Smith to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:36pm

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk