

May 18, 2020

The regular monthly Council meeting of the Alma Village Council was held on May 18, 2020, at 2:00 pm through Zoom Communications. Mayor Shortt, Deputy Mayor Casey, Councillor MacCallum, and Brenda Hoar (Clerk/Treasurer) were present

Absent: Councillor Bowron

Mayor Shortt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 2:00 pm.

Motion

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried.****

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and **Seconded by Councillor Casey to approve April 20, 2020, minutes.**

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to accept financial statements for April 2020, for General Operating and Water Sewer.**

Motion Carried.

RCMP Report

No Report

Mayor Shortt reported that we have a new RCMP officer that will be looking after our area and her name is Tamara Patterson.

Public Request to Speak: Jane Chrysostom, Steve Chrysostom absent. Jane Chrysostom spoke on proposed by-law # 63A.

Committee Reports

Mayor Shortt – reported that SouthEast Regional Services Commission has not had a meeting since COVID-19 started, however, there is one scheduled for May 26, 2020. Eco 360 services have not resumed, the village of Alma is waiting for this service to reopen so that they can provide their annual spring clean-up.

Mayor Shortt also reported that a resident sent an email to the Honourable Rob Moore requesting high-speed internet for the village of Alma and resident CC council on this email. Mayor Shortt replied to the email explaining her efforts to get high-speed internet for the village of Alma and that she has been trying since 2012. Mayor Shortt was also promised that high speed would be coming to the village of

Alma but this was over a year and a half ago. Hopefully, MP Rob Moore will respond to the resident's email.

Council took part in a Zoom communication meeting with the Honourable Rob Moore and MLA Mike Holland with regards of opening Fundy National Park. It was expressed by the council how important it is for the businesses in Alma that FNP be open. (Since this meeting FNP announced they will be opening trails on route 114 starting June 1, 2020).

The Village of Alma opened their public washrooms. This was well received by the general public and local businesses.

Alma Celebrations has been cancelled until next year.

Councillor Casey – Reported on Vision Alma- Councillor Casey reported that he talked with contractor Mark Marcoux and reported that the painter should arrive on Monday, May 25, 2020, and all other deficiency as well will be looked at on Monday. Twice last week Councillor Casey met with Tod Kierstead (Project Manager) about Landscaping and paving he was to send quotes by Friday, Councillor Casey has not received any quotes as of yet. Paving and landscaping should be completed before July 2020.

Councillor Bowron

No Report

Councillor MacCallum – Councillor MacCallum reported the following;

Councillor MacCallum reported the following details provided by the Alma Volunteer Fire Department Chief:

Three of the four sets of new bunker gear have arrived. Fundy National Park (FNP) donated a 2010 Arctic Cat 550 to our fire department, and Dave Rossiter has taken the air packs and air bottles to Levitt-Safety for their annual inspection. Our firefighters are looking forward to the day when our provincial Covid-19 protocols are further eased so they can continue with their training.

Dave has asked that as a council we help spread the word that anyone who has an outdoor fire when it is not permitted could be subject to a fine. Please call the Burn Hotline first (1-866-458-8080). The information is updated every day at 2:00 pm.

Friends Of Fundy (FOF) was awarded the 2020 Community Service-Albert County Ambassador award at the online ceremony on May 9th which was hosted by the Albert County Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor MacCallum attended the FOF Zoom Board meeting on May 14th. The FOF Board is very pleased about the Fundy National Park (FNP) announcement declaring June 1st as the first phase of their reopening. FOF is working on ideas of how to operate the Outpost East gift shop while the park visitor centre remains closed. One solution is to introduce an online shopping offer in the coming weeks. FNP is committed to preserving the golf course as an asset, but it cannot be opened to the public at this time because it is staffed by Parks Canada employees and is not considered an essential service. FOF will look to other National Park cooperating

organizations for strategies to operate successfully in a Covid-19 world. FOF has hosted three Zoom meetings for Alma business owners as a forum to discuss and share concerns and strategies about Covid-19 and its potential impact on the 2020 tourist season. FOF will be taking the lead on a project to try and secure funding for more public washrooms in the village. Alma business owners appreciate the investment that council made by opening the public washrooms on the lower level of the Activity Centre, and are prepared to commit their resources to additional public washroom capacity to help with the hoped-for foot traffic.

Water Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

Water exploration – Clerk Hoar reported that the village receives weekly reports from Crandall engineering updating them on the progress that they are making towards the water exploration project. The village is still in the negotiation stages with landowners. Documentation of offer has been drafted by the village and is now at solicitor for review. Once the village receives the final documentation the village will send offer to the landowner.

By-Law # 63A Noise by-law – tabled for next month.

Vision Alma Project – See Councillor Casey committee report.

Crosswalk – Side Walks – received a letter from Bruce Randall stating that the Village’s request to have DTI come for a site visit has been forwarded to Traffic and Maintenance in Fredericton.

Code of Conduct – Tabled for next month.

Clerk Report

No report

New Business

No new business

Q & A Period - Opportunity for community members to ask questions and receive answers. Thirty minutes were allotted.

Correspondence

Primetime Magazine, Steven Boyce – looking for a donation
Southeast Regional Service Commission - Development Permit

Paying of Bills

All bills are paid

It was moved by councillor Casey and **Seconded by Councillor MacCallum to go into "In Camera".
Motion Carried.**

Local Governance Act 68 1 (c)

It was moved by Councillor MacCallum and Seconded by Councillor Casey to come out of "In Camera".
Motion Carried.

Councillor Casey adjourned the meeting.
